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Norwalk-LaMirada Schools Continue to Receive Awards!

Congratulations to Escalona, Foster Road, Gardenhill, Glazier, Lampton, Morrison Elementary Schools, and Waite Middle School!

These schools have all been recognized by California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) on their 2010 Honor Roll. The Honor Roll is the premier school recognition program in California that uses hard data, individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Tests, to evaluate school academic performance over time. Schools that reach the Honor Roll have met a rigorous standard of increasing and sustaining grade level proficiency over four years and closing achievements gaps when they exit.

Gardenhill and Escalona have been named on the CBEE Scholar School list for 2010. Scholar schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population.

Foster Road, Glazier, Lampton, and Morrison have been named on the CBEE Star School list for 2010. Star schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years and are outperforming expectations for every subgroup of students.

Additionally, for three years in a row, Morrison Elementary has received the prestigious Title I Student Academic Achievement Award from the California

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Dr. Ruth Pérez
Superintendent

Las Escuelas de Norwalk-LaMirada Continúan Recibiendo Premiaciones!

¡Felicitaciones a las escuelas Primarias Escalona, Foster Road, Gardenhill, Glazier, Lampton, Morrison y a la Escuela Intermedia Waite!

Todas estas escuelas han sido reconocidas por Negocios de California por Excelencia en la Educación (CBEE) por su Cuadro de Honor del 2010. El Cuadro de Honor es el programa primordial de reconocimiento de escuelas en California que utiliza datos duros, datos individuales de escuela y datos de rendimiento estudiantil de subgrupos basados en los Exámenes de los Estándares de California, para evaluar el rendimiento académico de la escuela a través del tiempo. Las escuelas que alcanzan el Cuadro de Honor han reunido un estándar riguroso de aumentar y mantener la competencia de nivel de grado por más de cuatro años y remediar las diferencias marcadas en el aprovechamiento académico cuando salen.

Gardenhill y Escalona han sido nombrados en la lista de CBEE Escuela Erudita para el 2010. Las escuelas eruditas son aquellas que muestran niveles significativos de rendimiento académico, pero no tienen una población significativa de estudiantes socioeconómicamente desfavorecidos.

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Harvest of the Month!



Many students from Mrs. Mireles' room at Lampton Elementary tried purple cabbage for the first time.

From the District

Nutrition Services is partnering with Education to present Harvest of the Month in the classroom, to promote proper nutrition and physical activity, and give students hands-on opportunities to taste and learn about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and being active every day.

So far we have 108 classes participating at eight school sites. This month produce kits featuring "cabbage" and curriculum were provided to participating classes. Cabbage is also featured on the lunch menu with educational material printed on the menu back.

We enjoy the opportunity to be involved in promoting academic achievement.

Board of Education



Board of Education Members: Karen Morrison, Pauline Deal (Vice-President), Ed Hengler, Ana Valencia, Lorraine Neal (President), Margarita Rios, and Darryl Adams.



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Adult School

Building Skills and Confidence



Sharon Renfro Todd
Director

With the economic downturn, Dolores Gomez found herself out of work. She had already earned certificates in Word, Excel, keyboarding and calculating at the adult school. When Dolores applied for a job at a major California company, she was told that she was highly qualified but lacked the requisite GED or high school diploma. Dolores' son encouraged her to return to school to complete a GED, and two months ago she did just that. Dolores is now attending the Individualized Learning Center to prepare to pass the GED by August.

Dolores says that NLMAS teachers are kind and supportive. "They make you feel good about yourself and help you build your self-confidence. They tell us that we can really do it. We all need someone to stand by us and tell us we can do it, and that's what NLMAS teachers do for their students."

We agree. Good luck, Dolores!



Dolores Gomez counts on the Adult School to prepare her for the future.



Kay Coop
Founder / Publisher



As the school year ends, we congratulate the Class of 2011.

The Superintendent's message on the front page is very exciting. The district has much to be proud of and it has been a pleasure publishing the excellence from the district this year. We can't wait until next year!

Congratulations to Elisabeth Brewer whose correct entry was drawn as the winner in our Word Search Contest. We do not have a contest in this issue, but will definitely have one in our next issue in October issue.

Have a great summer.

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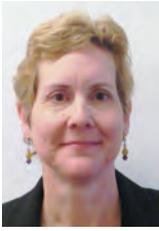
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Laurel Parker
Director

We are pleased to announce that we have secured additional funding to be able to keep the First 5 buildings at DD Johnston, Huerta, Ramona, and Foster Road Schools. This means that we will be able to start three new full-day classes to replace the classes that were funded by the First 5 grant, which is ending on June 30. This will create space for 54 children to have full-day services, September through June.

In April, we hosted a well-attended Daddy and Me Night and were lucky enough to have former Dodger pitcher Bobby Castillo attend. He spoke to the fathers about the importance of holding on to your dreams, because when you work towards them, they happen. Children and their fathers or father figures were treated to games, storytelling, and songs, with milk and cookies for everyone to end the evening.

On May 26, we enjoyed Family Fun Night. All preschool children and their family members were invited to participate in some friendly competitions. The evening concluded with a presentation of "The Cat in the Hat," a play based upon the book of the same name. This production is entirely the creation of some very dedicated parents. From the props to the scenery to the actors, the parents have done it all! They performed the play for the children at Ramona and other sites. This will be the final performance for this year's cast.

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Michelle Green
Principal

Hollywood Comes to Benton!

In recent weeks, onlookers were on hand as Green Nation Entertainment went to work transforming our campus to a film set for a television pilot! Stars and students alike were decked out in wardrobe, gussied up in make-up, waiting eagerly in the Green Room for their chance in front of the cameras.

Benton students were hired as actors, as parents and community members got in on the act of converting our school to look like a high school for the shoot. Incidentally, the producers honored our school by naming the school on the show, Benton High School.

Exposure to careers in Media & Entertainment is just one of the ways that students benefit when they are immersed in the arts. We expect great things at Benton, and we have only begun to shine! We launch our first spring production, "Seussical the Musical," the first two weekends in June. Get tickets today!



A scene during filming of television pilot.

Chavez *Elementary School*

12110 E. Walnut St., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-3565



Robert Rayburn
Principal

High Academic Achievers

Cesar Chavez Elementary is very excited to announce that our school has achieved an API Similar Schools Ranking of 10! This is the highest School Ranking that can be awarded and represents the hard work of students, parents and the teachers that help our kids succeed!

The students at Chavez are high academic achievers. We also offer programs that help our students become high achievers in life. We offer regularly scheduled Visual Arts training in all classrooms. Upper grade students all participate in music programs

such as Opera, Keyboards, Percussion, and Guitar. Our main school building houses an incredible Student Visual Arts Gallery!



Fifth graders visiting the opera at The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Open House 6/1 from 2:45 until 3:45
- Grade 6 Guitar Recital in the Cafeteria 6/7 at 10:45
- End of Year Awards Assemblies 6/23 in the Cafeteria

Corvallis *Middle School*

11032 E. Leffingwell Road, Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-2678



Bob Easton
Principal

Celebrating Student Success

Whether it is academics or the arts, Corvallis students succeed. We are proud to celebrate their successes.

This spring, two seventh grade and two eighth grade teams participated in the Orange County Academic Pentathlon Competition, which included teams from both public and private schools all over Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Every member of these teams medaled in the competition, resulting in a total of 75 medals, including six team awards. During trimester two, 254 students were recognized for a GPA of 3.0 and above. Of these, 53 students earned a GPA of 4.0 and above. In all, 588 academic awards were presented.

In addition, to academic awards this year, seventeen students were selected to



Corvallis Academic Petathlon Team Awards.

the All District Honor Band, of which four earned section leads. Five students earned awards in the City of Norwalk "ARTASTIC" competition, placing first, second, and third in Digital Photography, first in computer-generated art, and third in art.

Dolland *Elementary School*

15021 S. Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/921-9934



Bart MacNeil
Principal

Spotlight on Computers and Physical Education

To make physical education interesting, each week we pass out different bags of equipment. One week the children may have batting T's, another week a parachute, and on a third week, scooters they push with their arms. In letters from 2nd graders, several told me how much they like Physical Education time.

To use computers to help our students improve their reading at school and at home, students in grades 2 to 5 all have Study Island passwords. If they can get internet, they can use it at home, at McDonalds or in Mexico! The children also improve their reading skills at home on RAZ-Kids, which provides stories and quizzes at each child's reading level. Children love its interesting stories and animated pictures. Another program called Lexia, keeps track of each child as they practice important reading skills. At Dolland we work to have our children be physically fit, and to be proficient readers who can use computers too!



Dolland Students improving their reading skills.



Dulles *Elementary School*

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Susan Shanks
Principal

Giving, Caring, and Sharing

Dulles Elementary School is an exceptional place for learning where all children have the opportunity not only to grow academically, but also socially and emotionally.

During April, we successfully collected over \$650 to share with Japan to help with the earthquake relief efforts believing that “every penny counts!”

In celebration of Earth Day, we collected and recycled aluminum cans and bottles to help Mother Earth. We also recycled our old stepping stones creating vibrantly colored new ones for our garden. There is no question that we truly care about our environment.



Dulles Dolphins lend a hand.

Jog, jog, jog-a-thon was on the minds of everyone as we jogged to healthier minds and bodies. Everyone participated and jogged between 10 and 42 laps! Way to go Dulles Dolphins! Earnings will be used for school improvement projects. We are, indeed, a very strong, giving, caring, and sharing community of learners. Yes, we are!

Eastwood *Elementary School*

15730 Pescados Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/521-6480



Yvette Cantu
Principal

The Arts and More

Eastwood Elementary School is very proud of its holistic curriculum and “value added” experiences that reflect the importance of art instruction for all and learning beyond the classroom walls.

- All grades participate in Meet the Masters art program
- All students have access to the Drum Room for rhythm and movement instruction
- All students perform during our annual International Day
- All Students attend concerts and plays
- 3rd and 4th grade students are treated to afterschool music instruction led by a Biola University professor
- 5th grade students participate in African Drums and Dance with guest artists which ends in a school wide performance

Every grade level attends several field trips and assemblies that bring to life social studies and science standards. In addition, 4th graders have an opportunity to join the daylong Sacramento trip and 5th graders may attend over night science camp.



Mrs. Fort's 3rd grade students dressed for famous American celebration.

Edmondson *Elementary School*

15121 S. Grayland Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/864-9501



Jacob Muñiz
Principal

Highlights

We are proud to announce that our Dual Immersion Program hosted a Showcase on May 25th. Parents interested in learning about our unique Biliteracy Program attended. Teachers presented program expectations, advantages and were available for a Q & A session afterwards. Attendees received a free package of school supplies and materials.

We are proud to say that three of our teachers have collaborated to offer our students who were diagnosed as gifted, hands-on critical thinking and problem-solving activities. Our students are being challenged, learning loads, and having fun (including the Arts, Science and Theatre)! The culminating activity will be a trip in June to the Museum of Tolerance!



Mrs. Machado with several GATE Academy students.

El Camino *High School*

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Darryl Brown
Principal

Career Day

Several hundred El Camino High School students got a glimpse at possible future careers at the annual Career Day held on April 17th. Over 30 representatives came to share their profession and talk with students about the skills and education necessary to work in their field.

Students mingled with many different professionals who offered advice and information on their programs and occupations.

Businesses and careers represented included Boeing, Farmers Insurance, Cerritos College Automotive Program, ITT, and ROP. The information shared with our students was invaluable. Students were engaged and asked many questions.

While at the event, students learned the importance of having a two or four-year college degree, or vocational training that earns them a skill, which is marketable for today's workplace.

The career fair was a great success. The students also recommended next year that an even larger variety of careers be represented and that they have more time at Career Day.

Foster Road *Elementary School*

13930 Foster Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/921-9908



Dr. Jean Maddox
Principal

Success for All

Foster Road Elementary School is excited to be receiving, for the fourth year in a row, the 2010 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Award.

This is the premier school recognition program in California. To evaluate academic performance over time, it utilizes hard data and individualized school and student subgroup performance information that is based upon the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit Exams. Schools that reach this level have met a rigorous standard of increased and sustained grade-level proficiency for a period of four years.

We are extremely proud of our constantly improving student performance. Our staff has stayed focused on increasing student learning, and their hard work is definitely showing. With a focus on staff development, our teachers are able to practice the best strategies available to help increase academic achievement. They also continue with their own learning to help students develop more understanding and reach their potential.

We have been using grade-level curriculum maps for a few years, which has helped pave the way for increased student achievement. Each year, we also work in grade-level teams to refine our instructional techniques. This involves lots of grade-level planning and discussions about what has worked and what needs improvement.

This year, we are excited that our school district has begun using curriculum maps at every site. Working together and helping every student succeed brings success for all. This has been a wonderful year, one in which we continue to be intensely involved with our school.

Escalona *Elementary School*

15135 Escalona Road, La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/521-0970



Bonita Lytle
Principal

We Make Honor Roll!

It is a pleasure and an honor to announce that Escalona Elementary School has been recognized by the California Business for Education Excellence as an outstanding public school!

In late March, the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) announced the 1,221 California public elementary, middle and high schools that have been recognized by California's business community for having demonstrated consistent high student achievement and making significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all students.

This Honor Roll award is the premier school recognition program in California that uses hard data—individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Tests—to evaluate school academic performance over time. Schools that reach the Honor Roll have met a rigorous standard of increasing and sustaining grade level proficiency over four years and closing achievement gaps when they exist.

Escalona's focus on rigorous and relevant instruction paired with high levels of student engagement and consistent parent and community support have come together nicely to make our school most deserving of this award. We are proud of our teachers, students and parents for the work that they do to ensure academic success for all students.

Glazier *Elementary School*

10932 E. Excelsior Dr., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/863-8796



Kristine Cvar
Principal

"Star" School Honor

Glazier Elementary recently received news that our school has made the "California Business for Education Excellence" (CBEE) Honor Roll as a "Star"



school. Every year the CBEE identifies schools based on the results of the California Standards Test (CST). One criterion for becoming a "Star" school is showing evidence of closing achievement gaps and increasing proficiency rates among a population of minority students. Over the last four years, Glazier has exceeded annual state targets and has shown significant growth in increasing student achievement across all subgroups of students. We are very proud of this prestigious honor and will continue to provide our best practices and standards-based instruction to our students.

Gardenhill *Elementary School*

14607 E. Gardenhill Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/944-6128



Eileen Burkholder
Principal

Come Enjoy Gardenhill's Summer Jam

Not only does Gardenhill have strong academics (902 API), it also has many enjoyable community events! On Friday, June 10th, we will be hosting our second annual Summer Jam. Gardenhill families and community join together to picnic in the summer weather and enjoy wonderful music, food and our Gardenhill talent show. It is a fun filled evening, and we hope you can come and join the fun. Other family events are Family Writing Night on May 10th, our first annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 14th and Open House on June 7th.



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Preparing Our Students for Success

At John Glenn High School, we recognize the need to constantly focus on providing students with a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Our aim is for Glenn graduates to be critical thinkers, good problem solvers and effective communicators no matter their future plans. The bottom line is that we want each of our John Glenn graduating students to have a prosperous future.

In preparation for next year, we are excited at the possibilities that lie ahead for every future John Glenn Eagle. So I am proud to share the good news that we will soon be expanding our course offerings in several different areas. This includes being the only high school among the surrounding school districts to have a real mariachi band. Mr. Hinojuz, our band director, is excited about pioneering this work.

As the principal of John Glenn High school, I am supported by dedicated administrators, teachers and support-staff members. I invite you to give us the opportunity to serve your student. We are committed to prepare them for effective participation in civic life so that they can make informed choices and compete in the global economy.



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Hutchinson *Middle School*

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Sara Siemens
Principal

Community Service

Every spring, Hutchinson Middle School's eighth-graders are required to complete a volunteer project, which includes 25 hours of community service, a reflective essay, verbal presentation, and a tri-fold display. "We want students to start learning what it's like to be adults — and serving in the community is part of that," explains 8th grade teacher Christy Putnam. "That's what keeps a community healthy. We want them to be serving the community instead of just serving themselves." This year, students volunteered their time at schools, libraries, sports leagues, churches, convalescent homes

and medical facilities. They also cleaned up beaches, took care of pets, filed records, cleaned rest-rooms, helped their neighbors and collected electronic waste. Eighth grade students reflected how this project helped them learn how good it feels to help other people.



Hutchinson students volunteer their time at their local church.

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Johnston *Elementary School*

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Rock the Test

New knowledge is the most valuable commodity on earth. The more truth we have to work with, the richer we become.

– Kurt Vonnegut

It is common practice at D.D. Johnston to see teachers collaborating with each other. We believe in the power of sharing ideas, discussing data, and evaluating what worked and creating a plan for what didn't work. Our students have had more success through this system. Together we grow richer and richer in knowledge and our students reach higher levels of achievement. Our similar schools rank in 2009 was a "1." In 2010, we increased this rank to an "8." We continue to strive for high levels of success. Our motto this year is to "Rock the Test!" Our students are more than ready!



Veronica Lizardi
Principal



Fifth grade teachers from Glazier, Foster Road, and D.D. Johnston Elementary try-on new math strategies while each taking a small group.

La Pluma *Elementary School*

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Our Future Looks Bright!

Thanks to the entire La Pluma staff and community, great practice and programs continue to be a part of the La Pluma vision! We stand proud of our rigorous classroom (standards-based instruction) experiences, arts-enriching opportunities, family fun nights, our harvest carnival celebration, holiday programs, Science-on-the-Go assemblies, after school visual and performing arts classes, as well as after school homework clubs.

La Pluma continues to stay focused on student achievement.

This focus has allowed for completion of our state-of-the-art lab, which houses 40 MAC computers for students to access during lab time, as well as before and after school intervention. As a faculty, we have provided intervention and acceleration experiences through web-based programs and research opportunities.

Together, we have worked to provide a learning environment that not only compliments the whole-child, but also is "Building Better Minds" for our future. We invite you to visit us in person, or online at www.laplumaelementary.org.



Terry Pace
Principal



Fifth graders enjoy arts-enriching experiences with Mr. Marlin!

La Mirada *High School*

13520 Adelfa Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 562/868-0431

Fantastic First Year

Wow! We are rapidly approaching the end of my first year at La Mirada High School. I have to say that it has been a true joy to work with the students, teachers, staff and community of this wonderful city. I have been impressed with the effort put forth by our students and look forward to seeing my first class graduate on June 23 at 3:30. College acceptance letters are pouring in, and this is a testament to four years of hard work and dedication. I would like to congratulate the Class of 2011 and wish them the best as they pursue their postsecondary dreams.



Bill Seals
Principal

I would also like to recognize our amazing staff and thank them for their dedicated service to the young people of La Mirada. Teachers and classified staff have opened their hearts, shared their knowledge, and gave of themselves to help these students succeed academically, socially and emotionally. I believe that, with the support of this staff, our students will go on to achieve wonderful things in their professional and personal lives.

In closing, the Matador community is alive and thriving. Students are succeeding and becoming productive members of the community. I look forward to a successful 2011 graduation and wish the graduating class the best as they head off into bright futures. We will soon welcome in a new group of ninth-grade students, and the Matador tradition of success will continue!

Go Matadores!

Lampton *Elementary School*

14716 Elmcroft Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/462-9273

Reward of Teamwork Continue

Lampton Elementary School has a great team of students, parents and staff, and the rewards of that teamwork continue to grow. Lampton earned the prestigious California Distinguished School Award for our literacy program and staff training model. The California Business for Educational Excellence Foundation recognized Lampton as a "CBEE Star School." CBEE Star Schools are schools with large populations of economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years. Star Schools have also outperformed

expectations for all subgroups of students.

Recently, our students in first and fifth grade earned recognition from the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts for their narrative writing and poetry inspired by literature or dance. Lampton also earned an Academic Performance Index ranking of 9 out of 10 among schools that have similar student populations and community characteristics.

At Lampton Elementary School, our students experience the support and success of a great team. Are you a part of our team....yet?



Cindy Rayburn
Principal



Students proudly highlight their new California Distinguished School mural.

Los Alisos *Middle School*

14800 S. Jersey Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-0865



Gloria Jimenez
Principal

A New Transition

Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) is a middle school transition program that welcomes sixth-graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. WEB is built on the belief that students want to and can help other students succeed. The WEB middle school transition program trains members of the eighth-grade class to be WEB leaders; as positive role models, WEB leaders are motivators, leaders and teachers who guide sixth-graders to discover what it takes to be successful in middle school.

WEB creates safety and comfort for new sixth-graders. While the transition to middle school can be a major event in the life of a young person, very few strategies for support exist in most middle schools. WEB begins with a fun and energetic orientation day that gets sixth-graders excited and proud to be attending their new middle school. It also allows them to begin developing relationships with other students, as well as learn strategies that will contribute to their middle school success.

WEB's goal is to provide a structure in which students make real connections with each other. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success. WEB is the middle school transition program that will increase attendance, decrease discipline referrals and improve academic performance at Los Alisos Middle School.

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Department of Education. Only a handful of schools in the State receive this annual award, and a fewer amount have received it for three years in a row!

Waite Middle School came in 2nd Place at the annual Orange County Academic Pentathlon. Fifty-nine middle schools competed in the County's most rigorous academic competition. The Pentathlon Program emphasizes broad-based knowledge in Mathematics, Essay, Literature, Science and Social Science. Other NLMUSD middle school pentathletes brought home over 100 medals from the competition!

We are proud of our students, teachers, administrators and parents! When our students achieve, we all achieve.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Respectfully,
Dr. Ruth Perez



Dr. Ruth Pérez

para cada subgrupo de estudiantes.

En adición, por tres años consecutivos, la Primaria Morrison ha recibido el prestigioso premio de Logro Académico Estudiantil de Título I del Departamento de Educación de California. ¡Solo un puñado de escuelas en el estado recibe este premio anual, y aun menos escuelas han recibido este premio por tres años consecutivos!

La Escuela Intermedia Waite obtuvo 2º lugar en el Pentatlón Académico anual del Condado de Orange. Competieron cincuenta y nueve escuelas en la competencia más rigurosa del Condado. El Programa del Pentatlón tiene énfasis en el conocimiento amplio de Matemáticas, Ensayo, Literatura, Ciencia, y Ciencia Social. ¡Otros pentatlonistas de las escuelas intermedias de NLMUSD trajeron más de 100 medallas de la competencia!

¡Estamos orgullosos de nuestros estudiantes, maestros, administradores y padres! Cuando nuestros estudiantes triunfan, todos triunfamos.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo.
Respetuosamente,
Dr. Ruth Pérez
Sp:VB



**Congratulations
Class of 2011**

Los Coyotes *Middle School*

14640 Mercado Ave., La Mirada, CA 90638 • 714/739-2368



Dr. Sylvia Begtrup
Principal

Choir Competes for the First Time

Los Coyotes students are very involved in competitions. Mr. Gohn, our music instructor, has branched out to include Choir in his festival competitions. Most recently, LCMS Choir received a Silver in the Biola Festival over the holidays. Our Band students, consisting of beginning through advanced students, who were available over the break, also received a Silver award. Recently, LCMS Festival Ensemble scored a Superior at the Whittier SCSBOA Festival in Class D and Wind Ensemble having scored a Unanimous Superior at our own district's SCSBOA Festival in Class C. Both ensembles will be attending Kennedy High School's SCSBOA Regional Festival in May. This will be the first time any middle school in our district has



Centurion Choir Sings at Biola Festival.

taken two ensembles in the higher two class categories to Regionals. We would also like to recognize our 7th and 8th grade Academic Pentathlon teams for the many medals they received. Go Centurions!



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Moffitt *Elementary School*

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Maureen Bixby
Principal

Moffitt Gears Up for Testing

Opportunities to provide students with enrichment and additional academic support are plentiful at Moffitt. Teachers are providing intensive academic tutoring sessions for struggling students before and after school. Interventions such as IPASS, small group tutoring and our Mustang Academy are focusing on strategies to support student success in class and on the CST.

The entire school community participates in the "Math Question of the Day," a fun and engaging way to review a math concept or two each day. Students and teachers will also participate in a motivational assembly where they will compete in an Are You Smarter than Your Teacher style quiz in an effort to boost enthusiasm before testing begins. Moffitt students have been working hard all year and now it is time to show what they know. Good luck Mustangs!



Moffitt Mustangs are ready for testing!

New River *Elementary School*

13432 S Halcourt Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-9848



Michelle Centeno
Principal

Stay Focused and On Task

New River is poised for progress! Our district Benchmark assessment results have shown continuous growth for our students over the course of the school year. The Benchmark assessments have been given to our 2nd through 5th grade students three times in the areas of English Language Arts and Math. They are aligned to the state standards. We attribute this improvement to our staff's consistent focus on instruction, students working hard to "stay focused and on task" and use of the district curriculum maps in Language Arts, Math and English Language Development. Each of the units have focused on essential grade-level state standards.

The results of these assessments drive the instruction that our teachers plan for students. They also ensure that our students have multiple opportunities to "revisit" the standards for their grade level. We are confident that this solid instruction, along with our numerous intervention programs and after school tutoring, will translate on our California Standardized Test (CST) scores!

Morrison *Elementary School*

13510 S. Maidstone Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-9878



Rudy Gonzalez
Principal

It's Been A Grrrrrrreat Year For The Morrison Tigers!

We started the school year with good news regarding our student's achievement. We grew 22 points on our API. Our efforts with our ELD students are paying off as we continue to close the achievement gap. The construction of our new 90 wing is a welcome addition to our campus. We are providing top-notch music instruction to ALL of our students. Our GATE students are being challenged through innovative programs such as "Rockets, Robots & Rovers" and "Fun With The Zoom Tool!" We continue to be dedicated to our learning community through our myriad of outreach programs for our parents. Through technology, Morrison students are being prepared to live and work in the 21st century. And for an unprecedented 3rd year in a row, our school has earned the Title 1 Academic Achievement Award! Thanks to everyone for a great year!



Morrison Tiger Pride.

Norwalk *High School*

11356 E. Leffingwell Road, Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-0431



Dina Wilson
Principal

Students Think Twice

Norwalk High's Every 15 Minutes Program Causes Students to Think Twice. The Every 15 Minutes Program offers real-life experience without the risks. This emotionally charged program is designed to dramatically instill in teenagers the dangerous consequences of drinking and driving.

On April 20th, the "Grim Reaper" removed a student from class every 15 minutes. The student then returned to class as the "living dead," with white face make-up and a black T-shirt. This was followed by a reenactment of a car accident in which one student is taken off in an ambulance and the driver is shown given sobriety tests and then arrested by the sheriff.



Reenactment of a car accident during "Every 15 Minutes" program.

On Thursday, a mock funeral was held. Our guest speaker this year was a former student who was our star quarterback and about to start his college career when he made the mistake of drinking and driving. He had a solo accident on the freeway and is now paralyzed. His message was powerful and REAL!

Nuffer *Elementary School*

14821 S. Jersey Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/868-3788



Sherry Herrera
Principal

All Students are Expected to Succeed

We are a school with an unrelenting focus on learning. All students are expected to succeed; no one is allowed to give up.

Nuffer students are becoming avid readers. We have been using the Accelerated Reader program for four years and our reading statistics are the highest they have ever been. All students in grades two through five are enrolled in the program. Students are tested in September to determine their baseline reading level.

Each time they go to the library they select books that are color coded for their specific reading level. Once they finish the book, they take an online test. The online site determines how many words they read, if they passed with 85% or better, and how many points they earned. Our students have read over 10,000 books and more than 53 million words to date! This year, for the very first time, we have a student with more than 500 points.



Miss Han Mai in third grade has earned 617 points and counting!

Southeast *Academy*

12940 E. Foster Rd., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/809-6237



Sgt. Marty Schafer
Director

Strong Foundation Withstanding

It is hard to believe that it's time to turn the calendar away from the 2011 school year. The fact that we are now gearing up for next year is probably an unnecessary reminder that the current year has moved at warp speed. Because time stands still for no one, we continue to work hard improving our learning community.

Extremely strong support from staff, board of education, parents and friends has enabled us to withstand the worst of the recent economic turmoil and sustain our commitment to excellence. A dedicated staff and outstanding academic and career programs continue to be the cornerstone that attracts many families and new cadets to our learning community. With ongoing staff development, we are focused on providing a rounded education for our cadets. Working with Dr. Hallstrom from John Glenn High School has provided new opportunities for our cadets. We are extremely proud of our staff as cadets continue to advance educationally.

We celebrate their success of the class of 2011. This is the first class to start as sophomores completing all three years at Southeast Academy High School. Please join us on June 23 in honoring our seniors at an indoor graduation ceremony.

As we move forward, Southeast Academy High School is planning on having our first freshman class. If you are interested in being a part of Southeast Academy High School, please contact us for enrollment information. I would like to thank everyone for a great year and share my immense pride at being part of this outstanding learning community.

Sanchez *Elementary School*

11960 E. 162nd St., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/926-2365



Maribel Galan
Principal

Scholars Rocked the California State Test!

The Sanchez Scholars "Rocked the CST!" There is no doubt that the students and families of Sanchez Elementary have the right attitude to succeed academically. As a team, we are "making the difference." We will continue to "believe our students will succeed" and use words that motivate and inspire them to be their best because they deserve an opportunity to a future.

Next year we will have a Mariachi Band and Folklorico dancing. We have and will continue to advance our technology to increase our student engagement through the IPass and Success Maker



The Sanchez Scholars "Rocked the CST!"

Reading and Math Programs. We will continue to involve our families by offering parenting courses that build partnership and support of student achievement.

Henry Thoreau said, "In the Long Run, we only hit what we aim at." Sanchez Elementary School aims for student achievement EACH day.

Waite *Middle School*

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Willie Norman
Principal

Pentathlon Students Earn Top Awards

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Pentathlon Teams! Overall, Waite students won 28 medals! Here are specific results:

7th grade: Won 2nd place Overall; Won 3rd place for Superquiz; Won 5th place for Superquiz; Evelyn Ramirez captured four 1st places, two 2nd places, and one 3rd place!

8th grade: Won 4th place Overall; Won 2nd place for the Superquiz—Team One; Won 5th place for the Superquiz—Black Panthers

MANY 8th grade students won multiple medals. We are thankful to the following staff members who supported our students and represented Waite: 7th grade: Matt Hardy, Adrian Marquez, Marianne Hunt
8th grade: Denise Dunphy, Kelly Baker, Susan Teo, Carrie Vaughn



Go Panthers! Waite is a great place to excel, in sports, performing arts, and academics. Come by for a tour and see for yourself all that's flourishing on our campus.

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