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Dr. Steven Keller

Yes, we've all heard it—these are tough times. What's the good news?

Redondo Beach Unified School District is staying positive and optimistic in spite of reality and the media's hype over the present state of our country. Yes, this is the "great recession," but we have much to stay happy about and be thankful for in our district, such as:

The residents of RB that supported Measure C:

There is no school district in Southern California with a more profound and demonstrative school bond outcome than RBUSD's Measure C.

Higher test scores and student achievement:

All of our elementary schools performed above 900 on the 2012 APL. The state's goal is above 800.

RBUSD is now a destination district: We have many more students wanting to attend our schools from outside the district.

Redondo Union High School graduates continue to attend elite/nationally-ranked colleges and universities: The list of these colleges and universities is so extensive that we don't have enough space here to print them all. RUHS is the finest high school in the South Bay. Even a former President stated this fact!

RBUSD boasts a thriving Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Educational Foundation: PTA leaders will be asking you to become a member. Please do so. The Redondo Beach Education Foundation will also ask you to donate. Please do so. Without their leadership and support, our kids' education would be compromised.

We continue to manage the state's budget crisis in spite of fewer dollars—sure, there is a decrease in spirits, but overall the staff and parent community understand that in the grand scheme of things we are better off than many districts throughout our state.

The future looks bright with our upgraded facilities, excellent staff, terrific parents, and most importantly... the BEST students around.

I am sometimes accused of being the "glass half full" leader or the "positive spin doctor." Have at it! What's the alternative—pessimism, negativity, blame, criticism, and despair? No, thank you. Based on RBUSD's measurable and demonstrative results over the last few years, we have earned a strong sense of optimism. So enjoy that beverage that is half full. I'm willing to bet it tastes great!

The Arts are Alive in RBUSD



Parras Middle School students perform Aladdin.

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Laura Emdee
Vice-President

The 21st-Century Classroom: Why Do We Have to Change?

*"If we teach today as we taught yesterday,
we rob our children of tomorrow."*

—John Dewey (1859-1952)

When you hear the Redondo Beach Unified School District talk about technology, we are discussing infrastructure and we are discussing how to prepare our kids for the future, even with larger class sizes.

We need up-to-date classrooms that enable collaboration. We need technology that assists teachers in teaching to diverse learning styles.

Teachers should have real-time feedback and access to enhanced instructional materials in order to meet the challenges they face. When you have 35 students, you have 35 needs. Some students perform above grade level, some students struggle with a concept inside a larger content area, and some students need more individualized intervention. Technology is available to meet all of our students' needs through instantaneous feedback and customization. We need to invest in interactive white boards, online courses for those that fall behind or want to get ahead, and assessment and intervention software.

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MindUp



Jefferson Elementary School Counselor and students prepare for Blue Zone event MindUp performance. (please see page 6)

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PTAs Are in Full Swing



Polly Kinsinger
President

Every school in Redondo Beach has an active PTA, and each one of those units has stepped up to provide assistance and programs to students, parents, teachers, and staff for the 2012-2013 school year. I know this because I receive a newsletter from each school, letting me know what's going on at their site. I receive this information because I am a community member for the Redondo Beach Council of PTAs.

Community membership gives individuals membership at all 11 school site PTAs and helps Council PTA provide funding for district-wide programs. Council PTA provides financial support, information, man-power, and refreshments for a variety of programs throughout the year. Activities like the Back-to-School Rally, State of Education Evening, sending students and adult chaperones to Sacramento to learn about government and advocacy, providing transportation for students from the two middle schools and the high school for the annual Teen Scene event, and a variety of parent/student educational evenings put on throughout the school year.

For more information about community memberships, please contact me at kinsingers@roadrunner.com.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for information about Red Ribbon Week activities and the National PTA Reflections Arts Contest, which will be promoted at all Redondo Beach Schools.

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Fall is in full swing and so is learning in the classroom. It is so exciting to be a student today with all of the academic choices and it is exciting for us to follow along on their journey. It is most impressive how you, the community, rallies to be part of the solution to the continuing budget crisis. Now more than ever all districts rely on their communities to compensate for the lack of funding for programs vital to offer to students.

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Anthony Taranto
Principal

WEB: Where Everybody Belongs

The transition to middle school is an adjustment for students and parents alike. There are usually more teachers to know, a complicated class schedule to navigate, and a new campus to adjust to. While it is an exciting time of growth and adventure, it can also be challenging. Research shows that students who have a positive experience in the first year of middle school experience increased opportunities for success.

This year, Adams Middle School introduced a new, student-led initiative called Where Everybody Belongs (WEB). A transition and enrichment program which welcomes new students to Adams and helps them feel more comfortable with their move to middle school, WEB empowers eighth-graders to become mentors and positive role models to their fellow students. WEB leaders are trained to provide the guidance and support students need to make connections with their peers, as well as their new school environment.

In preparation for the first day of school, WEB leaders participated in a two-day training session in August. Then, they put their skills into play with our new students at Camp Adams. Camp Adams is optional event run by Adams staff to introduce new students and help build a positive school culture. WEB leaders also interact with students during lunch by revealing fun facts about



Eagle mascot welcoming a new student to Adams.



WEB leaders participating in WEB training.



WEB leaders and new students participating in team building activity during Camp Adams.



Susan Wildes
Principal

A Special Thank You

Volunteers and the PTA are what set the Redondo Beach Unified School District schools apart. The definition of volunteering is: an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve the human quality of life.

At Alta Vista Elementary School, volunteering can take on many different forms, such as helping students at dismissal as part of our parent-valet brigade or leading over 300 students through morning exercises. Our volunteers serve as Hands-On Art instructors, nutrition and garden docents, room ambassadors, and daily classroom volunteers, not only working directly with students, but also helping to support the classroom teachers. We have volunteers who tirelessly advocate for our school and seek out monetary donations and sponsorships. Without these warriors, events such as the Young Writer's Conference, the Father/Daughter Dance, the Jog-A-Thon, and more would cease to exist. The impact our volunteers have on the community of Alta Vista is immeasurable.



Alta Vista Volunteers

Each volunteer holds his or her own special set of skills. Regardless of the amount of time each volunteer can donate to the school, whether it be participating once as a guest reader, spending a few minutes at night preparing materials for the classroom, or giving multiple hours a week, we are grateful for our volunteers, and our appreciation goes beyond words. The unique blend of talents works in harmony to lift the learning experiences for our children, promote a positive environment throughout the building, and improve the quality of life, not only the students but, we hope, for the volunteers as well.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for our students, faculty, and community.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

2012	2013	
October 2	January 8	April 9
October 23	January 22	April 23
November 13	February 12	May 14
November 27	February 26	May 28
December 11*	March 12	June 11
	March 26	June 25
* Due to holiday schedule, only one Board meeting in December.		
*April 9 – Organizational Meeting		

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Karen Mohr
Principal

Reach, Reach, Reach

As we continue our journey as a Beryl Heights Elementary School community, it is our collective vision that we will continue to reach for greatness by creating an atmosphere where we all become lifelong learners. Throughout the year, we will reiterate our philosophy and our vision of success, and we will reassure all parents that the idea of a village raising a child is the key to a student's success in school and in life. This translates into making positive connections with staff and becoming an integral part of your child's learning and education. We realize the importance of having a positive outlook on life, and our staff incorporates this outlook into our daily routines. We also recognize that educating the whole child leads to success in life, and this idea will be a central theme throughout the school year. Our Walking School Bus will expand this year, and another route will be added to our already successful school route. Our morning exercises, gardening, Moving Children, and nutrition lessons will continue to be taught to motivate students to live healthy lifestyles. We will celebrate our bronze award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation for being a model school in the area of educating the whole child.

Legendary coach John Wooden, when commenting on working together, said, "We can become great in the eyes of others, but we will never become successful when we compromise our character." Character development is taught daily at Beryl, and we will continue to recognize students for respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness, and great citizenship at our trimester assemblies. We also realize we need to grow as teachers and people in order to reach greatness; when we do, we affect our students' lives in a positive way: academically, socially, and emotionally. Therefore, our staff will continue to learn and support one another throughout the year, and we will support all efforts to teach students and reward students for their accomplishments.

Greatness comes from learning to rise to every occasion, giving our best effort, and making those around us better as we do it. Let's make this year the greatest year ever!



Walking School Bus group at Beryl.

Birney *Elementary (K-5)*

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Lisa Johnson
Principal

On the Path to College

Birney Elementary School students are learning from an early age that college is in their future. By creating a college-going culture in elementary school, our hope is that students will aspire to a lifelong path of higher education and deeper learning that ends with a degree. This begins with high expectations and academic achievement. We aim to instill in our students the belief that they can go to college and promote the work ethic to ensure it is a reality.



Birney's library where college pennants are proudly displayed.

Sharing Redondo Beach Unified School District's vision of College for All, Birney believes exposure to college campuses is one of many ways we can promote higher education. Our fifth-grade students visited a local four-year university this past year, and, thanks to the generosity of the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF), all fourth-grade students will be able to share in the experience this school year. We are also fortunate to receive through RBEF the services and resources of Phyllis Hart, a college-going culture consultant. We are confident this exciting partnership will strengthen our commitment towards ensuring our students are academically prepared and of the mind to attain higher education.

Birney's students are on a path to success, and we welcome you to join us on this journey! It is never too early to begin the discussion of college and goal setting. These rich conversations are one of the many ways families can support us in our goal to ensure all students are college-prepared and bound.

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Kara Heinrich
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Being Mindful

When you think of school, you often think of reading, writing and math. Although it is true that much knowledge is taught in these and other subjects, we at Jefferson feel that it's just as important to educate the whole child.

Encouraging the intellectual health of our students is one aspect of thinking about the whole child. Motivation, promoting a love for learning, metacognition, reflective thought, and the teaching of critical thinking skills all fall under this category of intellectual health.

Jefferson supports the development of these skills by actively engaging its students in the learning process. Active engagement occurs within the classroom and through programs like the health program "MindUp." This past year, the RBUSD expanded its partnership with the Beach Cities Health District to join with Vitality City to offer MindUP in each classroom.



MindUp Focused Awareness Lesson with Mrs. Spiwak.

MindUP is a comprehensive, evidence-based curriculum that fosters social and emotional awareness. It enhances psychological wellbeing and promotes academic success. The program's lessons provide students with effective skills to become more resilient, focused and mindful learners. The students learn about the brain and how it functions; in doing so they they also gain insight into their own minds and behaviors as well as those of the people around them.

In today's world, beyond academics, our children must be able to think critically and communicate well. Children who are educated about, and gain the understanding of both themselves and others, will be better equipped to handle the technological and global demands of the world, and to become more productive members of society.



Jeff Winckler
Principal

After-School Opportunities

The benefits of after-school enrichment opportunities are numerous. Increasing student knowledge and skills in areas outside of the core curriculum makes for a more well-rounded and confident child. These learning opportunities are typically high interest and low pressure, making them very enjoyable for students. These programs also offer students the opportunity to spend time with friends outside the regular classroom environment. These extended learning opportunities are also beneficial to parents, who often struggle with childcare issues and busy work schedules.

Over the course of this past school year, Lincoln Elementary School was able to offer a number of after-school enrichment offerings, including Boy and Girl Scouts, tennis, piano, karate, Spanish, yoga, and performing arts. These opportunities run for various lengths of time throughout the school year. This year we will be offering a new skill-based basketball class. Each program offers scholarships for families in need.



Students in the Academic Chess Program

Perhaps one of the most popular offerings is the after-school academic chess club. When the club is in session, attendance is huge, with dozens of enthusiastic students participating. Academic chess will again be returning to Lincoln this fall.

Lincoln is continually in the process of reviewing our after-school offerings. We are considering many different classes and one-time

workshops, with both fee-based and free opportunities being considered. Parent and local community volunteers are proving to be valuable assets in our quest to expand the menu of enrichment opportunities.

At Lincoln, we recognize the value of after-school enrichment opportunities, and we are working hard to provide variety for our students.



Students in the Afterschool Theatre Program



Students in Karate Class





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What is STEM?

Madison Elementary has adopted a new school focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

A number of educational studies have suggested that students need to learn science and mathematics through more hands-on and inquiry-based lessons. In fact, many 21st century jobs in the United States will require a strong set of STEM skills and knowledge base.

Joseph Ledoux
Principal

Madison has risen to the challenge, and is in the process of planning and implementing these new STEM-based lessons. Over the summer, both Madison and Alta Vista Elementary Schools hosted a STEM camp provided by Camp Invention. During this week-long session our students were encouraged to problem-solve complex issues through a hands-on approach to learning.



A student taking apart a computer during Camp Invention.

To help build experiments, the students were asked to bring materials from home, such as old TVs, VCRs and cardboard and plastic water bottles. In one such lesson, the students were awarded prize money if they could move water from one location to another by building an aqueduct out of recycled materials.

A local aerospace company has adopted Madison Elementary as a partner school, thus making us eligible to apply for a variety of grant opportunities. Through various local partnerships Madison is also going to outfit an empty classroom with science equipment like microscopes. This way our students can engage in more collaborative and hands-on science throughout the course of the school year.

The Madison teachers and staff members are excited about this great program. They stand ready to tackle the challenges that the 2012/2013 school year will bring. So go, Comets!

Parras *Middle School (6-8)*

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Dr. Lars Nygren
Principal

Great Performers, in Many Ways

For the 2012–13 school year, Parras Middle School will continue to build upon its academic success. The hard work and effort put in by the staff, parents and students paid off over the last school year. Our school made year-to-year gains in achievement as measured by the percent of proficient and advanced students. Parras's eighth-grade students scored an incredibly high 96 percent advanced and proficient rate. Additionally, our eighth-grade students scored 88 percent for language arts and 85 percent for history. Success can not only be seen in the growth of the API but also in the programs that are offered to our students.

This year, the number of students participating in the arts has grown larger than it ever has. Our instrumental music program has benefited from the early exposure to music in our elementary programs. We have over 150 students participating in our band program. Last year, our Jazz Band students were recognized with a gold rating at the Irvine Forum Musical Festival. Our drama, art and creative writing classes have all experienced a significant increase in student participation. Our theater arts program takes advantage of our facilities to put on large and elaborate productions. Our largest and most elaborate production was a wild success last year. Students performed Disney's *Aladdin* for hundreds of people.



Parras Jazz band students.

For this school year, Parras will once again challenge its students in many ways. We work to help our students reach their fullest potential so they may go on to be successful in high school. With the help of parents, community and staff, we will continue to make great achievements.

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Dr. Nicole Wesley
Principal

'RU In?'

We have one simple question for all of our students, staff, parents and friends of Redondo Union High School: "RU In?"

RUHS kicked off the school year with an uplifting Spirit Week. Students were greeted on the first day with a Back to School Rally, in which students and staff competed in various Olympic-themed events. The message was clear: This is going to be an engaging and spirited year.

The momentum continued on the second day with "RU Proud?"

It is our goal to encourage a student body that is inclusive, respectful and proud of our spectacular campus. Students had the opportunity to sign antibullying and antigraffiti pledges and watch an Integrity video created by 11th-grader Caleb Walker, which highlighted what it means to be a Sea Hawk and to be "Involved."

On day three, students were asked "RU Healthy?" In partnership with Blue Zones and a workout-gym corporation, students had the opportunity to eat healthy snacks and participate in various boot camp and obstacle courses that promoted ways to stay active. The gym's trainers visited classrooms to encourage

students to create fitness goals. They also gave out 800 free one-month passes. Students who completed the Blue Zones pledge for a healthy lifestyle were entered into a drawing. Our lucky winners received an iPad and a beach cruiser.

Our Spirit Week culminated with students being asked "RU Ready?" Guest speaker Jeff Yalden from MTV's *Made* inspired our students to make the most of every day, and dance like nobody is watching and sing like nobody is listening.

An amazing video titled "RU In?" created by Chris Farmer, class of 2012, emphasized how great it is to be a Sea Hawk. It was shown to the student body and staff.

So, RU In? We R!



Ms. Gross, our ASB advisor, and Mr. Schonberg, counselor, are excited about the new school year.



The fabulous RUHS Dance Guard team excites the crowd at the Back to School Rally.

Tulita *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Giguere
Principal

Expectations for Success

Last year Tulita launched a school-wide initiative called "Expectations for Success." The entire learning community strives to meet and exceed these high expectations. Our goal is to promote habits and beliefs that will help our students be inspired and confident learners inside and outside of school. During the first week of school the teachers involved the students in learning about the expectations. Mrs. Giguere discussed the initiative at the New Family Orientation and Parent Orientation Night. She also made a visit to each classroom to read aloud Coach John Wooden's book, *Inch and Miles: The Journey to Success*. The story stresses the importance of hard work, enthusiasm, cooperation, and self-control.



Mrs. Giguere spent time in each classroom reading *Inches and Miles: The Journey to Success* and reviewed Tulita's Expectations for Success.

Our Expectations for Success are:

- We are self-confident learners. We set goals, monitor our progress, and strategically work to achieve our goals.
- We value challenges and obstacles as opportunities to learn and grow.
- We communicate. We share thoughts, questions, ideas, and solutions.
- We collaborate. We work together to reach a goal – putting talent, expertise, and smarts to work.
- We are critical thinkers. We look at problems in new ways, linking learning across subjects and disciplines.
- We are creative. We show innovation and invention by trying new approaches to get things done.
- We use technology as a tool to research, organize, evaluate, and communicate information.
- We are mindfully aware. We are aware of our thoughts and actions and their impact personally, locally, and globally.
- We value empathy and optimism.
- We express gratitude.

Thank you for supporting our community in our effort to raise expectations. Character counts!



Jacqueline O'Sullivan
Principal

Dual Immersion

Washington School is proud to report that its new dual immersion program, called the Washington Language Academy (WLA), is underway and doing well, with 58 kindergarten students and two talented teachers!

Each year the program will add a new grade level until it reaches the fifth grade. It is open to all students who attend the Redondo Beach Unified School District.

Teachers Mrs. Irma Vasquez and Ms. Alicia Sabanero use a Two-Way Immersion model (TWI) to provide the traditional core curriculum through instruction in both Spanish and English. There are a range of opportunities for creative expression and experiential learning. Dual immersion students will have the same opportunities as every other student at Washington Elementary too, such as hands-on art, hands-on science, LiveWell Kids (nutrition, gardening and physical education), field trips and community events.

Considered the most effective model of dual language education, TWI brings native Spanish speakers and non-speakers together with the goal of achieving academic excellence while also becoming bilingual and biliterate. Students can acquire knowledge and skills in core content areas through instruction in both languages, with the added benefit of learning a second language at a young age.



Mrs. Vasquez's helps Elijah with a painting.

An Example of Excellence

The Washington Language Academy utilizes a 90/10 model of instruction. This is the approach to a dual language classroom which has demonstrated the highest level of academic achievement and linguistic development in both native Spanish speakers and English speakers alike.

The model refers to the proportion of time that our teachers utilize Spanish vs. English as their language of instruction. WLA will utilize a graduated 90-10 approach, whereby the majority of instruction (90 percent) will take place in Spanish in the kindergarten and first grade, with the ratio gradually tapering to 50 percent English and Spanish in grades four and five.

Our dual immersion program is just another example of the "excellence" that Washington School can provide for its students. For more information about dual immersion, and the 2013/2014 school year, please check the Washington Elementary School home page.



Mrs. Sabanero singing with her students.

Be a Success Stakeholder!



Brad Serkin
President

Welcome back! We hope that all of the students, teachers, staff and administrators of our wonderful district had a happy and healthy summer. The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) is very pleased to have been able to continue to help the district in bridging the gap for programs, technology and other needs across the elementary, middle and high school levels. We are looking at a very challenging budgetary year, so we appreciate your continued support. You can always find information on our website. As a reminder, we are a volunteer organization and welcome any time you can give, even if only a few hours a month.

We are continuing our teacher grant program for the coming year, which put dollars directly back into your children's classroom to help support our wonderful teachers in bringing new and innovated programs to their students. Encourage your teachers to apply at our website.

We are also pleased to announce our support along with that of Beach Cities Health District to ensure that our elementary counselors are able to return for this coming year to our campuses! Additionally, we are further renewing our continued support for another year of our elementary science teachers for 2012-13, Family Science Nights at the elementary level, and music programs for the elementary-level students. We are also increasing our laptop-loaner program from our current 80 laptops to 160 laptops for this coming year for the middle and high school. We will continue our college-going consultant at the high school level. New this year is our funding of the College-Going Parent Education program to allow parents to better understand what college will cost and its options. We are also funding a program to allow our seventh-grade students to visit college campuses to allow them to get excited about what the future holds. For our 11th-graders, we are funding to allow *all* students to take the PSAT test for the coming year.

As a reminder, we are a volunteer organization...

We want to thank all of you who have contributed or volunteered to RBEF to better your children's education, and we appreciate your continued support. Please tell a friend about us, and let us keep the momentum going! RBEF has made a difference and will continue to make a difference with the support of our outstanding community!

A Safe Place to Be Themselves

Also, as we have in the past, we continue to support the Safe School Ambassador program. The RBEF and the PTA have partnered once again to bring the Safe School Ambassador Program to our district. Safe School Ambassadors is a nationwide program that harnesses student power to stop bullying and violence at our schools. Safe School Ambassadors will be at every school in our district, including elementary, middle and high schools. By reducing bullying, violence and social mistreatment on campus, grades and attendance rates improve, as well as student morale. Please ask your principals about the program; they have already seen much success at the campuses.

This is a detailed but not comprehensive list of all that we do for the children of RBUSD! Please visit us at our website for a list of upcoming events and ways you can help!

Our inaugural art auction will be held in October! More information will be coming via e-mail and will be available on our website.

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Super Bunny and Giant Cat Bear and Charlie

Super Bunny is tired of people telling him what to do. He wants action, he wants adventure, he wants to go to the moon. With the help of his trusty sidekick, Giant Cat Bear, Super Bunny starts building a spaceship. His neighbor, Charlie, wants to play too. Will Super Bunny let Charlie join them on their journey? Will they make it to the moon?

The Adventures of Super Bunny and Giant Cat Bear and Charlie is an action packed kids book with a lot of humor, heart, and wonderful artwork. Parents and kids will love these vibrant and silly characters, and will laugh at their charming attempts to reach the moon. It's a book about friendship and big dreams, and is perfect for beginning graphic novel readers!

Kevin and Patrick, the author and illustrating team of this exciting book, will embark on their own adventure this fall to bring these exciting characters to a school near you! They will also share a whole new book with the adventuresome trio entitled, *How to Catch a Cloud*. All books by Treehouse Bandits are available on Amazon.com. If you'd like Kevin and Patrick to visit your school and share their inspiring stories please e-mail annie@paperfarms.com. You can read more about this book and it's creators at www.treehousebandits.com.

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Nutrition Update

Fun With Food—Roll Your Own



Carol Berg Sloan, RD

I was jonesing for Mexican food the other day and while most would run to the local corner tacos shop for their fix, I go to the local supermarket with a grocery list in hand. Buying your own ingredients for a healthier delicious Mexican meal is less expensive and puts you in control. My favorite is a burrito.

Let's Take This Step by Step

Tortilla: Whole wheat or flour. Nutritionally speaking there is not much difference so find one you like. Size is more important ... no need to buy bigger than a 12 inch unless you plan on one burrito as big as you head that can feed a family of four. Most 12 inch burritos have about 300 calories and serve as a nice vehicle for your favorite fillings.

Fillings: ground or shredded beef, carne asada, chicken, carnitas...all are good but keep portions small, one to two ounces per person. Better yet...make a veggie burrito. Beans: refried (no added fat), or whole pinto or black beans work well. One half cup makes a good base. Spread heated beans around on your warmed tortilla. Rice: I see no place for rice in a burrito... pass.

Veggies: chopped or shredded lettuce (preferably the darker varieties), chopped tomatoes, sliced black olives, actually any veggie you like!

Cheese: There is so much going on in my burrito that I usually skip the cheese, but if you must have, sprinkle 1/2 ounce of your favorite on top of heated beans.

Salsa: There are many fine salsas on the market but you can make your own simply. See recipe below. Know that salsa is fat free and full of vitamin C, carotenoids and fiber. Extras: I enjoy a dollop of nonfat plain yogurt to add extra tang and calcium to my masterpiece.

Pièce de résistance—the guacamole: my husband and I went on a cruise a few years ago and one of the tours in Puerto Vallarta was a cooking class that included how to make a killer guacamole. And while others on the cruise laughed at our tour choice, we use no other recipe.

When nothing else but a Mexican dish will do, take the time to make it special and make it at home. By the way, if you want to leave out the tortilla these ingredients make a bomb salad.

Salsa

2 Roma tomato, chopped
1 white onion, chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 jalapeno, seeded and chopped
1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
Juice of 1 lime
Mix well, chill to marry ingredients.

Guacamole, 1 medium avocado, peeled and mashed

1/2 Roma tomato, chopped
Juice from 1/2 lime
1/2 Serrano chili pepper, seeded & diced
1/4 medium white onion, salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
Mix well, chill to marry flavors. Serve.

Carol Berg Sloan, RD is a nutrition therapist in Long Beach. She can be reached at cbsrd@verizon.net.

Stress Fractures



Dr. Doug Richie

Sometimes, a dull aching pain on the top of the foot may represent the beginning of a serious injury. Stress fractures in the bones of the feet can occur in runners of all ages and sometimes lead to long term disability. These injuries seem to be on the rise with the popularity of barefoot running and “minimalist” shoes.

The bones of the feet are subjected to tremendous bending forces during running and somehow seem to adapt and perform miraculously despite the punishment they receive. Sometimes, however, the applied stress exceeds the capacity of the bones to strengthen and adapt. This will occur when a runner suddenly increases the length or intensity of their training sessions. The sudden increased stress will cause the bone to crack or fracture.

Stress fractures in the feet do not always begin with extreme pain. Many runners will unknowingly continue running with a fracture assuming that the dull ache they feel will soon go away. The metatarsal bones across the ball of the foot are the most common location of stress fractures in the feet. The pain is almost always felt across the top of the foot.

Usually a stress fracture begins with a microscopic fracture which will not show on x-ray. It may take two weeks until the healing process of the fracture will finally be visible on the x-ray. Therefore, whenever there is a suspicion of a fracture, rest is always the best advice. Once diagnosed, most stress fractures heal with immobilization in a special boot. However, the runner will usually miss at least 4 to 6 weeks of training. Prevention, through better training techniques is the best remedy for stress fractures of the feet.

Dr. Doug Richie is a sports podiatrist who has practiced in Seal Beach for 28 years. He is president-elect of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine and serves as a medical advisor to U.S.A. Track and Field. 562/493-2451



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School Talk



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

Dear Dr. Shari,

My son and daughter both just started school. I know it is a significant time, and I want to know what I can do as a parent to help them. My son (who is older) talks a lot about his day, but my daughter is much more reserved and just listens to her brother talk about his experiences. I am afraid that we are missing something by allowing our son to do all of the talking, but I don't want to discourage my son from sharing. If I tell him to stop talking so we can listen to his sister, he clams up and says nothing more out of embarrassment. What do we do so our daughter will open up more? —Gillian G., California



Dear Gillian,

The newness of the school year ushers in a great deal of excitement, a myriad of emotions, and can leave children feeling a great deal of stress. Committing uninterrupted time to discussing their day is the first step to helping them have a great experience in school. It seems as though you are doing a great job to this end!

Discussion Topics

After allowing your children to tell you about their day (your son to tell his stories), have a few questions of your own! Let your children know that you are very interested in hearing about certain aspects of their day. Explain that you want to hear from both of them about each topic you mention and help them engage in the conversation together about how different or similar their experiences are. Here are some topics to get the ball rolling:

- **Favorites and Fears:** What are your favorite things about the class, teacher or school. Is there anything that worries you?
- **Friendships:** Are there old friends in your class? Who have you met? Who would you like to get to know?
- **Feelings:** How do you feel about being back in school? What are you most looking forward to? Are there field trips or exciting lesson plans on the agenda?
- **Strengths and Weaknesses:** Do you have a favorite subject yet? Is there a subject that seems more challenging than others?

There may be topics that your daughter will not be as likely to expand upon in front of others, especially if she is more reticent about sharing her feelings in general. Make a point of gently approaching those topics during calmer times when you are alone with her. This will allow her to revisit topics that she has already broached, making the experience easier and more comfortable.

Congratulations on your commitment to be involved in this aspect of their lives—they will undoubtedly benefit!

Dr. Shari Sweetnam is the Founder of BRAINPOWER *The Ultimate Program for Schools*, Author, Motivational Speaker. Follow on Youtube and twitter: DrShariS, contact: info@doctorshari.com

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Note-ables

Mr. Diddie Wah Diddie, Randy Kaplan



Kate Karp

Here's how to create a blues artist moniker: Pick an ailment, a fruit, and the last name of a president and presto! you've got a groove going. It worked for Blind Lemon Jefferson.

Whether it works for musical artist Randy Kaplan is for you to discover in this extraordinary project. Blues music fuses seamlessly with education, history, biography and very clever lyrics in tunes originated by seminal blues musicians legendary or nearly forgotten—Muddy Waters, Bessie Smith, Hambone Willie Newbern and over a dozen others, all adapted as tributes, with no loss of essence or infusion of cuteness. Songs about running away from home, a two-timing babysitter, and a neighborhood bully who doesn't quite get it are rendered in yodelin' blues, scattin' blues, slappin' blues—you always drop the *g* when you're talkin' blues—and a little ragtime. In between songs, enigmatic bluesman Lightnin' Bodkins—he got *his* name from his speed in making mittens and the extra bodkins he keeps the hair out of his eyes with—rasps out facts about the artists and the social conditions that had them singing the blues. He also persists in suggesting names for a reluctant Randy Kaplan, apparently the only person alive who knows of Mr. Bodkins. Hmmmm....

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Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

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Keeping Your Kids Safe During Halloween!



Jodie Lynn

Parents are always concerned with issues that can crop up on the eve of Halloween. From toddlers to teens, something always seems to go astray. Here’s a few safety tips that might ease a parents’ mind.

There are few holidays that conjure up as much excitement in kids as Halloween. Along with it comes great anticipation of trick-or-treat activities...more treats than tricks!

Needless to say, there are some real threats to the safety of our kids during this high profiled experience. To make this vastly projected event run smoothly and to keep everyone safe, here are a few tips that parents need to consider and talk about beforehand with their kids.

Have your children dressed in aged appropriate costumes. Make it large enough to wear one layer of normal clothing underneath for warmth, but if it’s too big or long, they can easily trip and hurt themselves. Make sure all materials are fire-retardant.

Be sure that it has a retro reflective strip placed between the shoulders and knees to alert drivers on the street and other kids, especially large groups. Should the costume not have these types of panels woven into the material, retro reflective tape can be bought just for this purpose.

No running. Tell your children there will be no running allowed. Falling down is one of the number one injuries of children during trick-or-treating. Have them stay on sidewalks and/or walk facing traffic if there are none.

Do not allow them to cross yards. Even though many people keep their lights on during the evening, most of the time, they do not shine over the entire yard. There could be something in the yard that could trip or hurt your child. In fact, sometimes, there are holes or low points in the lawn that cannot be avoided.

Stay with children under the age of 12. If your child is younger than 12, stay with them. If you are allowing them to go with another adult other than yourself,

be sure that your child knows the name of that person and vice versa. It’s always a good idea to have the name of your child, address and phone number written on a piece of paper and tucked away in a pocket or pinned to their costume on the inside of the waist. Remember, when a child is excited, frightened or hurt, they forget facts. Tell them what the piece of paper is, what it says, why it is there and when to use it.

Monitor toddlers and young children for putting things in their mouth. Keep an eye on toddlers and young children as they try to begin eating their candy right away. As a rule of thumb, it is best for none of the kids to eat any treat until someone has gone through it. However, with little ones, they will instantly put goodies into their mouths, wrapper and all, possibly provoking a choking hazard.

Establish a safe route and return time. Draw up a simple map of your neighborhood and mark-approved houses with a red marker. These should be people that you know and trust. Give them a time of when to return home and have a “no room for discussion” rule.

Use face paint instead of masks. Face paint is now preferred by most safety agencies as the safest way to dress up the face for Halloween. Be sure the paint meets the Federal Standards of Cosmetics in order to prevent possible rashes or use a homemade recipe where you know which ingredients have been used. If you do go with a mask, be sure that the holes for the eyes, mouth and nose are open enough to avoid safety challenges in seeing, talking and breathing.

It’s a special night so monitor your children closely by supervising the younger ones or as a sidewalk supervisor by “hanging out” with the older ones from a distance. Stay safe and have fun.

Jodie Lynn is an award-winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best-selling author. Her column Parent to Parent™ (www.ParentToParent.com) has been successful for more than 15 years. She is a regular contributor to several sites and has written four books and contributed to three others, one of which was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show. She has authored several books including *Mom CEO (Chief Everything Officer)*, *Having, Doing, and Surviving It All!* and *Syndication Secret—What No One Will Tell You!* Check www.ParentToParent.com for details on new radio talk show, Inside Parenting Success.

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Learning to Work Together



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Dr. Aaron Benton
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By Aaron Benton

After eight years as a Special Education director, I still continue to learn and grow. Special Education is a tough line of work. It can be emotionally charged, and the stakes are high. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) process itself requires stamina, and disagreements sometimes arise about what is appropriate for students. But, through this process, I've gleaned some valuable truths. First, in spite of the added stresses of the job, most special educators are highly committed individuals who experience higher levels of job satisfaction and personal reward because of the nature of their work, many seeing their work as a calling.

Secondly, the interests of students, parents, and the district are one in the same. If students do not succeed or make progress toward the goals and objectives as outlined, the district is not doing its job. Third, in the world of Special Education, perfection is virtually impossible. We have great staff and great providers, but we are all human, and we all have our moments. Our goal is always to learn from and not repeat our mistakes, so that we can move forward. Finally, because IEP work is carried out in teams, communication between team members—from parents to general education teachers—is all-important. Every team member must feel heard, and be treated with respect.

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Opening the Doors to College to All



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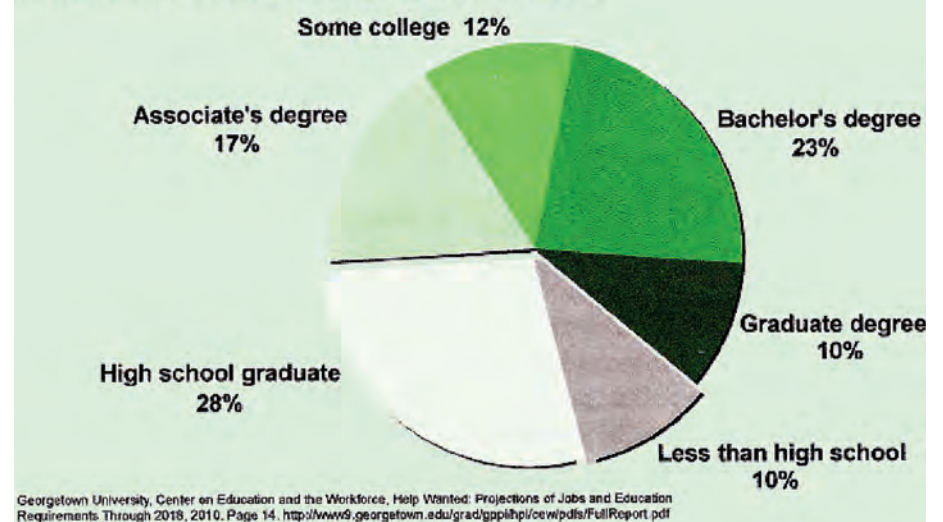
By Phyllis Hart, College-Going Culture Consultant

Shouldn't all students go to college? Not necessarily. But all students should be given the opportunity to make that choice at the end of their high school careers. Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) is committed to creating a K–12 college-going culture that opens the doors for all students to have a life of options, not one of limitations.

The statistics can be a wake-up call. As the chart below illustrates, more than half of all new jobs by the end of this decade will require a postsecondary certificate or degree.

The economic health of our community is also dependent on an educated population. The best jobs and fastest-growing firms, whether in biosciences, technology, manufacturing, trade or entertainment, will gravitate to communities, regions and states with a highly qualified workforce.

Education Requirements for Jobs, 2018



RBUSD leaders are committed to strengthening a college-going culture so that *all* students and families will know the academic preparation required as well as the financial aid and scholarships available to make great postsecondary choices.

Administrators, counselors and teachers are working together with staff and the larger community to make a college-going culture a reality in every classroom and every school. We are measuring the results and are confident that the data will demonstrate that our goal of reaching all students will be realized.



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The ‘Other Day’...



Theresa Van Dusen
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Child development funding started during War II. There was an enormous demand for women’s labor in the war industries; with men being gone, someone had to do the work. So the federal funding for child care was established to ensure the ability of mothers to work and children to have a safe place to go. At the end of the war, federal funding stopped, but California was one of the few states that continued funding programs.

On January 22, 1969, the Redondo Beach City School District opened our first center, the sixth in the South Bay. It was located at the South Bay Community Church of the Brethren on 190th Street. Children who attended the school-age program had to be transported to and from the facility.

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Redondo Beach Children’s Center Teachers Plan Program

When the program began, it was 100 percent subsidized by state funds, but we expanded over time to offer a fee-based program to include other families in need of care. By 2007, the program had expanded to four preschools and school-age programs at all eight elementary schools. In 2008, we opened our first Zone at Adams Middle School. Parras Zone followed the next year. Last year, we expanded by one school-age classroom at all eight elementary schools, bringing our enrollment to 1,163. This fall, we are expanding by one preschool room at Lincoln and adding four school-age classes at other sites, bringing our enrollment up to 1,355.

For more than 43 years, we have been serving our families, and we look forward to doing so for at least 43 more.

On opening day, there were eight students and a total enrollment of 40. Within one year, the enrollment grew to 120, with 30 on the waiting list. So in September 1970, we opened our second location at Lincoln. The third center we opened was Tulita to support the south side of town, and the summer program was held at Franklin.



Laura Emdee
Vice-President

With increased technology demands, we also need a strong foundation. Our network, data connections, servers, and other equipment need to be upgraded. We must invest in this less glamorous infrastructure that few notice. With a strong foundation, we can utilize technology better and more effectively, no matter what the future brings.

Investing in technology is not about devices; we are talking about a balanced approach to education. Imagine a classroom where a teacher knows instantly who is learning a concept and who is not. Imagine students having the option to review what was discussed in the classroom while they are doing their homework in the evening. Imagine students turning in their assignments electronically in a format the teacher can easily grade; no more lost papers in the backpack abyss. The possibilities are endless.

An interactive classroom is essential to teach the 21st-century student. There is an old Chinese proverb that says, “Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.” Perhaps all of us would have benefited from interactive chalk boards or real-time feedback.



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Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

2012
October 2
October 23
November 13
November 27
December 11*

* Due to holiday schedule,
only one Board meeting in December.


2013

January 8
January 22
February 12
February 26
March 12
March 26

April 9
April 23
May 14
May 28
June 11
June 25

*April 9 – Organizational Meeting

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The South Bay Adult School newly renovated campus is now open.

Walking School Bus



Jens Brandt
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Lauren Nakano
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The world's longest-lived people are either born into or choose to create social circles that support healthy behaviors. Ikarians in Greece enjoy tight-knit communities that socialize frequently, while Okinawans in Japan build “moai” groups of five friends that commit to each other for life.

What better way to support healthy behaviors and engage with old and new friends in our community than by walking to school? Have your family participate in the Walking School Bus program at your elementary school and take steps toward a healthier life.

Schools will be launching their Walking School Buses the first week in October and participating in the International Walk to School day October 3. Walking is fun, promotes healthier habits and a safe and cleaner environment. Encourage your family to get in the healthy habit of walking or riding bikes to school today!




Beryl students walking to school.

For more information contact your school's Walking School Bus Coordinator or visit www.bluezonesproject.com

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