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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Steven Keller**

I believe in “walking the talk” when it comes to protecting the world in which we live—that is why I chose to be a teacher twenty-five years ago and why I work at the district office now. We are responsible to make this world a bit better than how we found it, especially for those who will live on past us—our children. Both my son and daughter will subscribe to this philosophy, as many practices in our home are already “green.”

Firstly, I drive a Prius and my wife, a clean-burning diesel. The MPG on both cars is in the 40 miles range. I will continue to commute with a Natural Gas vehicle (CNG) come summer and will encourage others who drive to work to do the same. We recycle in my home and eat “meat-free” several times each

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## An Eco-Friendly Cometville



Girl Scout Troop #8125 do their part to recycle.

*By Joseph Ledoux, Principal  
Madison Elementary*

Madison is on the road to becoming a more eco-friendly school. The motto, “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” is our ecological mission statement.

Classrooms recycle paper, plastic and other commingled materials which would otherwise end up in a landfill. Every Thursday our students also help collect the blue recycling containers from around the school and take them to the curb.

Once a month, Girl Scout Troop 8125 presents a program at our weekly Town Hall Meeting. They outline different ways to reduce waste and make the environment cleaner.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Todd Loewenstein**  
Presiding Officer

### RBUSD Goes Green

The world is going green and the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) is no exception.

Over the past two years, your school district has taken many steps to reduce our resource usage, including saving electricity, recycling construction materials, employing natural light in school facilities, and drastically cutting water usage at our schools.

In 2010, RBUSD, with the help of Energy Incorporated, implemented

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Pre-K students ring in the Chinese New Year with a recycled dragon at the South Bay Adult School.

*By Megan Cassette, Director  
South Bay Adult School*

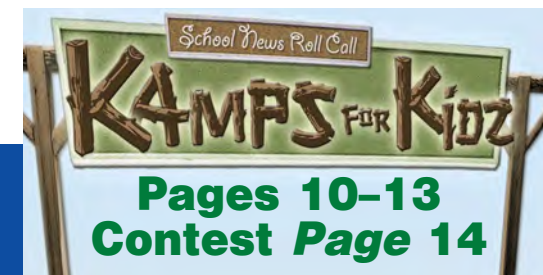
At South Bay Adult School we remain committed to reducing our carbon footprint where ever possible.

There are recycling programs in place at all of the SBAS campuses, but at our award-winning Parent Education program the staff is continually finding new ways to integrate resource conservation into every classroom.

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## Enrichment Programs



**Brad Serkin**  
President

The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation has a passion to help every student receive the best education possible. As parent and teacher volunteers, we have decided to step up and create a summer enrichment program for our students and their families.

This summer, we will be providing a curriculum for the children who need extra help, as well as for those who want to get ahead. We will also be unveiling the "RUHS Cyber High" for our high school students, with special courses designed to meet their a-g college requirements.

These online courses are for full credit. They are being made available to help students complete a course that might not fit into their normal schedules, or improve a grade before applying to college.

Following in the footsteps of the Marymount College enrichment classes offered during the past two summers, RBEF is committed to helping its students get the skills they need for a successful academic career.

Besides the new "Cyber High" courses, RBEF will also be offering on-campus classes for the K-7 and 8-12 students. We will cover fundamentals such as language arts, math, science, and then go beyond to specific subjects like pre-algebra through calculus, the lab sciences, Spanish, art, and drama.

We understand the concerns and needs of our working parents, and so have made the costs reasonable. We are also partnering with our Child Development Center (CDC) for on-site daycare. A six-week curriculum course will run as low as \$89 a week, which should make it affordable to everyone.

After spring break, please look for our literature in your student's backpack, or online through the school's e-mail blasts, or on our Web site at www.rbef.org.



**Kay Coop**  
Founder / Publisher



### Recycling As a Way of Life

It is wonderful to see an entire school district get behind the importance of recycling. Dr. Keller has always been focused and leads the way for preserving our environment for generations to follow.

This is a particularly special issue for me as I have been an avid recycler since the early 60's when newspapers were the main products recycled. I met a very dear friend of mine, Margaret, through our PTA school recycling fundraiser. Each classroom

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## South Bay Adult School

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## Our Kids Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



**Megan Cassette**  
Director

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Here is just a sampling of the many ways we are reducing, reusing, and recycling:

- All written parent communication and handout flyers are provided on each teacher's web page for review. Our staff estimates that they have saved tens of thousands of sheets of paper in the past 18 months.
- All leftover print materials are either re-used or recycled.
- In pre-K classrooms, students have a refillable water bottle marked with their names.
- Staff creates their own non-toxic, bio-degradable cleaner for classroom use (see recipe below from the Oregon Environmental Council) reducing our students' exposure to chemicals found in commercial cleaners.
- Children create art and other projects using recycled materials.

At South Bay Adult School we work hard to instill lifelong habits of conservation in our students from preschool to adults!

### Non-Toxic Cleaning Solution Recipe:

- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 2 tsp. borax
- 3 1/2 cups hot water
- 20 drops of tea tree oil
- 1/4 cup liquid dish soap (add dish soap last)
- Mix ingredients in a 32 oz. spray bottle



## Recycling Innovatively



**Stephen Edmunds**  
Principal

As Earth Day approaches, I thought I would ask some students what they see as the ways Alternative Education students are supporting our efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse. Well, I got several: “We get six hours of school done in three! That saves a lot of energy.” “The rooms are all close together so we don’t have to waste a lot of calories walking between classes.” “You make teachers teach a bunch of different classes so you’re reducing the staff footprint.” There were several other creative thoughts that only a teenage mind could come up with.

The reality that Alt. Ed.—Shores, RBLA and ISP—are small programs that ask students and staff to be creative. We have asked everyone to look for innovative approaches to learning, teaching and the daily processes of running a school. We do use less paper per student than most classes. We rely heavily on e-mail to communicate between staff and students even during class. The small size of the programs means that it is often easy to get collective buy-in to new ideas. Examples would be the way lighting is set up in most classes so that classrooms have two distinct “halves”—one-half in full light for seatwork or one-on-one work and the computer workstations in reduced lighting to alleviate glare on the screens.

All classes recycle paper and other goods on a daily basis. Students walk the recyclables to the bins located our small parking lot. We have a smaller percentage of drivers than do most schools, so we have a greater percentage of skateboards, bikers and walkers than do similar schools.

We recently installed ceiling fans in RBLA to improve the efficiency of the gas heaters and to keep the classroom cooler in the summer. We even rely on the old idea of opening windows and allowing cross-ventilation to keep classrooms comfortable year-round.

Finally, in talking with our students, we find that like most Redondo Beach residents, they see the beach as something to be protected. I often hear comments about participating in this cleanup or taking a trash bag and getting trash off the beach at a favorite surfing spot. Maybe that is the true lesson for all of us this Earth Day: What are you doing when no one is looking?

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# Adams *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Dr. Nicole Wesley**  
Principal

## Going Green at Home and Locally

In the last three years, Adams has made great strides toward going green by planting native plants and succulents that require less watering, by increasing our recycling programs and by powering down our classrooms every night. In the last two years, we have made a conscientious effort to educate our students about the importance of "Living Wise."

Living Wise is a free program that teaches students to conserve water and energy. In December, every sixth-grade student received a Living Wise kit that contained the following: a high-efficiency showerhead, a compact fluorescent bulb, a drip gauge, a digital thermometer, kitchen and bath aerators, and much more. Students also received two activity books that teach them how to reduce water and energy consumption by calculating how much water is used during a shower, when the toilet is flushed and when a faucet is on. Students also learn how to save energy when heating water for laundry, showers and more. For more information about the Living Wise program, log on to [www.getwise.org](http://www.getwise.org)

For the first time this year, Adams is a proud sponsor of a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Each month, Adams families have the opportunity to purchase local and organically grown produce. Contents vary but typically include lettuce, celery, carrots, oranges, collard greens and more. A portion of the proceeds goes back to our PTSA. Students and their families are able to enjoy a fresh box of locally grown produce while supporting our school. Please read more about this program by logging onto our website.



**Jonathan and Erich proudly display the materials sixth graders receive as a part of the Living Wise program.**

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competed to bring in the most newspapers and dutifully measured the stacks at curb side and kept an accurate tally with the winning classroom announced each Friday. Every parent has experienced the pleasure of their children's first artwork and the delight of displaying it on their refrigerator. However, after awhile it becomes evident that the works of art must be disposed of as the quantity overcomes storage space. In my great wisdom, I decided to intersperse my children's artwork among my newspapers to be recycled—I convinced myself I wasn't really throwing the art away. Little did I realize at the next PTA meeting Margaret would appear with her arms full of the artwork. At the meeting she read my children's names and asked if the parent was in attendance. Of course, I was and was delighted that she had rescued all of the artwork from the recycled newspapers for me! That was 1969. We are still friends, I am still recycling and my children are now recycling their children's artwork.

# Alta Vista *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Anthony Taranto**  
Principal

## Eco-Friendly Lunches

According to [ilunches.com](http://ilunches.com), an average sized school has close to 19,000 pounds of lunch waste per year. This translates to the average school aged child averaging about 66 pounds of lunch waste per year. Lunch waste includes plastic utensils, paper bags, food wrappers, juice boxes, and paper napkins. In addition to providing lunches to children that are healthy, it is equally important to make sure their lunches are eco-friendly. Use these helpful tips to create an eco-friendly lunch for your child.

**Give your child a reusable lunch bag.** Unlike paper and plastic bags, a reusable lunch bag made from recycled materials is better for the environment because it is reusable.



**A student enjoying lunch from her eco-friendly lunchbox.**



**A student doing his part to help recycle.**

**Buy your foods in bulk.** Replace sandwich bags and mini snack packs with reusable bags that can be washed after each use.

**Pack reusable utensils.** When your child is ready, replace plastic spoons and forks with stainless steel utensils. Until then, have your child return their plastic spoons and forks so they can be washed and used again.

**Invest in a stainless steel water bottle or BPA free plastic bottle and a pre-assembled lunchbox kit.** A stainless steel or BPA water bottle is durable, as well as eco-friendly. Not to mention, it is important for children to stay hydrated. Easy Lunches and Kids Conserve are two vendors that provide reusable lunch boxes that are already assembled and compartmentalized for hot and cold food storage.

**Cook more at home and buy less.** Plan your meals in advance and determine the proper amount to send to school with your child so food is not wasted. Fill your child's lunch boxes with organic foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and grains.

Keep these tips in mind when planning your child's lunch. Doing so will give your child healthy food choices for lunch, as well as, creating an eco-friendly lifestyle.

Check out the following websites for some eco-friendly lunch box ideas: [www.lunchboxes.com](http://www.lunchboxes.com); [www.easylunchboxes.com](http://www.easylunchboxes.com); [www.kidsconserve.com](http://www.kidsconserve.com)

## A Bit About Our Printer

While I am on the subject of recycling, our printer, Reed Printing, uses soy ink. In addition to being more environmentally friendly, soy inks make recycling the paper it is printed on easier. Reed Printing has exceeded the government's guidelines on post-consumer paper use. Their plant waste is shredded and bailed for efficient recycling. Any waste ink is reclaimed and shipped back to the manufacturer for reuse. There are more environmentally friendly facts about Reed's printing process, but I only wanted to assure you that as a publisher I am conscious of the need to be green.



# Beryl Heights *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Karen Mohr**  
Principal

## Eco-Friendly

Beryl Heights Elementary School has made great strides in making our environment eco-friendly. The staff and students take “going green” very seriously. With our newly modernized administration building, learning center, and computer lab, all classroom lights are automatic; if no one is in the room, the lights turn off automatically to save electricity. Regulating temperatures in these buildings, as well as in all the classrooms, has been accomplished in order to save energy, and the district staff is very resourceful and helpful when it comes to saving energy. Beryl students and staff are busy thinking of ways to conserve energy and reduce, reuse, and recycle. Many lessons and activities in the classroom focus on making our school a “green” environment.

Every classroom has recycling bins that are filled to the brim at the end of every week. Fifth-grade students take the recycling out each Wednesday, and they make sure that they collect from classrooms, the office, and the lunch area. The Lions Club has a collection box in our office to collect used glasses to be recycled and reused for needy individuals. Staff and students bring in used ink cartridges so that we can recycle them in order to reduce waste. A big conservation push is to use less paper, more e-mail, and more technology as we continue to promote a paperless environment. Our LiveWell garden has a green waste can so that we can learn to compost and recycle as we plant and take care of our gardens. It is evident that energy conservation is a top priority at our school because of the hard work and attention that our staff, students, and families put toward reducing energy use by turning off lights, recycling, and reusing materials in classrooms and the office environment.

We are always open to new suggestions as we continue our journey in maintaining an eco-friendly school.

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**Dr. Steven Keller**

week. We think twice before printing (although this causes us all to rely heavily on our smart phones) and use foods grown in our very own garden. My children will know these practices are healthy for our home and for our earth.

As a district, Redondo Beach Unified has made several earth-friendly decisions, including building better buildings. Many of our new facilities are LEED certified or certifiable (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) on several of our school sites.

We've maximized our use of natural materials (recycled fibers/wood) and resources, for example, installing “solatubes” at the middle schools. This engineered lighting uses the sun to save electricity and provide commercial grade light through reflection into our offices and gymnasiums. We've also outfitted several elementary schools with the same product. This “no-wattage” solution not only saves dollars to spend on children, but also teaches our students that innovation can save valuable resources. As another example, the Child Development Center at Lincoln is a new building from Project Frog. These innovative, easy-build “kits” meet the most stringent of green certification criteria and are a sliver of the environmental impact compared to a traditional brick and mortar structure. Students here will have first hand experience of 22nd-century, earth-friendly architecture.

Yes, all of schools have recycling programs and earth/nature groups, but so too does RBUSD “walk the talk” on a larger scale. We want our students to know that the adults around them practice better “green” ways of living, even if it means going the extra mile. Yeah, green is a Mira Costa color, but it's one of the rare times that going green is a-okay!

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# Birney *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jacqueline O'Sullivan**  
Principal

## Living, Growing and Eating Green!

Green is not only our school color—it's also the way we do business at Birney School. This year, we have improved our green efforts even more significantly, thanks to the support of our staff, students, PTA and the local community.

We have a variety of recycling programs at Birney and take the “Three Rs”—reduce, reuse, recycle—seriously! Paper, cans, bottles, cell phones, batteries, Ziploc bags, chip bags and ink cartridges are all part of this important effort and are recycled on a regular basis. Every day at lunch, students separate their trash and leftover food items into bins and special cans. We have two large compost bins in our garden, and student volunteers take the compost items daily. All of this adds up to less trash, and we've gone from seven bags daily to three. We have parent volunteers each day at lunch to help the students do their best to reduce and recycle.

Our Birney garden continues to flourish under the loving care of our garden coordinator, Laurie Stimpfig, who is also the force behind our lunch composting program. In February, Birney families and staff donated trees and plants to add to the garden and walkways. In the coming months, students and community

volunteers will be planting 23 fruit trees, blueberry bushes and a variety of plants. In addition to all of this new activity, Beach Cities Health District sponsors plant and harvest twice yearly in our garden. In April, we will harvest and enjoy a Peter Rabbit-themed banquet of vegetables.

Weekly, our fifth-grade students take all of the blue city-sponsored recycling bins to the curb and collect them the next day. At Birney, we don't just wear green—we live it!



**Fifth grade takes care of blue recycle bins.**



**Second grade boys help to reduce, reuse and recycle!**

# Jefferson *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Kara Heinrich**  
*Principal*

## On the Green Scene

Jefferson School is on the “green scene!” Each year we improve our energy awareness, efficiency, recycling, and eco-friendly contributions. Energy conservation on campus is routine. Staff members “shut down” nightly and prior to a school break by turning off electrical items, such as lights, computers, monitors, and appliances. Thermostats are automatically adjusted on set schedules for optimum energy conservation. Students are taught how to make a difference in the community through recycling, reducing waste, saving energy, and conserving resources. Across campus, paper and plastic recycling is accomplished through recyclable bins and baskets and the organization of students.

How can families get involved in being green? Volunteer in such programs as our gardening and nutrition activities, PTA, and the Green Committee. The school and PTA are committed to reducing paper usage through the use of technology, recycling and reusing to promote a paperless environment. Our Green Committee is on the move, beginning to align Jefferson with Vitality City initiatives through programs such as Walk-to-School Wednesdays and Trash-Free Tuesdays, promoting healthier lifestyles.

The Green Committee and PTA have been instrumental in bringing healthy, local produce to our families with the Tanaka Farms Green Produce program, reducing waste on campus through eco-usable businesses partnerships to promote recyclable lunch and drink ware, and in the incorporation of our newest recycling program, Terra Cycle, to recycle drink pouches and plastic baggies. Jefferson is turning a wonderful shade of “green” and is on our way to the brightest shade possible!



**Terra Cycle Recycling**



**Jefferson Building Day**

# Lincoln *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jeff Winckler**  
*Principal*

## Grades of Green

Over the past year, the Lincoln community has engaged in a number of activities and programs to help create not only a school that is ecofriendly but also a school where students are “ecominded” about the world we live in.

Lincoln students are activated by their peers, parents and teachers to make sure we all work toward having a greater awareness of the environment. Classroom instruction focuses on creating a healthy habitat with regard to water, fuel and waste conservation. All students participate in the Live Well Garden Program sponsored by the Beach Cities Health District. This program teaches students about nutrition and raising sustainable foods. Additionally, the school regularly participates in campuswide recycling.

Another school program that we are proud of is our Grades of Green Program. This program is run by our PTA. Its goal is to encourage students to make environmentally minded choices such as walking or riding a bike to school or bringing a trash-free lunch. The program also aims to help keep our campus looking green and clean. This spring, we plan to have a planting project take place around campus as part of Grades of Green. The purpose of this project is to plant drought-tolerant California native plants on campus.

As Earth Day approaches later this month, we celebrate all of our student’s efforts to help take care of the environment and continue learning to protect the world we all share.



**Lincoln first graders participate in classroom recycling.**



**Lincoln third graders participate in school wide recycling program.**

# Parras *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Dr. Lars Nygren**  
Principal

## Eco-Awareness On the Rise at Parras!

Parras Middle School has been examining new ways that it can be eco friendly. One way we have done this is by reducing our electricity consumption through the installation of solar tubes in the new gymnasium. On a sunny day the gym's lights don't have to be turned on because of the amount of natural light that floods the gym. The solar tubes are so effective at providing light they will also be installed in our library, bathrooms, cafeteria, and several other rooms over the summer. This will allow us to use less electricity and also provide our students and staff with more eye friendly natural light.

Another way Parras Middle School has become more green is through the reduction of our paper use. Many Parras Middle School teachers are utilizing Google docs, a valuable collaboration tool. It allows teachers to upload documents for students to use and then share with students. Google docs also enables

students to create, share, and edit documents with their classmates or teachers. This prevents the need to print out draft after draft of their document which saves paper. When students are done with the document, they email their teacher the final draft and teachers can write comments and grades on it electronically.

Parras Middle School has also committed to recycling paper, plastic, and aluminum. Led by our 8th grade social studies teacher, Mrs. Cangro, our student leadership class collects large bins full of recyclables from every classroom. On Fridays, which are our recycling days, you can see our students removing large amounts of recyclables from classrooms so they can be picked up by a company to be processed. In the future, Parras Middle School will enter into a partnership to place recycle bottle bins throughout our campus to increase our recycling of plastics. Over the years, students and teachers have created a culture where we look to recycle first and throw away second.



Parras accepts donations for clothes for people in need.



On Fridays students collect recyclables from classrooms.

# Madison *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Joseph Ledoux**  
Principal

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## An Eco-Friendly Cometville


Molly McCarron said, "I love the world so much, I want to see the world without trash and pollution." Natalie Coan added, "I think the world is a great place. I don't want any trash on the ground that might hurt the animals in the ocean."

Another way Madison is looking out for the environment is by recycling its lost and found clothes through the Seventh Generation Recycling program. Clothes are picked up from the green container located outside our auditorium. They are taken to a processing center and washed, and then sent to either local thrift shops or a third-world country for reuse.

In a further effort to go green, students have the opportunity to participate in "Walk to School Wednesdays." The "Walking School Bus" is led by an adult who picks up the students along their route to school. The Walking School Bus is not only good for the environment, it's also a great way for our students to get some exercise.




Grant Ginn, Eddie Guevara, and Griffen Cunningham



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## Recycling Awareness

In order to combat the recycling problem at Redondo Union High School (RUHS), Associated Student Body (ASB) students unveiled Recycling Awareness



**Mary Little**  
Principal

Week (RAW) during a school-wide assembly on Tuesday, January 11. The purpose of the RAW assembly was to motivate students to contribute to a cleaner campus and raise money for multiple nonprofit organizations.

During the assembly, ASB students showed a PowerPoint that included images of trash-infested beaches and disclosed recycling posters created by Debbie Smith's art class. Furthermore, the PowerPoint touched on ways recycling can be used to fund senior activities. Due to the hard work of ASB students and Assistant Principal John Newman, recycling bins have been placed in classrooms, offices, and other strategic points on campus. Select student clubs will empty the bins and check when they are full or have contaminants.

After the bins and containers are emptied, student clubs will be responsible for transporting the items to storage prior to going to a recycling center. Students will use the revenue generated to fund specific nonprofit programs or RUHS senior activities. The new recycling endeavor augments the paper recycling program that Ms. Jodi Rhodes established within the Essential Skills program over five years ago, in which students visit classrooms and transport bins to a storage container located behind the cafeteria.

The RUHS staff is encouraged that this ambitious project will help keep the campus cleaner and will be as successful as the paper recycling program.



Students present at R.A.W. assembly.

# Tulita *Elementary (K-5)*

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## Keeping Things Green

The Tulita Tidalwaves are committed to keeping our green programs moving. We are continuing our weekly recycling programs, including weekly classroom recycling and our student-founded recycling club.

With the support of PTA volunteers, we have gained some momentum with our ecofriendly programs at Tulita. For a year now, we have been promoting Walk to School Wednesdays and are seeing more and more families hit the sidewalks to walk to school each week. We are looking forward to participating in the Vitality City programs that support walking to school, too.

PTA also kicked off another environmental awareness program last spring with Trash-Free Tuesdays. We are striving to minimize the impact our lunch waste has on the environment by encouraging trash-free lunch packaging on Tuesdays. Students with trash-free lunches get a hand stamp, but more rewarding is the pride they have for making a positive difference for the environment.

Our fifth-graders recently got some off-site environmental education at the Blue Sky Meadow Outdoor Science School near Big Bear. They participated in a robust curriculum of science and environmental education and developed a new appreciation for our environment while enjoying the natural beauty of our local mountains in the winter.

We know we can make a positive impact and help protect our environment. Keep it up, Tidalwaves!



Carole, Elaiza, and Nick enjoying some all-natural snow cones!



Fifth graders Camille and Ming, snow shoeing up the mountain.

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**Vivian Ibarra**  
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## Washington School Goes Green

The staff and children at Washington School are thinking “green” with reduce, reuse and recycle. Together, we are working towards reducing the amount of paper and materials used and recycling those that we do use. The whole school works to maintain a clean environment by helping to pick up trash around the playground and the lunch benches. Everyone cares about keeping Washington school beautiful!

Recycling is an important activity at Washington School. We have bright blue containers located all around the campus to

collect paper and cans. The Student Leadership Team participates by collecting water bottles from classrooms and turns them in at the recycling center for money. The money they earn helps to beautify our school. Another way that we recycle is by using scratch paper to work out math problems and for extra practice with difficult equations. By using both sides of the paper we are actively conserving every day. As a school we try to send out more e-mails and less paper flyers. Our Washington News goes to all families through phone calls and e-mails. Check out our website for updated information on Washington happenings.

The Live Well Program, through Beach Cities Health District helps us with our school garden, where we plant and harvest lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. We just planted our vegetables for spring. Our Garden Club meets Wednesdays after school to weed, water, and keep our garden beautiful. Parents are always welcome to volunteer to be part of our Garden Club and help out. Watch our garden this spring to see what new vegetables we’re growing!

Earth Day may be April 22nd but at Washington School, we celebrate every day as an opportunity to reduce, reuse, and recycle.



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**Recycling at Washington**

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an energy reduction program. An Energy Education Manager from the district talks with staff members about different ways to save energy and tracks the savings through software. The money saved through “cost avoidance” stays in the district’s general fund. The savings from the program serve a dual purpose; money that would go towards district electric bills can now be used for academic programs, and the program teaches our staff the lessons of environmental stewardship.

There are other ways we are saving on our electric bill. Natural lighting has been increased through the use of solar tubes at the middle school gyms, as well as sky lighting in classrooms at the high school. This cuts energy usage by as much as 40 percent. The “right sizing” of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units have not only saved energy, but also provided for a more comfortable environment.

Going green also means saving water. The installation of synthetic playfields at Redondo Union High School, Parras School, and Washington School has led to thousands of gallons of saved water. Each of the 300 waterless urinals installed at our schools save over 10,000 gallons of potable water per school year, three million total gallons, or a quart of drinking water per day, for every man, woman and child in Redondo Beach! Low flow toilets save one and one half times the amount of water of regular flow toilets, which annually saves six million gallons.

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**Theresa Van Dusen**  
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The company that designed our building uses “clean technology across the construction spectrum” in building. The walls are made with recycled materials. The roofing is energy-star-rated, and the lighting runs on sensors, with a priority placed on natural lighting. The large size and number of the windows increases the amount of natural lighting, thus helping us to reduce our energy costs. The

building is also built to maintain its temperature in both the winter and summer months.



**New Child Development Center at Lincoln Elementary**

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## Cyberbullying



**Frank DeSena**  
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Do we have a problem with bullying in the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD)? If you ask the students who have been bullied, I am sure the answer would be yes. My answer would be yes, as well; we experience bullying at all of our schools. Bullying can be direct and include aggressive behaviors or it can be subtle and anonymous. Bullying is certainly not new behavior; however the way young people are bullied has become more diversified.

Everyone has heard about cyberbullying. Tragic stories regarding cyberbullying have become big news in the national media. E-mails, text messages, and social network sites have become amazing ways to communicate, but they have also been used by young people to hurt others. We have experienced ugly and hurtful cyberbullying issues in RBUSD.

The legalities about how school districts can respond to cyberbullying are not clear-cut and have been challenged in court. Can schools discipline students for cyberbullying that takes place off campus from home computers or mobile devices? Yes, but it may be challenged by the parent. Parents and students have prevailed in some court cases due to rulings in favor of free speech, and districts have prevailed when it has been determined that the district was within their rights because they had established “a sufficient nexus” between the cyberbullying and a substantial disruption of the school environment.

RBUSD has a Board policy which states, “A student shall be subject to discipline for off-campus expression, including expression on off-campus Internet Web sites, when such expression poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or school property, or substantially disrupts the educational program.” California Education Code states that students may be suspended if they “engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying by means of an electronic act, directed toward a student or school personnel (Education Code 48900(r)). School and district staff will always do their best to evaluate the incident prior to making any disciplinary decision.

In addition to punitive actions, RBUSD has a district-wide anti-bullying program called Safe School Ambassadors (SSA). This program is at all of our schools and involves training students and staff in ways to intervene when they encounter bullying behavior. To learn more about the SSA program, go to the Student Services section of the district Web site. We are taking a stand against bullying by adopting a district-wide program, as well as using consequences when needed. RBUSD will not be a bystander when it comes to bullying.

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