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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Steven Keller**

### Summer Learning

Participating in summer learning activities helps not only your child, but also teachers. Students who experience a plethora of learning over the summer return to

school in the fall ready with new information and therefore, full of new experiences. Teachers admire the child who arrives bright-eyed and ready to learn and do more. As for those students who sit at home, watch bad television, and play video games...well, you have guessed it. This particular student begins a new year of school thinking about returning back home to watch his or her favorite television shows and play his or her favorite video games. This student does not necessarily embrace

## Blue Zone Walking Challenge



**SBAS participated in the Blue Zones Walking Challenge by walking to the park.**

## Connecting With the Entirety of Redondo Beach

*By Daniella Ruotolo, Student Member  
Redondo Beach Unified School District Board of Education*

As a student at Redondo Union High School, I never really understood what happened behind the scenes of the school. I knew that it is a big task to run a school district, but I had never thought about the small details that go into running a successful school district.

After taking on the role of student representative, I have come to learn so much about Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) as a whole. This past year, I've been able to see the lengths that the Board goes through to keep everyone in the district satisfied. Despite issues that RBUSD may face, the Board strives to solve every problem, while keeping the interests of the community in mind. The Board members truly put every ounce of their time into the students and the schools. Before making any decision, the Board takes every single opinion into consideration. They really try to engage the entire community. Each Board



member truly cares about the schools, students, parents, and teachers in the RBUSD. They go out of their way to go to school events and really connect with the people they represent.

It has been an honor to be a part of such an incredible group of people this past year. Every meeting, I was surrounded by the warm smiles of some of the hardest workers I will ever meet in my life. I'm so glad that I was given the opportunity to be on the Board. Not only has it improved my public speaking, but I've also learned so much about our community. I feel like I've connected with the entirety of Redondo Beach, despite living in Torrance. My time on the Board has been an incredible learning experience. I want to thank the Board members for making me feel so welcome. RBUSD should be proud to have such an amazing group of people representing them.

### Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

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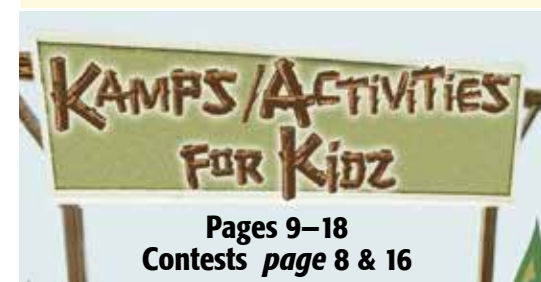
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<b>June 25</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>
<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>Nov. 12*</b>
<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>Dec. 10*</b>

**\* Due to holiday schedule, only one Board meeting in Dec. and Nov.**

**2014**

<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Mar. 11</b>
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Mar. 25</b>

**(3/25/2014 – Organizational Meeting  
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Summer is literally within sight! Dr. Keller's article on page one sets the theme for this issue—summer activities that incorporate learning and fun. Each of the principal articles continue that theme to equip you with plenty of creative ideas to challenge both mind and body. Our Camp/Activities Section offers lots of choices, also.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we will be right here in September with our first issue for the new school year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

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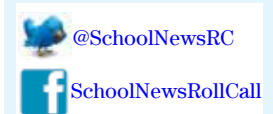
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## Take the Plant Slant

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they'd like to eat at mealtime.

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# Risk Management Inside the Home



**Lisa Santora**  
Chief Medical  
Officer

I'm the mother of a two-and-a-half-year-old "spirited" son and a nine-month-old daughter, who just learned to climb stairs. So, the majority of my time at home is now spent disentangling, chasing and redirecting. It seems I've begun a career in risk management inside my own house.

When I found out I was to be a mother, I spent a lot of time online buying an array of safety items in a rush to "baby proof" the house before the "spirited one" was born. Websites like Amazon categorized and highlighted every threat to life and limb and suggested necessary safety items – a whale-shaped bath spout cover, toilet seat locks, outlet plugs and so on. Who knew?

However, there is reason behind my madness – as a doctor, I'm well aware that unintentional injuries are the leading cause of childhood death and hospitalization.

- Here are the five most common threats:
1. Falls
  2. Being struck with, or against, an object
  3. Animal bites or insect stings
  4. Overexertion
  5. Motor vehicle occupant injuries
- Drowning didn't make the top five, however, it's the leading cause of unintentional death in children 0-4 years old.

Fortunately, parents, there are simple steps we can take to protect our kids. And they begin with: Supervise! Supervise! Supervise!

1. Supervision and enforcement of rules that keep children away from dangerous places.
2. Always wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding and on scooters.
3. Supervise children when they are in or near bodies of water.
4. Teach kids not to approach an unfamiliar animal.
5. Drink 12 ounces of water before playing and 5 ounces of water every 20 minutes during play.
6. Follow car safety seat and seatbelt guidelines. Don't text, talk on the phone or email while driving.
7. Apply sunscreen as directed. Proper use of sun-safety techniques as children can prevent skin cancer (the most common adult cancer) later in life.

Learn more about creating a safe environment for your children at <http://www.safekids.org/>

## Open House

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## The Most Important Relationships



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Special Education

*By Frank DeSena,  
Assistant Superintendent Student Services*

This will be the last article that I write for *School News Roll Call*. I will be retiring from Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD), and we will be moving to Arizona. I will be starting a new chapter in my life.

I have worked in Redondo Beach for 30 years and have experienced a lot of change since I started in 1983. In fact, RBUSD did not even exist when I started. Prior to the birth of RBUSD in 1993, Redondo Beach schools were part of

Redondo Beach City School District and South Bay Union High School District. There were a few computers in 1983, but most people had zero experience with them. Things are much different but still much the same today. In May we had an evening presentation regarding social media and cyber safety. Parents today struggle with how to keep a handle on their children's digital communication, and in 1983 parents needed help learning how to better communicate with their children. The main issue has always been developing relationships. People always want to be liked by others. Sounds like a good idea for a social networking site; have friends and let others know if you like something.

The Internet and social media sites have made the ability to maintain and establish relationships much easier, which is very good in most cases and dangerous in others. Today, parents have more to monitor regarding who their children have as friends and how their friends can connect with them. It has always been wise to make sure you know who your children have selected as friends, and that is still true today. If you are not friends on your child's Facebook account, I would ask why not. I know this may be best case scenario, but in the healthiest parent-child relationship, your children should have nothing to hide.

Whether it is 1983 or 2013, regular communication with your child is the most important aspect of the relationship. I'm not saying it is easy, but you have to figure out how to open up the conversation so you will be less likely to get that one-word answer. I have been there, and, even with years of training and experience, I failed at good communication many times. The teenage years are not the time to back off from knowing who they are with and what they are doing. Eventually, my son respected, appreciated, and understood my daily questions.

Though some things have changed in my years with RBUSD, the most important thing has stayed the same: building relationships with our children, no matter their age, is the most valuable gift we can give to them and to ourselves.

# Blue Zones Project

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## RBUSD Reaches New Milestones



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**Lauren Nakano**  
Director  
Blue Zones Project

Blue Zones Project™ encourages change in our built environment, making healthier choices easier. One way we do this is by working with local schools to foster healthy eating and encourage physical activity amongst the students and staff. Our liaisons work tirelessly to raise the bar at local schools and ensure the programs offered to our children meet the standards set by Alliance for a Healthier Generation (AHG). AHG is a partnership between the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association that works to improve wellness for kids both in and out of the classroom.



**Beryl Elementary School receiving their Bronze Certification in 2012.**  
**Students Liana and Julia with Principal, Karen Mohr.**

AHG has proven to be a great resource for the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) by guiding the schools through a framework of evidence based practices and policies to make their school an all-around, healthy school. This has influenced RBUSD to implement certain changes in the schools related to seven Wellness Categories: policies, school meals, competitive foods and beverages, health education, physical education, employee and student wellness. Every year, AHG implements a benchmark system with three levels of achievement: bronze, silver and gold; and each level of achievement marks a school's progress toward its goals in the seven Wellness Categories. In 2012, Lincoln Elementary and Beryl Elementary both achieved Bronze status. We are proud to announce the recognitions for all the positive changes that have occurred for 2013:

- Redondo Union High School: Bronze Recognition
  - Redondo Shores High School: Bronze Recognition
  - Beryl Heights Elementary: Silver Recognition
- Many other schools in the district are also working towards national recognition and improving their school environments.
- We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize our Blue Zones Project Club at Redondo Union High School who have gone above and beyond in creating awareness around well-being. Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) Volunteer Services has awarded Blue Zones Club the "Team Core Value Award". The Blue Zones Project Club brings passion and enthusiasm to the project and is an inspiration to other young people looking to improve our community.



Adams *Middle School (6–8)*

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Anthony Taranto  
Principal

Summer Learning

Did you know that most students who do not engage in summer learning lose the equivalent of two months’ worth of grade-level math and reading skills? To address this potential problem, here are some summer activities to get your middle schooler started on a summer of learning fun:

- Go to the park. Take a family trip to a local park or historical site. Ask the park for free student guides or activities for your child. Many historical sites also have re-enactments that really bring history to life.

- Visit a museum. This too can be done online. The Smithsonian offers a Library and Archival Exhibitions on the internet or you can take an old fashioned visit to a local museum. Don’t forget to visit a planetarium!
- Read every day. No list of summer learning activities would be complete without reading. Research shows that reading four to five books over the summer has a positive impact on student achievement.
- Visit the library. Ask for a suggested book list and see if the library has a summer reading incentive program or provide your own incentives at home.
- Word of the day. To build on the vocabulary learned during school year, launch a word of the day challenge with your child. Check out [superkids.com](http://superkids.com) for a suggested word list plus additional vocabulary builders.
- Use math daily. Create math games inside and outside of the house. Have your child estimate the cost of gas for a given distance or develop a budget for an upcoming trip. You can also check out [coolmath4kids.com](http://coolmath4kids.com) or [coolmath.com](http://coolmath.com) for pre-algebra.
- Write Weekly. Encourage your child to keep a summer journal or write a weekly letter to a relative or friend.
- Do a Good Deed. To assist with your child’s social/emotional development, encourage your child to volunteer with a local group or fulfill a service learning project.

Avoid the summer slump and help your child discover that learning can be fun beyond the classroom.

Alta Vista *Elementary (K–5)*

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Susan Wildes  
Principal

Keep Summer Strong

Decades of research confirm what most teachers already know, that summer learning loss is real. In fact, summer loss can be equivalent to at least one month of instruction.

Vacation is a time for relaxation, but it can also be a time for academic setback. Although as parents we may think these activities and camps are about keeping our children occupied or entertained, they can actually serve as nutrition for the brain. Visiting museums, attending camps and participating in outdoor activities are all instructional activities that can be used to keep learning going.

Are you in the process of deciding how your child will spend their summer? Look for summer camps that will help them explore their passions, and incorporate novel and enriching learning opportunities, such as those with a focus on art, music, science or technology.

Planning a vacation? Look for short weekend trips that allow your child to gain real-life knowledge and experience in an area that they will be studying next year. Make a quick day trip to a local mission for your incoming fourth-grader, or the Science Center to observe the rock cycle or Solar System. This previewing of social studies or science topics can help your child grasp concepts more readily later on, and be better prepared for class discussions.

And finally, there is no better gift this summer than a weekly scheduled trip to the library. Help your child find a favorite author or series, and carve out time for them to get lost every day in books.

Beryl Heights *Elementary (K–5)*

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Karen Mohr  
Principal

Summer Learning Can Be Fun

It is important to keep your mind healthy and involved with extracurricular activities during the summer months. Families need to read together, spend time exercising together, and relax together.

Through its Summer Reading Program, the Redondo Beach Library provides many opportunities for our students and families to keep reading. So we are encouraging each Beryl student to sign up for this program, and then turn their logs in at the beginning of the school year. The incentives are fun and worthwhile, and our students will learn that reading is an enjoyable, lifelong activity. They will also be recognized for their summer reading efforts.

In regards to science and keeping busy, Sea Lab is now open. This is where students can explore and learn about our ocean and the animals that live in it. There are also many fabulous places to visit in Redondo where students can keep their scientific minds working. Many outdoor excursions, hikes, and visits to tide pools and parks can also be exciting and invigorating. Families can take outings where everyone will learn about nature, and how we interact with it every day.

The fourth-grade students study the California Missions, and a visit to one of them is always an exciting trip. In the third grade our students study the history of Redondo Beach, and so visiting local landmarks can give families an opportunity to talk about history and the importance of the past. The third-graders also study the planets, and this always makes the Griffith Observatory a rewarding trip.

There are also many summer camps available for the children to stay fit and keep active. To learn more about these, please visit our Web site, or come by the office where fliers are available.

Have a safe and fun summer, and enjoy your time together as a family. School starts on August 27, so see you then!

Birney *Elementary (K–5)*

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Lisa Johnson  
Principal

Get the Most Out of Summer

Summertime is a great opportunity for students to continue to practice good study and health habits. Long summer days can easily be filled with experiences that can be both fun and educational.

Southern California is home to a bevy of museums and attractions that can provide enriching experiences for the entire family. Take the time to tour one of the many local museums you have been promising to visit. Go for a hike on one of California’s beautiful trails. Visit local colleges and engage your child in conversations about higher education and learning. Don’t forget to encourage your child to keep a journal or reflection log of all the places you visit!

If parents are looking for a more structured environment, the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF) hosts a six-week-long fee-based program that provides both intervention and enrichment classes. Visit [www.rbef.org](http://www.rbef.org) to see class offerings. The Child Development Center (CDC) also offers a program that provides summer-long educational and enriching experiences.

To continue the learning process at home, help your child set a reading goal and plan to visit the local library. The Redondo Beach Public Library has a Summer Reading Program that all Birney students are encouraged to join. Students should track their summer reading, and when they return to school and turn in their logs, they will be recognized for their efforts. You can help your child reach his or her goal by making time for the family to read every day.

Lastly, have a safe summer, and enjoy this time with your family!

Are you looking for this girl for the contest on page 16?  
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# Madison *Elementary (K-5)*

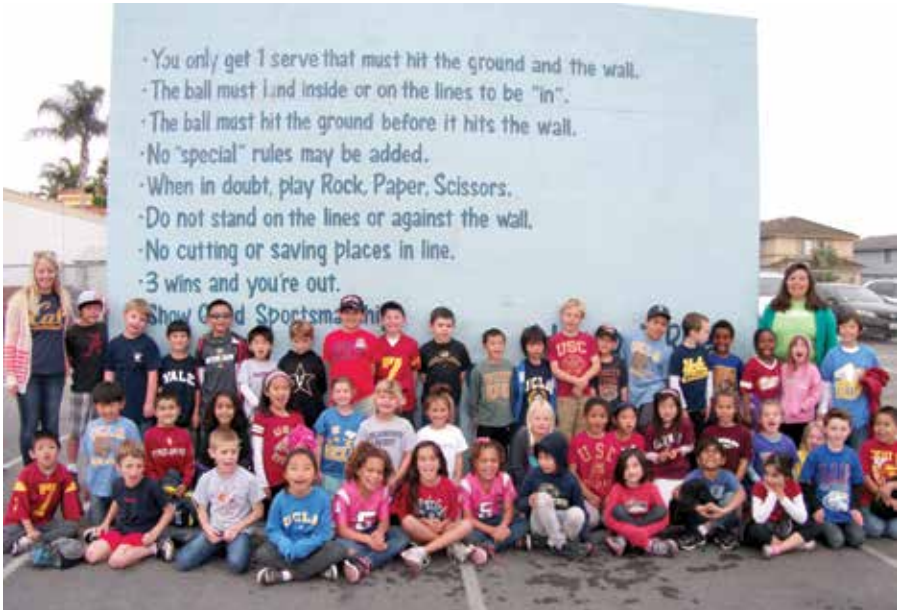
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**Joseph Ledoux**  
*Principal*

## Special Summer Haunts

Summertime is a perfect opportunity to take some time to relax and unwind. I encourage all our Madison students to get out of the house and jump into adventure! Summer is also the perfect time to visit one of our local college campuses. There are far fewer students on campus, but you can still roam the grounds and check out the bookstore to pick up some items for our College Wear Wednesdays.



**College Wear Wednesdays**

Here in the South Bay, we also have some terrific summer school camps and learning opportunities. I want to encourage you to look for some exciting information being sent home in the immediate future through our weekly packets or e-mail blasts. I also want to encourage our Madison families to visit our local public libraries, which can be a particularly valuable resource during the long summer months.

Have a wonderful summer—August 27 will be here before you know it!

# Jefferson *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Kara Heinrich**  
*Principal*

## Oh, the Places We Will Go!

The school bell may stop ringing, but summer is the perfect time for all kinds of learning opportunities for students. Families can launch children into enriching summertime experiences and prepare them for next year's learning by looking ahead at the following grade level's standards.

Aligning standards to create fun and rewarding experiences provides enjoyable family time and builds on children's background contextual information. These experiences will better prepare children for the next grade level. For instance, if your child is advancing into the fourth grade, make California history a focus. Plan a day trip and visit a local mission, tour a rancho, such as the Rancho Buena Vista, or head to the local library to chase history through the pages of a book. Visiting a local university and university library is another great enrichment activity and promotes higher education.

Every child needs quality summer-learning opportunities to stay on track in school, grow, and have fun. Keep the brain and body active with opportunities around the house and town. Everyone loves a scavenger hunt! Get moving and into on the latest outdoor trend with a variation of geocaching called earthcaching. This activity enhances map and geography skills while families search and learn about unique geologic features using a handheld GPS. Activities can be as simple as obtaining a free library card and participating in your local library summer incentive program.

Learning opportunities are all around us, so put on your backpack and let's go!

# Lincoln *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jeff Winckler**  
*Principal*

## Summer Learning for Lincoln Students

A summer that reflects a balance of academic and physical activities will give students an opportunity for greater success come fall. It is important to keep your mind and body healthy during the summer months. Families should read together, spend time exercising together, and relax together.

This summer, the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) is once again providing summer enrichment and intervention classes. For more information on these offerings, please visit [www.rbef.org](http://www.rbef.org). Also, for additional RBUSD-approved summer programs, please visit the "current news" tab on our school's Web site, at <http://lincoln.rbusd.org>.

Locally, the Redondo Beach Public Library provides multiple opportunities for students and families to read through their Summer Reading Program. This program provides structure and goals that encourage students to read. Staff from the public library will be coming to Lincoln to explain it to the students in detail. Additionally, the Internet is a good resource to find recommended reading lists for independent summer reading, as well as information on other academic activities.

For science and social studies subjects, local and greater Los Angeles area aquariums, zoos, museums and historical sites offer opportunities where students can learn and explore. These are fantastic places to visit for the entire family. Many of these locations have activity centers that allow students to not only see concepts first-hand, but also allow them to engage in hands-on activities.

Have a safe and fun summer, and enjoy your time together as a family!

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**Dr. Nicole Wesley**  
*Principal*

**Avoid the “Summer Slide”**

Your brain: use it or lost it! All studies point to the same conclusion: if you don’t read during the summer, you will suffer from “learning loss.” It makes sense. Reading isn’t riding a bicycle; it’s language development, exploration, and vocabulary enrichment. You don’t necessarily have to be reading Shakespeare; even a fun beach read can teach you some new words and help you grow in concepts and visualization. Discussing what you’re reading makes for great conversation starters with family and friends.

Hate to read? Go to your local public library and explore the card catalog by simply looking up a book you enjoyed and click on the subject heading that most fits the part of the book you related to. It will then show you many other books with the same subjects. Like books that take place in Hollywood or have a movie backdrop? Enjoy sports-themed books or biographies? It’s all just a click away. The Redondo Beach Public Library also has a fun summer reading program, which awards prizes for participants. Go to [www.redondo.org/library](http://www.redondo.org/library) for info.



**Go on an adventure - read!**

Another great way to find a book is to ask your friends or family what they are reading or to see your school library staff for recommendations. Go to your local bookstore for suggestions; check the bestseller lists online for your specific age group. Redondo Union High School has a summer reading assignment which is due the first week of school. Go to [www.rbusd.org](http://www.rbusd.org) for the list of suggested titles by grade level, as well as required activities.

Other great learning opportunities are to go to Los Angeles and visit one of the museums. When’s the last time you “toured” Los Angeles? There are many fun tours you can take from a historical downtown walking tour, where you will visit various landmarks and learn about architecture, to a visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art to enjoy the many exhibits available. Learn local!



**RUHS students enjoy reading during snack and lunch.**



**Christina Giguere**  
*Principal*

**Summer Matters**

Did you know that most of our students will experience learning losses if they do not take part in educational experiences over the summer? We want to strongly encourage our parent community to find ways to engage your children in summer learning opportunities, especially in the areas of reading and math. It is also very important for our kids to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle over the summer; we know that students who are physically and emotionally healthy are more successful in school. As educators we understand that summer is often the time for “kids to be kids” and lounge carefree by the pool. You are also helping your child learn and grow when they attend summer school or camp, visit museums, read books at the library, play at the park, or spend quality time with family. Please read on for a list of summer enrichment ideas to help your child succeed in school and in life!

**Summer Math Activities:**

- Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.
- Create patterns using summer items (popsicle sticks, shells, flowers). Or, draw patterns in the sand or dirt using a stick or your hands. See how long you can carry out your pattern—along the length of the sandbox, or across the grass.
- Use a stopwatch to time yourself running, roller blading, swimming, or biking. Then try to beat your time. Be sure to keep the distance you’re moving the same for each trial. Graph the results.
- Using a map, calculate where you will be if you travel 20, 50, 100, or 1,000 miles from home.
- As you’re exploring your neighborhood during the summer, how many routes can you take to the school, the grocery store, the mall, or your friend’s house?
- Prepare a meal or dish for the family. Before you go to the supermarket, find a recipe, write what you need and how much. At the supermarket, choose the best-priced option.

**Summer Language Arts Activities**

- Using a pail of water and a brush, have kids write words on the blacktop or sidewalk.
- Try a new product or activity and write about it. How would you describe it? Would you recommend it? Create an advertisement to sell it to others.
- Use the Internet, travel guidebooks, brochures, and maps to plan a dream day, weekend, week-, or month-long trip.
- Follow a story in a newspaper during the summer, or investigate a local story. Write about the event as it unfolds so that you have it documented from start to finish.

**Travel Activities:**

- Create a car bingo card with words, shapes, colors, and items that children will likely see during a trip (stop signs, billboards, railroad signs, etc.).
- Take note of each license plate you see, not by state but by state capital. The first to correctly identify 10 state capitals wins.
- Use the numbers on license plates to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and number patterns.



# Parras Middle School (6-8)

200 N. Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8616 • <http://www.parrasmiddle.org>



Dr. Lars Nygren  
Principal

## Summer Learning Opportunities

There are students who need additional support during the summer to help them be more successful during the regular academic year, and there are others who would like to pursue studies for enrichment purposes. In Redondo Beach Unified School District, we are fortunate to be able to offer both, with the help of the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF). Please read below for further information about our summer learning opportunities available to our students.

Redondo Beach Educational Foundation Summer School: RBEF has combined efforts with the Redondo Beach Unified School District to create RBEF Summer Sessions. During the summer, RBEF will offer curriculum that has been designed by our credentialed RBUSD teachers and administrators to help students reach their fullest potential. The courses will be four weeks long, and there will be academic interventions as well as enrichment courses. Please visit [www.rbef.org](http://www.rbef.org) for more information. Summer school will be June 27-July 24, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and be held at Jefferson Elementary School.

El Camino Community College: Our local community college has been a popular choice for many students. El Camino offers summer academic classes in many different subjects for middle school students. They do charge a fee for their courses. Please visit [www.ECCommunityEd.com](http://www.ECCommunityEd.com) for more information.

It is important to note that students cannot skip a regular academic year of math in middle school by taking a prealgebra or an algebra course through RBEF summer school or El Camino.

Summer Reading: Please have your student take advantage of summer reading for extra credit in their language arts class. There are a number of books on our summer reading list, which is posted on our website.

# Washington Elementary (K-5)

1100 Lilienthal Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8641 • <http://washington.rbusd.org>



Jacqueline O'Sullivan  
Principal

## Summer Reading a Must

Did you know that research says that students who don't engage in summer learning can lose the equivalent of two months of math and reading skills?

To succeed in school, children need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer is an exciting time for families filled with vacations and relaxing activities but it can also be a fun time to practice all of those hard learned skills from last year. Here are some summer ideas.

- Start a summer Journal. Take pictures of fun trips and have your child write each day about what they do during the summer.
- Take time to read every day and join the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library. Encourage your child to check out books every week and read something fun.
- Go visit a museum. Admission to the Science Center is free. There are lots of great hands on exhibits for kids.
- Go to a concert on the Redondo Pier every Thursday or Sunday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Concerts are free and fun for the whole family.
- Go to Farmer's Market. You can buy healthy fruits and vegetables and give your child a chance to practice counting money and weighing food.

The most important thing you can do is start planning now for a great 2013-2014. Parents who are involved in their child's education have successful children. Visit our school website at [washington.rbusd.org](http://washington.rbusd.org) for great educational sites, get some rest and we'll see you in the fall.

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Entries must be received by July 30, 2013  
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A special thank you to **Jacquelyn Zarzosa**,  
for the words for this Word Search

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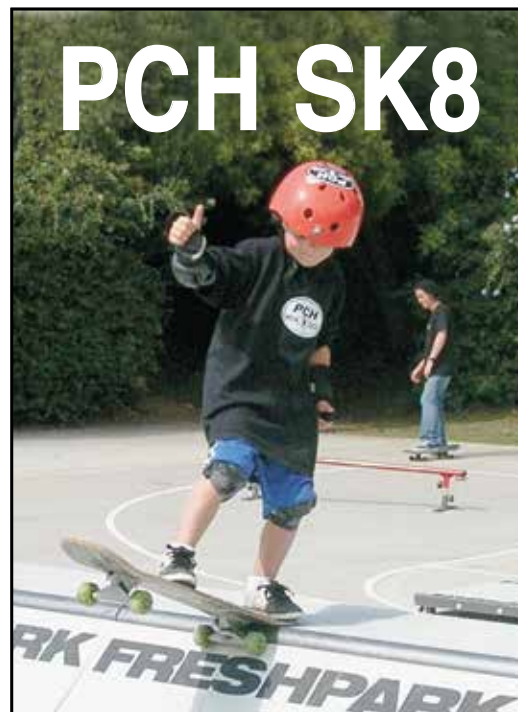
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**Theresa Van Dusen**  
Director

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Other trips may include the Marine Mammal Care Center, Griffith Observatory, Discovery Science Center, the Queen Mary, and Olvera Street. Local trips include Madrona Marsh, Farmers Market, libraries, and of course, the beach. Every class will have their own exciting trips and themes.

Our teachers realize that when children come to CDC in the summer, they need a change of pace from their school year. Our program is designed to ensure that we meet the academic, emotional, social and physical needs of every child. With all the hard work and great planning from teachers and parents, we are able to achieve a fun and exciting summer for each child.

Check in with your CDC program and ask about the summer adventures in your child's classroom, or call our main office to find out what is going on at the CDC near you.



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## Summer Learning Matters




**Dr. Erin Simon**  
Principal

Most students enthusiastically anticipate the summer break. It gives them time off from the school-year routine and can be filled with fun. For some students, summer vacation means educational camps or sports camps, family trips, or myriad of developing activities. Other students find that when schools close for summer break, engaging learning activities are out of reach, and many are unable to partake in additional learning during the summer months, which can ultimately strengthen academic achievement. In fact, research indicates that students often experience a significant decrease in academic knowledge after a summer with little to no learning.


For many educators, the benefits of summer learning programs are well-documented. Further, many educators believe the most beneficial programs address the needs of the whole child and offer innovative approaches to learning. These programs should not only boost student achievement, but also improve self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, well-designed summer learning programs should increase achievement, enhance motivation for engagement in learning, further develop old skills, and nurture new skills. Examples of successful summer programs can include but are not limited to: summer reading, writing, and math interventions; acceleration summer school; newly-envisioned summer-school sessions; educational camps; and hybrid youth-development/academic-enrichment programs.

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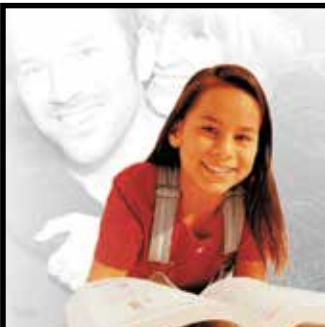
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**4th & 5th** – Extremely important years for future academic success. Students should understand fractions and decimals, and be able to interpret word problems. Students need to draw conclusions when reading and be comfortable writing structured paragraphs.

### Middle School

**6th** – Come October, we will have more 6th graders than any other age. The jump from the friendly confines of an elementary classroom to having more than one teacher leaves many preteens shell-shocked. Most of our sixth graders are overwhelmed with the amount of math covered, and lack the study skills for the transition to middle school. If your student has struggled with any area during elementary school, these deficiencies will become amplified in middle school.

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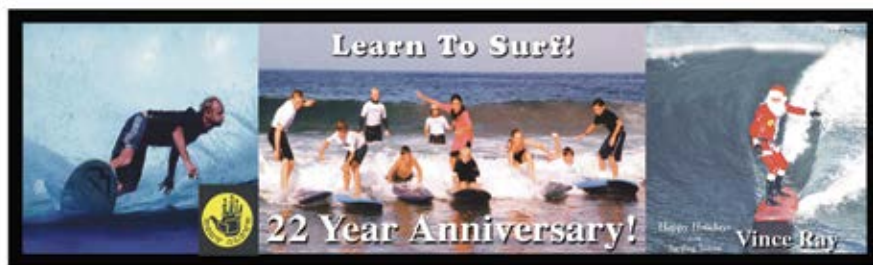
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## Should Kids Be Realistic?



Dr. Shari  
Sweetnam

### Dear Dr. Shari,

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Do I want to do that? It that sounds weird. Then again, my friends say that they will be eventually "let down" if I don't! Should I ground them in reality? What do you think?

—Dana, Newport, RI

Dana,

I'm all for exposing kids to a variety of ideas and opportunities but I vehemently against "grounding in reality" as a general way of contemplating the possibilities that life has to offer.

No entrepreneur, visionary, inventor nor game changer was "grounded in reality." If they were, new ideas would never be contemplated, limits would never get pushed, experiments would not be conducted and most of the advancements of the modern day would not exist.

Truly great things start from a vision, unlimited by reality.

Please, don't cram "reality" into their consciousness in the natural place where imagination and vision belong!

Whether your child will ever play for the NBA is irrelevant at this point, but if the vision makes them run harder, jump higher and have a lot more fun, then let them BE Kobe!

Kids don't really go through that terrible moment that your friends fear. It isn't as though they will turn 18 yrs old, expecting to be drafted to the Lakers and are tossed into a deep depression when they find out otherwise. Life teaches! As kids mature, they develop their priorities, talents, and opportunities and understanding. Your job is to support them through the process...not to stomp on childhood dreams.

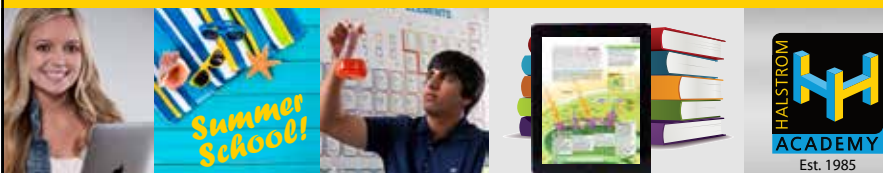
Relax Dana. Let your kids play and dream...it is one of the most precious gifts of childhood.

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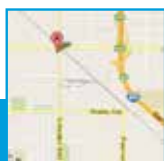
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## Positive Parenting

### Gearing Up for Summer



**Sandy Spurgeon  
McDaniel**

For some parents, the arrival of summer means less stress because the school schedule is not a part of the daily routine. For other parents, having the children home all day every day is stressful. Whichever arena you are in, the reality of life is that summer vacation is almost here for the traditional schools.

Children may get more wound up, more disagreeable, more difficult to manage as the start of summer gets closer. Change is stressful, even if it is for the better. The break in routine is stressful for children and adults. It is advisable to keep your discipline strong so that you glide into summer with boundaries in place. Consistent boundaries will also help your child to contain his or her behavior and to feel safe.

My discipline system is mentioned on [parentingsos.com](http://parentingsos.com) and my new book, *Don't Feed the Dragon*, is a discipline manual divided into three sections:

(1) what parents need to understand about children in order to successfully guide them; (2) my discipline system, and (3) answers to 130 of the top concerns of parents, listed in alphabetical order. The book is age-appropriate from tots through the teens and is available on [parentingsos.com](http://parentingsos.com).

Having your discipline system in place, it is wise to sit down as a family and make a list of things that can be done during free time. The list may be posted in a place where children can use it as a reference. To quell the endless, "I'm bored" message that children who are not used to having non-structured time often begin chanting when school ends, offer two choices: "You may refer to the chart that we created or I will choose a chore off the chores chart that will help you dispel boredom." This plan might allow you to have your whole house cleaned in the first week of summer!

Summer is a wonderful time to train your darling children to do chores. Finally, they have time—the constant excuse during school months! Children will leave home some day—I promise!—and when they do, they need to know how to take care of a house and themselves. Chores teach a child that a house does not clean itself and how to do fundamental tasks.

It is important that children are not in so many activities that their lives become stressful. Children need time to be children! If you want your child to be successful in school, have at least a half hour a day that is devoted to school skills. If each child took a 30-minute "chill break" and read for that amount of time, their future teachers would be ecstatic! Every child needs quiet time each day that does not involve any media or mechanical gadgets.

Most important of all, enjoy your children! There will never be another summer like the one ahead of you. Your children will not be this age ever again. Create some sort of structure and have some time that is not structured. Don't send your children to other people to play all the time—what each child wants more than anything else is time with you.

Thanks to all the teachers who gave so much of themselves this school year to help our children be all that they can be!

Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel has written four books. She has taught school, raised two children, worked as a consultant to schools and has taught parenting for the past 35 years. Sandy now lives in Meridian, Idaho [www.ParentingSOS.com](http://www.ParentingSOS.com) and Kindle

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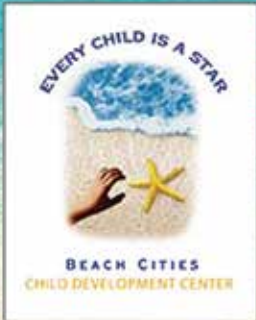


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On April 19, Redondo Union High School's auditorium doors opened to over 1,000 attendees for the PTA-sponsored 2013 Beryl Heights Elementary School Talent Show. In attendance was our own mayor, Mike Gin, posing for photos with the Beryl Heights talent. He told the crowd watching the paparazzi-filled, red-carpet spectacle, "I've really enjoyed hanging out with the kids tonight. Beryl Heights sure is loaded with some amazing talent!"

Of the talent participating that evening, many included karaoke and pop music singers, with a favorite being "We Are Never Getting Back Together" by Taylor Swift. Several acts involved ethnic, hip hop, and jazz dancing, as well as displays of martial arts. Many talented musicians playing individual pieces

for guitar, piano, saxophone, and drums. There is an exciting rumor that next year's Talent Show will feature many of these same gifted musicians jamming in a multi-piece jazz combo/metal cover band. I can't wait!

Keeping the momentum high and the audience entertained and informed while the talent prepared for their acts was the show's host, middle school student Angela Tait.

The complex yet well-organized evening flowed without a hitch, thanks to the awesome efforts of a small group of middle and high school student volunteers. Many thanks to ushers Cameron Holzmillner, Amber Dufresne, Austin Wallace, Adam Pamanian, Naoki Yogi, Jovilyn Marinas, and Sarah Divris for keeping an anxious group of talent and parents moving in all the right directions! Student stagehands were valuable as they moved props and instruments and directed talent to their necessary locations on stage. Last, but never least, pre-show red carpet interviews with the enthusiastic talent were conducted by yours truly, Gigi.

Reporter Gigi is Gabrielle Lauren Grieser a student at Parras Middle School.

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RBEF Summer Sessions is open to Redondo Beach students as well as students from our neighboring communities. The K-8 program will offer classes designed and delivered by our credentialed RBUSD to help students excel to their fullest potential for the next grade level. Our classes are designed to provide academic intervention for those who need it and advancement for students who want it. K-8 Summer Sessions will be held June 27-July 24, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Jefferson Elementary Campus. For families that desire a full-day program, there will be on-site CDC camp available.

The high school program will offer students the opportunity to earn credits needed for graduation and to fulfill A-G requirements for college admission. Courses are offered for credit recovery, grade improvement and advancement. High school course offerings include classes taught on the RUHS campus by credentialed RBUSD faculty as well as classes delivered online. High School Summer Sessions will run June 20-July 31, 8 a.m.-12:35 p.m., at RUHS.

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Dr. Steven Keller

new learning or new activities. This can contribute to creating the chasm between the teaching and the learning. This is tough on teachers.

So, parents, let me encourage you to consider the following. If your child is going to watch television this summer, limit the time he or she watches and monitor what he or she is watching. There is indeed “good” television and “bad” television. Provide at least one hour of reading time in your home, Monday through Friday. Magazines, books, and appropriate online content are a few examples. Send your child to a day, weekend, or a week-long camp in an area of his or her interest. Take your child to a museum, to the mountains for a hike, to the beach for a stroll, or to the library for some quiet reading time.

Perhaps the most underrated learning and exchange with your child is while driving to/from a location. Some of my most profound (and entertaining) conversations with my son, Jaxon, took place while I was driving somewhere. This is “priceless” one-on-one time that is often unused. Make the most of it.

Finally, and you know this, the traditional, family dinner time can never be undervalued. Playful spelling bees, multiplication problems, guess the author’s quote, in what year did this occur, and a host of other teachable moments can take place when gathered around the table with the television and music off. Make the most of these moments, especially in the summer when your child is free from the responsibilities of school. Remember, Team Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) will provide the schooling; Team RBUSD and you, the parent, educate.

As a father who takes his job seriously, I implore you to throw every learning opportunity at your child this summer. I know that budgets are tight right now. You don’t have to spend dime on the ideas above. However, a little spending of time now can pay significant dividends in the long run.

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