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"What is Little Lake?"

Many times, I am asked by people I meet, "Where exactly is Little Lake?" and "Is there really a lake there?" After describing where we are located and most especially after describing the many accomplishments of our schools, I am then met with a sense of interest and more probing questions about our district and its success. In an effort to spread the news about Little Lake, I would like to share five reasons that attract parents, teachers, staff and students to our district.

Reason #1: Little Lake teachers are extraordinary. Not only are they highly qualified by state and national standards, they are caring, knowledgeable and effective in educating our students and in building their self-esteem as solid citizens and capable learners. A number of Little Lake teachers have been recognized by the county and the state as Teachers of the Year for their stellar performance in the classroom. Little Lake teachers truly exemplify our district beliefs: Students First! Results Matter! Whatever It Takes!

Reason #2: Little Lake schools are high achieving. All nine schools (seven elementary and two middle) have recently been named California Gold Ribbon Schools and California Title I Academic Achievement Award Schools. Both middle schools have also been recently recognized as a national redesignated "Schools to Watch." Our schools have also earned one or more state and national distinctions such as the National Blue Ribbon Award, California Distinguished School, and California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School. Student proficiency rates continue to increase



Dr. Bill Crean

"¿Que es Little Lake?"

De vez en cuando, personas que conozco me preguntan: "¿Dónde está exactamente Little Lake?" y «¿Hay realmente un lago allí?» Después de describir dónde estamos localizados y sobre todo después de describir los numerosos logros de nuestras escuelas, me encuentro con un sentido de interés y preguntas más profundas sobre nuestro distrito y su éxito. En un esfuerzo por difundir las noticias sobre Little Lake, quisiera compartir cinco razones que atraen a padres, maestros, personal y estudiantes a nuestro distrito.

Razón # 1: Los maestros de Little Lake son extraordinarios. No sólo están altamente calificados por los estándares estatales y nacionales, también son atentos, conocedores y eficaces en la educación de nuestros estudiantes y en la consolidación de su autoestima como ciudadanos responsables y alumnos capaces. Diversos maestros de Little Lake han sido reconocidos por el condado y el estado como Maestros del Año por su desempeño estelar en el aula. Los maestros de Little Lake verdaderamente ejemplifican nuestros ideales del distrito: ¡Los Estudiantes Primero! ¡Los Resultados son Importantes! ¡Hacer lo que sea Necesario!

Razón # 2: Las escuelas de Little Lake son de alto rendimiento. Las nueve escuelas (siete primarias y dos escuelas intermedias) han sido recientemente nombradas Escuelas Listón de Oro de California y Escuelas con el Premio de Logros Académicos del Título I de California. Nuestras escuelas también han ganado una o más distinciones estatales y nacionales, tales como el Premio Nacional Listón Azul, Escuela Distinguida de

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Mr. Sokoloff (Lake Center Principal) and staff accepting the School to Watch award in Sacramento

El Sr. Sokoloff (Director de Lake Center) y el personal aceptando el premio School to Watch en Sacramento

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We are Thankful

As each school year comes to an end, one cannot help but reflect on the many successes of the school year as well as the positive aspects of our schools and district. As members of the Little Lake City School District, we definitely have much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for:

- The privilege to educate 4,200 students with limitless potential who remind us every day why we entered this profession.
- The active support of our students' parents and guardians who entrust us with the formal education of their children.
- Teachers who responded to a professional calling and who do "whatever it takes" to ensure our students succeed.



Dora Sandoval
President

Estamos Agradecidos

Como cada año escolar llega a su fin, uno no puede dejar de reflejar sobre los muchos éxitos del año escolar, así como los aspectos positivos de nuestras escuelas y distritos. Como miembros del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City, definitivamente tenemos mucho que agradecer.

Estamos agradecidos por:

- El privilegio de educar a 4,200 estudiantes con un potencial ilimitado que nos recuerdan cada día por qué entramos en esta profesión.
- El apoyo activo de los padres y tutores de nuestros alumnos que nos confían la educación formal de sus hijos.
- Los maestros que respondieron a una vocación profesional y que hacen "lo que sea necesario" para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes tengan éxito.
- Un talentoso personal de apoyo que literalmente mantiene

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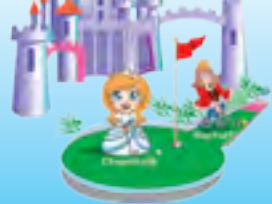
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Schools to Watch District

In June of 2018 the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform recognized the Little Lake City School District as a Schools to Watch District. There are currently 17 recognized Schools to Watch Districts in the country. In June of 2019, the Little Lake City School District will again be recognized as a National Schools to Watch District. This distinction is awarded to our district as a result of both Lakeside and Lake Center being recognized as California Schools to Watch as well as National Schools to Watch.

Each year, the Schools to Watch program identifies middle schools that are academically excellent, developmentally responsive, socially equitable, and structured for success. The sites selected to be Schools to Watch meet the unique challenges of their student populations and share a strong, ongoing record of student achievement. In the words of State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, “These middle schools make a great impact on students, and I want to thank the staff, administrators, teachers, and parents at these schools for ensuring all students get the education they need to realize their potential,” Thurmond said. “These schools study and support students’ needs, which helps close achievement gaps and creates a better future for these young students.”

In 2015 Lakeside Middle School was first designated a California and a National School to Watch while the following year in 2016 Lake Center became a California and a National School to Watch. Following a rigorous application process, both schools hosted a team of middle school experts who observed in classrooms, reviewed documentation, and interviewed students, staff, parents and community leaders. The Schools to Watch Award was presented to the two school’s representatives in Sacramento in February and again in Washington, D.C. in June.

In order to maintain the School to Watch title and distinction, designated schools must be re-evaluated every three years. The re-evaluation process again involves another rigorous application process, hosting a team of middle school experts to observe in classrooms, review documentation, and interview students, staff, parents and community leaders. In 2018 Lakeside was honored in Sacramento and Washington D.C. as a redesignated School to Watch and in 2019 Lake Center was honored in Sacramento and will be honored in Washington D.C as a redesignated School to Watch. With both middle schools being recognized as California and National Schools to Watch, the Little Lake City School District can proudly call itself a School to Watch District, an honor officially bestowed on us by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

All of these distinctions are a direct result of the outstanding teamwork among our teachers, students, administrators and support staff. In addition, we could not be successful without the support of our Board of Education, our active and engaged parents, and the communities we serve. As California and the district move forward into an era of new and more rigorous standards, we as a district community are motivated and committed to ensuring success for every student.



Mrs. Gutierrez (Lakeside Principal) and staff accepting the School to Watch award in Washington D.C.

La Sra. Gutiérrez (Directora de Lakeside) y el personal aceptando el premio School to Watch en Washington D.C.

Un Distrito de Escuelas para Observar

En Junio de 2018, el Foro Nacional para Acelerar la Reforma de los Grados Intermedios reconoció al Distrito Escolar Little Lake City como un Distrito de Escuelas para Observar (Schools to Watch). Actualmente existen 17 Distritos de Escuelas para Observar reconocidos en el país. En Junio de 2019, el Distrito Escolar Little Lake City será nuevamente reconocido como un Distrito de Escuelas Nacionales para Observar. Esta distinción se otorga a nuestro distrito como resultado de que tanto Lakeside como Lake Center son reconocidas como Escuelas para Observar de California, así como Escuelas para Observar Nacionales.

Cada año, el programa Escuelas para Observar identifica a las escuelas intermedias que son académicamente excelentes, receptivas al desarrollo, son socialmente equitativas y están estructuradas para el éxito. Los planteles escolares seleccionados como Escuelas para Observar cumplen con los retos específicos de sus poblaciones estudiantiles y comparten un registro sólido y continuo rendimiento académico de los alumnos. En palabras

del superintendente estatal Tony Thurmond, “Estas escuelas intermedias tienen un gran impacto en los estudiantes, y quiero agradecer al personal, administradores, maestros y padres de estas escuelas por garantizar que todos los alumnos reciban la educación que necesitan para desarrollar su potencial”, Dijo Thurmond. “Estas escuelas analizan y apoyan las necesidades de los estudiantes, lo que ayuda a reducir las brechas de logros académicos y crea un mejor futuro para estos jóvenes estudiantes”.

En el año 2015, la Escuela Intermedia Lakeside fue designada por primera vez como Escuela para Observar de California y a nivel Nacional, mientras que el año siguiente, en 2016, Lake Center también se convirtió en Escuela para Observar de California y Nacional. Luego de un riguroso proceso de aplicación, ambas escuelas recibieron a un equipo de expertos de escuelas intermedias que observaron en las aulas, revisaron la documentación y entrevistaron a estudiantes, personal, padres y líderes de la comunidad. El Premio Escuelas para Observar fue entregado a los representantes de las dos escuelas en Sacramento, en el mes de Febrero y nuevamente en Washington, D.C, en el mes de Junio.

A fin de mantener el título y la distinción de Escuela para Observar, las escuelas designadas deben ser reevaluadas cada tres años. El proceso de reevaluación nuevamente involucra otro riguroso proceso de aplicación, con un equipo de expertos de escuelas intermedias que observan en las aulas, revisan la documentación y entrevistan a estudiantes, personal, padres y líderes de la comunidad. En el año 2018, Lakeside fue galardonada en Sacramento y en Washington D.C como una Escuela para Observar rediseñada y en 2019, Lake Center fue honrada en Sacramento y será honrada en Washington D.C como una Escuela para Observar rediseñada. Con el reconocimiento de que ambas escuelas intermedias son Escuelas de California y Escuelas Nacionales para Observar, el Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City puede denominarse Distrito de Escuelas para Observar, un honor que nos otorga oficialmente el Foro Nacional para Acelerar la Reforma de los Grados Intermedios.

Todas estas distinciones son el resultado directo del excelente trabajo en equipo entre nuestros maestros, estudiantes, administradores y personal de apoyo. Además, no podríamos tener éxito sin el apoyo de nuestra Junta de Educación, nuestros activos y comprometidos padres, así como de las comunidades a las que servimos. A medida que California y el distrito avanzan hacia una era de estándares nuevos y más rigurosos, nosotros, como comunidad del distrito, estamos motivados y comprometidos a garantizar el éxito de cada estudiante.

Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation

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Annual Golf Tournament

The Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation, LLEAF, held its eighth annual golf tournament on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Royal Vista Golf Course. The tournament was again a success as over 100 golfers registered for a day of great fun contributing toward a great cause: supporting the educational program for the school district's 4,200 students. The tournament included a round of eighteen holes of golf, a hosted lunch and impressive prizes. Special thanks go to the many individuals who made this year's tournament a success, especially our corporate sponsors and friends of Little Lake who sponsored the event and donated prizes for the event; the LLEAF Board of Directors for their volunteered time spent organizing and running the event; the Cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs for their promotion of the tournament and the donated venue for the luncheon; and, of course, the many golfers who chose to support this very worthwhile effort.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the LLEAF golf tournament will be used to fund mini-grants submitted by Little Lake teachers this coming fall of 2019. The grants will provide experiences and supplies that will enrich the education of our students in the coming school year.

The Little Lake City School District community gives special thanks to Jeff Mahlstede for organizing the 2019 LLEAF Golf Tournament. We are all appreciative of his generous support, leadership and dedication to the Little Lake Educational Advancement Foundation. Jeff's work over the years has helped the LLEAF Golf Tournament grow and become the successful event it is today.

Please join us for the ninth annual LLEAF golf tournament in March 2020. Your involvement in this event will directly impact the schools, classrooms and students of the Little Lake School District.

Anual de Golf el Pasado

La Fundación para el Progreso Educativo de Little Lake, LLEAF, llevó a cabo su octavo torneo anual de golf el pasado viernes 8 de marzo de 2019, en el Campo de Golf Royal Vista. El torneo fue otra vez un éxito, ya que mas de 100 golfistas se registraron para tener un día de gran diversión contribuyendo al mismo tiempo a una gran causa: apoyar el programa educativo para 4,200 estudiantes del distrito escolar. El torneo incluyó una ronda de dieciocho hoyos de golf, se ofreció un almuerzo y impresionantes premios. Un especial agradecimiento a todas las personas que hicieron del torneo de este año un éxito, sobre todo: a nuestros patrocinadores corporativos y amigos de Little Lake que patrocinaron el evento y donaron premios para el evento; al Consejo de Administración de la LLEAF por su tiempo dedicado para organizar y realizar el evento; a las Ciudades de Norwalk y Santa Fe Springs por su promoción del torneo y auspiciar el lugar para la comida; y, por supuesto, a los numerosos golfistas que decidieron apoyar este valioso esfuerzo.

El cien por ciento de los ingresos del torneo de golf LLEAF serán utilizados para financiar mini-subvenciones presentadas por los maestros de Little Lake el próximo otoño de 2019. Las subvenciones proporcionarán experiencias y materiales que enriquecerán la educación de nuestros estudiantes en el próximo año escolar.

La comunidad del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City hace un agradecimiento especial a Jeff Mahlstede por organizar el 2019 LLEAF torneo anual de golf. Todos estamos agradecidos por su generoso apoyo, liderazgo y dedicación a la Fundación para el Progreso Educativo de Little Lake. El trabajo de Jeff a lo largo de los años ha ayudado el LLEAF torneo anual de golf a crecer y convertirse en el evento que es hoy en día.

Únase a nosotros en el noveno LLEAF torneo anual de golf en marzo de 2020. Su participación en este evento tendrá un impacto directo en las escuelas, clases y estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Little Lake.

Cresson *Elementary*

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Linda Rigg
Principal

Champions!

Here we are at the end of another busy and productive school year for our Cresson Cougars. Once again, I am so proud and honored to be the principal of this exceptional school community.

Continued academic and social-emotional growth continues to be our focus, and that is well paying off for us. We have made some significant gains in both areas since we began receiving scores for English language arts and math from the state these past few years. In fact, Cresson's scores in both ELA and math are above the average for the Little Lake City School District as a whole. We are working hard every day to maintain this pattern of growth.

In addition to all of our hard work, we also want to make sure to have some fun along the way. We recently invited our parents to join students and staff members for two family science events where the children and adults could engage in engineering tasks appropriate to each grade level. We also celebrated reading with our Storybook Character Day and Read Across America Day. We even invited parents to join their students for a meal during "Lunch with a Loved One."

Our families also joined us for Back-to-School Night, Spooktacular Night, Open House, Movie Nights, the Winter Program, the Talent Show, and our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, just to mention just a few. At Cresson, we enjoy a great deal of family support and participation and our school community benefits tremendously from this.

Our entire team, along with our students, staff, and parents, are committed to making sure that Cresson is continually striving to be the best that we can be. As our Cheer says, "We teach as champions. We learn as champions. We ARE champions! Go, Team Cresson!"

Jersey Avenue *Elementary*

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Denise Frenes-Gomez
Principal

Packed Year!

It's incredible to believe that the 2018-19 school year has come to a close! My first year as Jersey's principal has been an unforgettable one. Every student, teacher, staff and community member contributed to making Jersey an amazing place to be!

Jersey held many fun and exciting events this year: assemblies, field trips, guest speakers and readers, fund-raisers and celebrations! We kicked off the school year with an assembly to review our schoolwide expectations. We also held a Kindness Challenge Kickoff, the Count on Me Character Counts assembly, the ECOS de España performance, a BMX event, the EcoHero

Assembly and a Family Math Night. We held several competitions: the Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books and our first Math-a-thon. Throughout the year, we recognized our Students of the Month and VIP Students with a special lunch with the principal. Our PTO organized several amazing school events for all of our students and families to enjoy: book fairs, the Harvest Festival, the Reading Reward DJ Glow Party, the Holiday Craft Fair, the Canned Food Drive and Share-a-Story Week, among many other wonderful events. Our teachers did an outstanding job with our students in and out of the classroom and prepared them to continue to be successful in the years to come.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to making Jersey a wonderful place to be! To our Jersey Eagles and families returning next year, have a wonderful summer! Be safe, relax, and enjoy time with your families. I can't wait to see you in August to begin the new school year. To our fifth-graders moving on to middle school and our staff moving on to a new chapter in their life, we wish you the best on your new journey. You will always be part of the Jersey family and Eagles for life!

Lake Center *Middle School*

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Jack Sokoloff
Principal

Center Stage Again!

It is with great pride that we announce that Lake Center Middle School has been re-designated as a Schools to Watch® recipient. Schools to Watch® is an initiative launched in 1999 to identify high-performing schools across the United States that meet the following criteria: they are academically excellent; they are developmentally responsive; and they are socially equitable, democratic, and fair. Schools seeking this level of academic excellence have a sense of purpose that drives every facet of practice and decision-making. Through established norms, structures, and organizational arrangements, students learn to understand important concepts, develop essential skills, and apply what they learn to real-world problems.

In order to assess eligibility, teachers complete a self-study and rating rubric. The results of the self-study are then used as a tool for continuous improvement in an effort to seek re-designation as a Schools to Watch® school. The last part of the re-designation process included a visit by a team of Schools to Watch® professionals, who spend a day visiting classrooms to validate our collective efforts. The day concluded with a forum in which a panel of administrators, Board members, and teachers answered questions and commented upon what we know best: educating the middle-school youths of our wonderful community!

Throughout the initial and re-designation processes, teachers and administrators put in countless hours to document all the wonderful things occurring on a constant basis at Lake Center. Leading the way are the teachers' abilities to meet student needs and connect interpersonally with them, followed by providing extracurricular activities to highlight their skills and knowledge. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Night, the Science Club's butterfly garden, and the Geography Bee are just a few things that have allowed our students to shine their light and knowledge.

We will be celebrating our success with a team of teachers, administrators, and Board members in Washington D.C. this year. The staff at Lake Center looks forward in continuing to provide our students with academically excellent programs that model what it means to take center stage!

Lakeside *Middle School*

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Ana Gutierrez
Principal

Feeling Safe

As we get closer to the end of the school year, it is with great pride that I highlight our efforts at Lakeside to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all students, especially in the area of bully prevention. According to the *Journal of Adolescence*, "social support can protect victims of bullying from adverse outcomes" (vol. 34, issue 3).

Our Leadership Class students provided active social support by preparing and facilitating three student assemblies that promoted empathy, respect and kindness. To send positive messages rather than the negative ones seen in much of our social media, the same group of student leaders organized a "compliment card table." Students wrote positive messages to other students, which were then delivered to those students the following day. This was such an engaging activity that it was brought back by popular demand. Members of Youth Alive!, our faith-based club, organized Share the Love Week soon after the assemblies. This group wrote thank-you notes to our classified and certificated staff, prepared Blessing Bags for homeless people, and hosted a pizza party and raffle for the first 50 students in the library! Parents also supported a positive environment by attending meetings in which they learned how to protect their children from bullying on social media.

Our staff continues to implement PRIDE, representing our values and expectations, to develop our students' ability to regulate their own behavior and to understand the importance of doing the right thing even when no one is looking. In addition, we have established counseling services within our school and our community for our students and their families who need the extra support.

It is our belief that our students and staff above all need to feel safe. Only then can we continue onward toward academic excellence. Go Mustangs!

Lakeland *Elementary*

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Georgette Baltierrez-Manohorath
Principal

STEM Family Day

The school year is quickly coming to an end. We have had a wonderful year here at Lakeland Elementary School. Our students are meeting high standards of performance because of excellent teaching from our wonderful staff and support from our parents. We must also congratulate our students for the hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout the school year.

Our first annual Lakeland Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Family Day took place on March 18. It was a wonderful event with great community participation! The event showcased our focus on STEM curriculum in our classrooms.



Each grade level participated in a different STEM challenge. Our fourth-graders designed and created an umbrella to protect a bunny from the rain. Students discussed everything from design to building, finally testing their umbrellas and making improvements. Each grade level followed this format of designing, creating, testing, and making adjustments. When the challenges concluded, parents enjoyed light refreshments and gave us wonderful feedback.

STEM Family Day would not have been possible without the help from our district STEM coach, Ms. Erin Dunroe, the Lakeland PTA and our teachers and staff. Thank you all for your help! We look forward to more events in the upcoming year!

William Orr *Elementary*

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Rebecca Casillas
Principal

Art Masters

William Orr Elementary School is proud to continue to partner with Art Masters Legacy to provide visual arts education to our students. Through the use of PTA donations, funds collected from selling fireworks vouchers, and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 33 funds, we have been able to continue to provide this exciting opportunity for our students.

Art Masters Legacy allows students to learn to appreciate works of art from various artists, such as Van Gogh, Matisse, and Hardin, just to name a few. Each learning block begins with students "meeting" the master artist at an assembly that highlights his or her work through a slide presentation and interesting stories. These assemblies are then followed by classroom art lessons led by an art teacher, where students learn to use the artist's styles, techniques, and media to create their own pieces of art!

Each school year, we rotate artists to be sure that students are learning about a variety of people, cultures, and techniques. In the 2018–2019 school year, we have learned about two famous artists, Joan Miro and Charles Sheeler. Our latest pieces reflect the work of Sheeler, allowing students to use multiple layers of shapes and colors with crayons, pastels, and paper templates to create industrial landscapes.

Offering students opportunities to explore visual arts, providing them with activities that keep them interested in school, allowing them to think creatively, and trying new things are important to us here at Orr. Thanks to our partnership with Art Masters Legacy and creative funding, we are able to do just that!

Lakeview *Elementary*

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Michael Williams
Principal

Excited About the Future

At Lakeview Elementary, we work to ensure that our students are college- and career-ready from an early age. Our school recently completed a very successful college and career month, where speakers from the community came to talk to the students about

careers in law enforcement, dentistry, architecture, and more.

Our fifth-grade classes researched and created projects on a college and university, which were then displayed in the multipurpose room for the student body to view. The fifth-graders also took a college tour to California State University, Fullerton, where they viewed various classrooms, the student union, and experienced overall college life. The students were also encouraged to dress up in their future career outfits and serve as models during our Friday morning school-wide assembly.

We will continue to foster a school culture at Lakeview where our students will be excited and passionate about their future careers, and going to college!



Paddison *Elementary*

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Dr. Lorena Martinez-Vargas
Principal

Never Let it Rest!

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to an end, many of the season's highlights come to mind. Our student performances especially stand out!

The third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders warmed our hearts at our winter holiday performance. Transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students also performed patriotic songs at a special event, and recited important facts about our country and people instrumental to building our nation. The first- and second-graders honored our parent and community volunteers at our annual Spring Performance. These wonderful events brought our

families together and unified us around our children's joy.

But besides the many special events, there are also the daily schedules. Our students and teachers work very hard so that each and every child will leave their current grade level well prepared for the next. Throughout the year our daily schedules include reading groups, rigorous math instruction, English language development, and so much more.

During the month of May, our third- through fifth-grade classes are also busy with the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). To support all of our students and help them to do their best during this important testing season, we like to remind them to be prepared for school with a good night's sleep, have a hearty breakfast every morning either at home or at school, and be sure to arrive at school on time. This testing period is an important part of the overall school experience.

Looking forward, our next academic year will be even better if we keep building positive and productive relationships with our families and community partners. So let's embrace Paddison's motto and all work together. Good, better, best ... never let it rest! Until your good is better and your better is best!

Studebaker *Elementary*

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Paula Rode
Principal

Exciting Events

Studebaker Elementary School students raced into March with our annual Jog-a-Thon. This great event is sponsored by our PTA. All classrooms participate, and they run around designated tracks to lively music and lots of parents cheering them on. Each classroom had their picture taken before the race and enjoyed juice and water when they finished. We raised over \$4,000. Thank you to all of the families that donated to our school. Students who raised \$50 or more earned a trip to Cosmic Bowling and a pizza lunch.

Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America are always a fun time at school. Guest readers came to our classrooms to read books, including several from a nearby entertainment company. The cow mascot from a national chicken sandwich restaurant also visited our school to promote reading. We gave away 100 Dr. Seuss books to students during the week as well. Students and staff had a ton of fun.

Our second annual Family Game Night was a huge success! We had almost 200 people attend. The joy and laughter were infectious. It was so much fun to see families having a great time playing familiar games. There were also puzzles and plastic building block to add to the fun. Prizes were awarded every 15 minutes. We gave away 30 games for families to enjoy at home. Thank you to those who attended. It was really terrific!

As we finish the year, is very important that students attend school every day, on time, and for the whole day. Students need to be in school in order to learn. We had almost 90 students with perfect attendance last trimester. Let's see if we can double that for this final trimester.

and our instructional program consistently offers rich and innovative opportunities in academics, the arts, physical education, and an array of co-curricular experiences for students.

Reason #3: Little Lake schools are personalized and promote close relationships among students, parents, and staff members. We know our students and parents by name and see each of our students as a unique individual whose needs we strive to meet. An overall parent satisfaction rate of 97% tells us parents feel connected to their children's school and overwhelmingly approve of the job we are doing.

Reason #4: Little Lake schools are safe and secure. The close relationships we have with our parents and community members, effective school-to-home communication, and a shared responsibility to maintain safe campuses provide a team approach to school safety. Our procedures for dealing with emergency situations along with the support we receive from Norwalk Public Safety, Santa Fe Springs Police Services, the Los Angeles County Sheriff, and Whittier Police Department ensure a safe environment for students and staff.

Reason #5: Little Lake schools value and promote the involvement of parents as partners in educating our students. Each school and the district offer multiple opportunities for parents to be involved in supporting our students and schools. From social events, such as Dads and Doughnuts/Moms and Muffins, to parent workshops on helping your child with reading and math, to leadership roles on the School Site Council or district committees, there are numerous ways for parents to be active partners with the schools.

There are many other reasons why Little Lake City School District is a district of choice for so many parents and families. I invite you to get to know your local school and to help us spread the great news about Little Lake.



Dr. Bill Crean
Superintendent

California y Escuela en la Lista de Honor por la organización de Negocios de California por la Excelencia en la Educación. Los índices de aprovechamiento académico de los alumnos continúan aumentando y nuestro programa de instrucción constantemente ofrece oportunidades innovadoras y de enriquecimiento en el mundo académico, las artes, educación física y una variedad de experiencias extra-curriculares para los estudiantes.

Razón # 3: Las escuelas de Little Lake son personalizadas y promueven relaciones cercanas entre estudiantes, padres y miembros del personal. Conocemos a nuestros estudiantes y padres por su nombre y vemos a cada uno de nuestros alumnos como un individuo único cuyas necesidades nos esforzamos por cumplir. Una tasa general de satisfacción de los padres de 97% nos dice que los padres se sienten vinculados con la escuela de sus hijos y aprueban de forma abrumadora el trabajo que estamos realizando.

Razón # 4: Las escuelas de Little Lake están protegidas y son seguras. La estrecha relación que tenemos con nuestros padres y miembros de la comunidad, la comunicación efectiva entre la escuela y el hogar, así como la responsabilidad compartida de mantener los campus seguros, brindan un enfoque de equipo para la seguridad escolar. Nuestros procedimientos para tratar situaciones de emergencia en conjunto con el apoyo que recibimos de Seguridad Pública de Norwalk, Servicios de la Policía de Santa Fe Springs, Sheriff del Condado de Los Ángeles y el Departamento de Policía de Whittier logran un ambiente seguro para los estudiantes y el personal.

Razón # 5: Las escuelas de Little Lake valoran y promueven la participación de los padres como colaboradores en la educación de nuestros estudiantes. Cada escuela y el distrito ofrecen múltiples oportunidades para que los padres participen en el apoyo a nuestros alumnos y escuelas. Desde eventos sociales, como Dads y Doughnuts/Moms y Muffins, hasta talleres para padres para ayudar a su hijo con lectura y matemáticas, a roles de liderazgo en el Consejo Escolar o en los comités del distrito, hay diversas formas en que los padres participen como colaboradores activos con las escuelas.

Existen muchas otras razones por las cuales el Distrito Escolar de Little Lake City es un distrito preferido por tantos padres y familias. Los invito a conocer su escuela local y a ayudarnos a difundir las excelentes noticias sobre Little Lake.

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- A talented support staff that literally keeps the district running and enables teachers to perform their jobs.
- Administrators who lead at the school and district levels and who model the core values of commitment, collaboration, passion and determination.
- A strong web of community support provided by business and civic leaders that reinforces our effectiveness in serving students.
- A Board of Education that works as a team and maintains the needs of students and the district as their top priority.

We wish all of our students and families the best as we move to the end of another school year. We look forward to coming back in August for another successful year of teaching and learning.

el distrito en funcionamiento y hace posible que los profesores sigan desempeñando su labor.

- Administradores que dirigen a nivel escuela y a nivel distrito y que son modelo de los valores fundamentales de compromiso, colaboración, pasión y determinación.
- Una fuerte red de apoyo de la comunidad, proporcionado por líderes empresariales y cívicos, que refuerza nuestra eficacia en el servicio a los estudiantes.
- Un Consejo de Educación que trabaja en equipo y mantiene las necesidades de los alumnos y el distrito como su principal prioridad.

Les deseamos lo mejor a todos nuestros estudiantes y familias a medida que avanzamos hacia el final de otro año escolar. Esperamos volver en agosto para otro año exitoso de enseñanza y aprendizaje.



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