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A parent is a child's first teacher. It is because of this critical role that the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) staff works to involve all parents and guardians in a child's education. Research shows that parent participation is a critical component to individual student success. In RBUSD, we work with families across the city to build enhanced relationships between the classroom and home through the assistance of our two parent/guardian groups.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a strong advocate for all of our students and serves as a district-wide cohesive voice. They are able to assist with the distribution and representation of the district's message and vision. Parents within this organization serve as central eyes and ears, providing key leadership at each of our sites. The issues around schooling can be sensitive at times, and this group collectively assists with balancing staff and community interests. These members even stood in unity when the staff protested the state's continued cuts to public education!

Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) provides the "icing on the cake" for our schools' instructional programs. The dollars raised by this hardworking group provide value-added activities and opportunities in our educational community. Year after year, donations and fund-raising have increased on behalf of all our students. Like PTA, this is a volunteer-based group, and, as a nonprofit organization, they tirelessly work to provide rich learning experiences for our city's youth.

To all who work and team with staff and students within our district, we appreciate you! We would like to especially recognize RB Council PTA President Patti DiLeva and RBEF President Hanh Archer. The continued synergy of RBEF and PTA creates enriched school learning communities and a stronger focus on what matters most—the success of each and every RBUSD child. If you have yet to join your PTA or RBEF, please do so. They DO great things for our students.

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Outstanding Partners

Here we are in 2018 already. Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) is lucky to be able to successfully partner with the Redondo Beach PTAs (RBPTA), both at the school and council levels, and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

One of my favorite times to partner with both RBEF and RBPTA is our Backpack Program. At the beginning of the school year, selected students are invited to participate. These students are able to go "shopping" for needed school supplies. This is our fourth year, and each year we are able to reach more of our students. The look on the students' faces as they choose their backpacks and supplies lets us know how important this project is. A BIG thank you to both RBEF and RBPTA for helping us reach more students. At this year's event, Redondo Beach Rotary offered eye exams and glasses to those students who needed them.

RBEF and RBPTA also participate in Project Unified. With this program, we assist over 60 families through the generous contributions of our families and staff. Our intent is to bring some joy to our selected families during the holiday season.

RBEF receives a grant from the Friendship Foundation for supporting the Skechers Walk in October. PTA helps with getting the participants, and our numbers continue to increase. Each school receives money based on the number of participants they have. This shows what great working partnership can do.

Please join and support the PTA and contribute to RBEF so they can make sure these programs continue. I want to say "thank you" to all of you for helping to make this the most amazing school district around.

2018 Board of Education Meeting Dates

February 13	May 8
February 27	May 22
March 13	June 12
March 27	June 26
April 24*	
(Organizational Meeting)	

*Due to local holiday schedule, only one April Board meeting

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This is our 12th year publishing the excellence from RBUSD and the

good news just keeps on going. With the new year well underway the students are focused on their year end academic goals. There is no doubt the community supporting the Education Foundation and being active participates in the PTA is part of the success. It is also a fact that children like having their parents take an active role in their school. (Another fact is at some point in a child's life they aren't thrilled to acknowledge their parents at school, but that doesn't mean they aren't happy to see their parents involved.)

This issue is a big thank you letter to involved parents and the community as a whole who care enough to give of their time, their money or both for the betterment of the students at RBUSD.

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Youth Services

Focusing on Purpose vs. Performance

At Beach Cities Health District (BCHD), we're proud to partner with Redondo Beach schools to help students succeed. To us, success is not limited to academic or extracurricular achievements. It means that all students are healthy, happy and able to thrive, in and out of school.

One way to unlock that potential: connecting students to their purpose.

BCHD partners with Redondo Union and Redondo Shores to offer the High School Purpose Series. For students, finding purpose is important as they discover their life goals and make career choices.

The Purpose Series gives students an opportunity to pause; reflect; and decide not only what they want to be, but also who they want to be.

Research tells us people with purpose live longer, have higher performance and are happier.

Want to hear that message from an expert on achieving a top performance? On Feb. 8, part of the Families Connected Speaker Series, former Dodgers player Eric Karros and his daughter, Mikah Maly-Karros, will talk about how to shift your family mindset away from one focused singularly on outcomes to more purposeful experiences. The event will be held at the Redondo Union High School Auditorium from 6:30-8 p.m.

More than 1,100 parents were reached through the Families Connected Speaker Series and partnering events last fall, presented in partnership with BCHD, South Bay Families Connected, Redondo Beach Unified School District, Hermosa Beach City School District and Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

To register for these free parent education events, go to RBUSDFamiliesConnected.org.

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Special education programs are authorized by federal and state laws.

These laws require that a free and appropriate public education shall be offered in the least restrictive environment to all students identified as disabled. Through the District's Student Study Team process and other procedures, a continuous effort is made to locate and identify individuals who might qualify for special education services.



The law also provides that parents may initiate a request to have their child assessed to determine eligibility for special education and/or related services.

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**Patricia
Harris DiLeva**
President

We may not be able to prepare the future for our children but we can at least prepare our children for the future.

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

This quote is even more relevant today. One important thing we can do is to prepare our children to be good global citizens. Here are six tips shared by www.multiculturalkidsblog.com

Diverse Friends — Meeting friends from diverse backgrounds through school and extra-curricular activities gives your

children the opportunity to interact with different kids doing everyday things whether it be through play, school, or just walking down the street. Seeing all types of people living life will help normalize diversity, rather than seeing it as an unknown threat.

Books — Books provide a gateway to new ideas and experiences. Purchase them or borrow books from the library that feature characters from multicultural backgrounds. Try reading books that discuss other cultures. Even though you may not practice the same traditions, it's interesting and educational to learn how others celebrate their heritages.

Maps and Globes — Hang a wall map or purchase a globe. These will help your children to physically see where other countries and continents are in relation to where they live. If your children ever ask, "Where is that?" perhaps upon hearing something on the news or while eating at an ethnic restaurant, you can suggest they look at their map or globe to discover the area's location.

Food — Food is an easy and delicious way to expose children to other cultures. Find ethnic restaurants to eat at.

Travel — Traveling is one of the best ways to get hands-on experiences of life in other cultures. Children will see everything from different architecture and languages to clothing and foods. The downside is that traveling may be cost prohibitive for some. If so, try traveling locally—for example, visit a museum with displays of different cultures or attend local ethnic festivals and events.

Talk to Kids About Global Citizenship — Sometimes just talking to kids about global citizenship can help them to understand its significance. They may think, "If mom and dad think it's important enough to discuss, then maybe it is."

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Hanh Archer
President

RBEF and PTA, a Partnership in Education

The African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" means that it takes an entire community of different people interacting with, or on behalf of, children in order for them to experience and grow in a safe environment. RBEF and PTA are part of y(our) village when it comes to education. Both volunteer-based organizations work tirelessly on behalf of students. RBEF raises

dollars critical to funding educational programs and teachers. PTA advocates on behalf of children and pay for material resources at each school. RBEF and PTA are vital partners in ensuring the quality of education at RBUSD. While, each PTA is accountable to its own school, RBEF provides a district-wide K-12 perspective and ensures that every student receive the same programs and opportunity for educational excellence. This means that every student at all eight elementary schools, both middle schools and at Redondo Union are supported by RBEF. For example, a fifth grader at Lincoln and a fifth grader at Tulita gets the same instructional time with our science lab teachers. RBEF's commitment to Our Kids and Our Community is to ensure that every child in the District has equal access to high quality educational opportunities. We do this



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through raising money. Our district's primary funding comes from the State of California, which has steadily decreased since 2008. These budget cuts are alarming and cement our position at the bottom of the national ranking in per-pupil spending. Each year, RBEF collaborates with RBUSD to determine the financial needs of the district and identifies the programs that RBEF will fund. Then we start fundraising! It's important that we support our PTA with membership and volunteerism. It's critical that we invest dollars with RBEF to ensure that our children, in our village, continue to have their best educational experience.

Invest at www.rbef.org.

RBUSD Alternative Education

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Anthony Bridi
Principal

New Wellness Center

By Lissa Watts, Counselor

Psychology Today defines mindfulness as “a state of active, open attention on the present.” When you are mindful, you carefully observe your thoughts and feelings, without judgment. Being mindful means living in the moment, not dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. There

are many studies that show how the mind and body are connected. When we slow down and live in the present, it can improve our mood as well as promote a happier and healthier disposition in general.

The winter months, although enjoyable, sometimes bring new stressors to address. Because of this, mindfulness at times takes a back seat to our lists of priorities. In the new year, Alternative Education is focused on assisting our students in leading healthy and balanced lives so they can succeed in their post-secondary endeavors. We are striving to offer student opportunities through a multitude of community partnerships. Our primary goal is to guide our students toward vocational and college opportunities while helping them to achieve personal purpose and balance in life.



Student, Matt Haas taking advantage of the new seating options in the Wellness Center.

One part of our plan to help students achieve this balance is our new Wellness Center, which will be located on the Redondo Shores High School campus. Through the Wellness Center, we will be able to centralize the services and supports that are already embedded: group and individual counseling; leadership and purpose group workshops;

stress and anxiety management; mental health awareness; and; ultimately; a safe space for students to relax and decompress.

Understanding the importance of whole-child education, Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) has been pivotal in grant funding for the Wellness Center. In addition, our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) representatives created the overall layout and design for the welcoming space. We are looking forward to continuing our current programs and activities within the new therapeutic environment. Come check out our new Wellness Center!

FAMILIES CONNECTED SPEAKER SERIES



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Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in our 'All-About-Me' World

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Tuesday, Jan. 30

Mira Costa High School Auditorium

Purpose vs. Performance: Shifting the Mindset from Outcomes to Experience

Presented by Former Dodger Eric Karros and Mikah Maly-Karros

Thursday, Feb. 8

Redondo Union High School Auditorium

Issues on the Minds of Teens: Teen Panel and Discussion

Presented by Mindset Coach Adam O'Neil and Leah Niehaus, LCSW

Tuesday, March 20

Hermosa Valley MPR

Overloaded and Underprepared: Helping Students Find Balance in the South Bay Pressure Cooker

Presented by Dr. Denise Pope of Challenge Success

Tuesday, April 17

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South Bay Adult School

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Dr. Anthony Taranto
Director

Partnerships

As members of the South Bay Adult Education Consortium (SBAEC), the South Bay Adult School (SBAS) and El Camino College (ECC) work closely to create pathways for our adult school learners to successfully transition to post-secondary learning.

In November, SBAS focused on our partnership with ECC to provide students with resources and information on various educational programs, as well as the short-term occupational courses that are available at ECC. During the ECC Resource and Information Fair, students met with faculty and staff members to learn about ECC programs, services, and ESL courses. They also learned about our Extended Opportunity program and services, which is designed for the success of students in meeting their educational goals and objectives.

Representatives from automotive technology, early childhood education, construction technology, and welding were also on hand to share about each program and answer specific student questions.

At the Career Showcase, students were bused to ECC for a hands-on opportunity to experience modules in the construction technology and automotive technology certificate programs. Students had the opportunity to learn about employment opportunities and training requirements for each of these fields.



ECC counselor and SBAS student.

ECC counselors and outreach staff also assisted students with one-on-one support to complete an ECC application during an application workshop at SBAS. At the Funding Your Education Workshop, the ECC financial aid department also presented information pertaining to the costs of post-secondary education and available financial resources.

In addition, through our partnership with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Torrance One-Stop, we were able to offer a free resume and interviewing skills workshop. Using the Blueprint for Success curriculum, students learned key interview and workplace soft skills, and produced a resume for use in their job search.

We will be continuing our collaboration with El Camino College and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to improve the educational, career, and workforce pathways between our organizations.

RBUSD Child Development

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Theresa Van Dusen
Director

Parent Partners

The mission of the Redondo Beach Unified School District Child Development Center (CDC) is to provide students with a safe, nurturing and enriching environment that promotes educational and social growth.

We recognize that the entire family is both our customer and partner and that we must work together to provide truly great experiences for our students. Parents and caregivers are the first and most important teachers. From a child's first day of enrollment, the CDC welcomes parents and considers them valuable assets to our program.

Our preschool orientation requires parents to visit the classroom before school begins to help transition their children into the program. Each site offers varying ways for parents and caregivers to share in their children's CDC experience.

For school-age kindergarten parents, each of the CDC sites provides an orientation when students begin school. At this orientation, we answer any questions parents may have, introduce staff, and review procedures. Every family is invited to schedule two individualized parent-teacher conferences each year to discuss their child; however, parents are always welcome to visit at any time.

Every center also has a Parent Advisory Group, where parents can share ideas and talk about different ways to support and improve our programs. Additionally, each site provides different parent participation activities, which offer a way for families to meet their children's friends and other parents and have a great time socializing together. Activities have included Teddy Bear Picnic, Harvest Carnival, Spring Carnival, Thanksgiving Feast, Mother's Day Tea, Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandparents, and Everyone (FUDGE) Day, and, most recently, a pumpkin-carving potluck.

Visit the CDC at your local elementary school to learn more about our programs!

Knowing Congenital Heart Disease Signs Can Save a Child's Life



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Congenital heart disease is a defect or malformation of the heart or its associated blood vessels that forms in a developing baby. Depending on the specific defect, symptoms can appear right away or later in life.

Common signs and symptoms include:

- Abnormal Heart Murmurs – commonly heard during an annual checkup
- Labored breathing – especially with activity and in a baby during feeding
- Growth Abnormalities – not gaining weight or growing appropriately, when feeding well
- Blue skin or lips – nail beds or lips can turn blue, especially during crying
- Extreme fatigue – tiring quickly or easily; racing of the heart during physical activity
- Swelling in the legs, abdomen or areas around the eyes is a late finding that can be seen in chronic heart failure

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District Science Leadership Team:

One year ago, the RBUSD entered into a partnership with UC Berkeley, Lawrence Hall of Science BaySci organization. BaySci facilitators have helped our District Science Leadership Team develop a District science vision, plan a pilot of new science curriculum, and organize a professional development plan for our staff.

Science in the RBUSD:

- Science is a **core subject**. You need science to reach instructional goals in ELA and math.
- Science is a **priority** in the RBUSD at all grades, K-12.
- Students **learn science** the way scientists practice science.
- Students use knowledge of science & engineering to solve problems, improve their lives and communities, and make the world a better place.

Piloting new science curriculum:

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Lisa Veal
Principal

We Appreciate You!

From the first day of school to the last, Adams Middle School is fortunate to have the unwavering support of two incredible organizations—the PTSA and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation. The RBUSD has earned a reputation for having high academic standards, high-caliber teachers, and a highly supportive parent community.

The PTSA devotes countless hours to ensuring Adams' students are provided enrichment

opportunities such as Greek and Renaissance days. They are also instrumental in keeping the arts alive in middle school through the Hands-on-art program.

The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation too plays an integral role in RBUSD. The foundation contributes to programs such as the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program and common core math coaching through Loyola Marymount University.

Their commitment to Adams ensures our students receive an enriched, unparalleled educational experience. We value and appreciate our partners.



Adams AVID students having a great time on a college field trip to UCLA.

Alta Vista Elementary (K–5)

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Susan Wildes
Principal

Beyond Blessed!

By Laura Urquhart, Assistant Principal

Schools today have become more dependent on support from parent and community groups. This support comes in the form of volunteerism, monetary support, and sharing resources. At Alta Vista Elementary School, we understand that a strong partnership between school, parents, and community promotes the health, well-being, and learning of all students. Our goal has been to actively involve parents and engage community resources so that we are able to respond more effectively to the diverse needs of all students. We are beyond blessed to be in partnership with an incredibly supportive PTA and the generous Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

The Alta Vista PTA is an integral part of our school. This organization has been instrumental in providing our students with a variety of educational resources, including Hands On Art, Scholastic News, and Handwriting Without Tears. They have also helped to fund and organize events such as the Family Carnival, Book Fair, Fifth-Grade Survivor Day, and Alta Vista's annual Movie Night. Our

running club now has digital tracking scanners, and our library has been afforded new books. The Alta Vista PTA works tremendously hard to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. Their goal is to help create a healthy and robust educational environment for all of our students.

RBEF's ability to support the district is based on donations received from our community. This year Alta Vista took home the trophy for raising the most money of all elementary schools during the investor drive. These donations help to fund such experiences as fifth-grade band, vocal music, science lab teachers, and college field trips. These opportunities only exist because of RBEF and its commitment to taking a stand and making our students' educational journey the best it can be.

The partnership that exists between Alta Vista, the PTA, and RBEF results in improving the quality of our students' overall education. When we take a stand together, we show our students that not only are they important to us, but their education is as well. Alta Vista students and staff members are beyond blessed to have such amazing partners. Thank you so much to the Alta Vista PTA and to the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation!

Beryl Heights *Elementary (K-5)*

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Karen Mohr
Principal

PTA and RBEF Rock!

With over 5,000 hours of volunteer time, Beryl Elementary School's strong PTA Board has strengthened their communication with our community and brought our

school closer together. Our monthly PTA newsletter highlights current events and recognizes hard work and dedication from our staff. Our students participated in the Reflections program and had several winners who made it to the state level, showing that communication and dedication to our PTA events have enhanced the education of all students. Our annual talent show is coming up in February, and our Math and Reading Nights will be coming up in January and February, where students and parents will listen to books read aloud and explore hands-on math activities.

The PTA had a very successful Race to the Finish, and our T-shirt contest was won by Carol Zhang, a fifth-grade student. We will be having our annual carnival on April 28,



Beryl loves RBEF!

and it will be a great opportunity to raise funds for the PTA by participating in our huge silent auction.

We are so fortunate to have the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation in our school district. Many Beryl families have donated to the foundation to help raise money for our schools. The foundation has been very supportive and has provided many opportunities for our schools to continue to excel in

all areas, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Credentialed science teachers, whose positions are funded by RBEF, provide weekly lab experiences for all third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders. RBEF also supports our instrumental program by funding an additional credentialed instrumental music teacher to provide high-quality music education for fifth-grade band students.

The Beryl community would like to thank RBEF and PTA for all of their hard work and determination to support our students!

Birney *Elementary (K-5)*

1600 Green Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8626 • <http://birney.rbusd.org>



Mira Baskaron
Principal

Thank You, Partners!

On any given day, a walk through the Birney Elementary School campus will showcase the wonderful educational programs that exist across campus. Not only will one be greeted by smiling students, but also fantastic teachers, volunteers, and the presence of our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

PTA is a critical part of our enrichment program at Birney. With PTA's support, students experience opportunities that support their learning, which would not be possible without their contributions. These programs include field trips, buses for field trips, buses for Science Camp, family nights, classroom enrichment grants for teachers, Walk Through the American Revolution, and so much more. PTA is continuously looking for ways to enrich students' lives, and their efforts make these possibilities a reality for our students. If you have not done so already, please become a PTA member in support of Birney students and find a way to get involved in the many opportunities on campus.

RBEF is yet another wonderful organization that is hard at work to provide Birney students with many enriching opportunities. RBEF's continued support has allowed first- through fifth-grade students to participate in a music program and has provided physical education teachers and a science teacher for students in third through fifth grades. Our music teacher open doorways to a world where teaching to the whole child is a critical part of every students' time at school. The support of the physical education teachers allows our teachers to engage in the continued professional development they need while their students are busy learning and being active. If you have not done so already, please contribute to this wonderful organization to ensure that RBEF can continue to provide these wonderful opportunities for Birney students.

In thinking about partnerships that work, there is no doubt that the partnerships with PTA and RBEF are second to none. We are so thankful for these partnerships and the many enriching opportunities that are provided to our students with their support. Thank you, PTA and RBEF!

Jefferson *Elementary (K-5)*

600 Harkness Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8631 • www.rbusd.org/jefferson



Jeff Winckler
Principal

Keys to Success

Having both the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) and PTA as strong partners provide our school with the opportunity to be truly successful. Besides helping to add

important educational experiences, these organizations also make it possible for Jefferson and the RBUSD to go above and beyond what many other schools do for their students.

The Jefferson PTA coordinates many special school events, such as Mother-Son Night, Father-Daughter Dance, the Holiday Boutique and Pancake Breakfast, and several fun assemblies and field trips for all grades. These programs offer exceptional opportunities that definitely enrich the lives of our students and enhance our school community. Our tireless PTA volunteers give countless hours of school service in the classrooms and across our campus, both of which contribute to Jefferson's success.



PTA School Swag Shows Jefferson Love



Team Jefferson at the Pier to Pier Walk

The RBEF plays a huge role in helping to support students throughout the eight elementary schools. The Foundation contributes to several student programs, such as instrumental band for grade five, vocal music programs for grades one through four, and lab science for grades three through five. In addition, our Jefferson school community consistently and strongly supports the Foundation through its annual donor drive, and by participating in RBEF events like the Pier to Pier Friendship Walk.

As a team, the PTA and RBEF make a substantial difference in the lives of Jefferson students each and every day. Their contributions are prime examples of successful partnerships that make our school and community an even better place to be. As a school, we are very appreciative to have the support of each of these organizations, and know they play a large role in our success.

Lincoln *Elementary (K-5)*

2223 Plant Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8646 • <http://lincoln.rbusd.org>



Jason Johnson
Principal

Yay, Pride!

When I say "Lincoln," you say "Pride!" Lincoln...pride!

Those words kick off every student assembly, but it is not simply "rah, rah." When I see the Lincoln community in action, I see pride. This is evident by the time, money and heart at work on behalf of our school. Numbers are not everything, but this year, they speak volumes.



Your RBEF dollars at work in the science lab



The PTA membership drive achieves 100% and the Principal's Campout Challenge

Our PTA membership drive resulted in 650 members and 100 percent representation, an all-time high! Our RBEF drive raised \$33,756 in support of science, music, art, PE and college preparation—\$3,000 more than last year! The PTA Jog-A-Thon reached its goal of \$30,000 in support of assemblies, field trips, classroom materials and family enrichment activities like Movie Night. Our RBEF sponsored Pier-to-Pier Walk accumulated 370 walkers, doubling the total of last year.

So after saying all that, I'd like to say thank you!

Madison Elementary (K-5)

2200 MacKay Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8623 • <http://madison.rbusd.org>



Drew Gamet
Principal

Education E-Tools Revamped

Hopefully, you have had a chance in the new year to go online to the Madison Elementary web page and noticed that we have a new look. This change was made to make it easier for everyone in our community to access information that you need about your children's education. We hope that you find it a much more intuitive and useful tool. The page is regularly being updated, so please check in often.

I would like to highlight the big three buttons right below the main photo shuffle on the page. The first button is what parents can use to electronically report a student's absence to the office. Next is a button to see the calendar of events at Madison. At the bottom of the page, you can find links to all of the Madison reading and mathematics intervention software and links to Chromebook support.

In addition, I have also set up a school Twitter account, @MadisonES_RBUSD, so that you can receive any pertinent information about the school as well as photos and announcements, all in one place. Finally, if you have



already downloaded the Madison communication app, great! If you have not, there is a link on the home page that will assist you with setting that up regardless of whether you have an iOS or an Android phone.

We hope that you appreciate the new tools that we are using, and if you have any suggestions for improvement, please let us know!

Parras Middle School (6-8)

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



Dr. Lars Nygren
Principal

We Love Our Benefactors!

Parras Middle School has tremendous support from our parent community through our PTSA organization. We are fortunate to have many parents who volunteer to ensure a wonderful experience for our students. Their support comes in many ways.

PTSA coordinates and runs our yearly registration. We have over 1,200 students who go through registration in just three days! Our parents support our students by volunteering to help coordinate special events like Renaissance Faire, Greek Days and the end-of-the-year eighth-grade promotion dance. Our PTSA also organizes performing-



Our WEB programs helps to transition students into middle school.

arts assemblies throughout the year and organizes and helps fund the annual eighth-grade trip to the Museum of Tolerance. To help our parent

community, the PTSA holds different informational nights on topics relevant to having children in middle school. Members also volunteer in the classrooms when needed and host teacher-appreciation days.

Parras has also benefited greatly from the Redondo Beach Education Foundation's (RBEF) work to raise money to help us. Their efforts have helped us provide an extensive after-school intermural program, offering sports like softball, soccer, flag football and basketball. In the past, RBEF also supported our science program by investing money in our science lab. With this assistance, we were able to purchase digital microscopes, models and lab equipment. Another great benefit provided by RBEF is the financial support they have given for middle school math coaches who work closely with teachers to help them teach the Common Core State Standards in math at the highest levels. Their funding of the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program has supported student's connectedness to our school. WEB connects eighth-graders with sixth-graders, helping the younger students make the transition from elementary school to middle school.

Because of the PTSA and RBEF's efforts, Parras Middle School continues to offer wonderful experiences and a quality education for our students. Thank you, PTSA and RBEF!

Redondo Union *High School*

One Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8665 • <http://www.redondounion.org>



Jens Brandt
Principal

PTSA Reflections Art Contest

Every year, nationwide, PTSA sponsors a wonderful art contest called Reflections. This year's theme was "Within Reach," and you can see in the images below the 1st place winners in Visual Arts and Photography at Redondo Union High School. This certainly puts the S in PTSA!



Alyona Martinez's "Girls are Youthful" won 1st Place in Visual Arts



**Katherine Cunningham's
"The universe is at your fingertips"
won 1st place in photography**

to the website through www.redondounion.org, or email at RedondoUnionPTSA@gmail.com. Thank you again, PTSA, for your amazing work!

We deeply appreciate all that PTSA does to support our school. A modest list includes recruiting over a hundred volunteers to help with registration every August, sponsoring trips like Sacramento Safari and Teen Scene, and organizing Hands-on-Art.

To learn more about the RUHS PTSA, feel free to go to

Tulita *Elementary (K-5)*

1520 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8628 • <http://tulita.rbusd.org>



Dr. Tanaz Bruna
Principal

Leadership and Partnership

I don't know too many principals who wake up knowing that in a few short hours they will be doused in ice cream, whipped cream, or chocolate sauce. And, of course, who can forget the cherry on top? This is exactly what happens when a great organization like the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF) partners with Tulita Elementary.

On November 17, Tulita students turned yours truly into a human ice cream sundae for having met the registered walker goal of 350 participants at the annual Pier to Pier Skechers Friendship Walk.

Each year, RBEF gives grants back to the schools based upon their number of registered walkers. Last year Tulita raised over \$7,000, and this year we are excited to go above that. We are also grateful for the year-round support we receive from RBEF. This organization generously donates the salary of our four elementary science specialists and two music teachers, ensuring that our students are exposed to both STEM-related activities and the visual and performing arts.



**RBEF being represented at the annual
Pier to Pier Skechers Friendship Walk.**

In addition to RBEF's support, we're also lucky to have the support of another important organization, our Parent-Teacher Association (the PTA). Tulita's PTA provides countless hours of volunteer support and numerous enrichment

programs each year. Annually, they host the Western Night Carnival, which is a huge community event with bull riding, chili cook offs, and an auction barn. In addition to spending time volunteering in classrooms and hosting fun campus events such as Western Night and Multicultural Night, the PTA also provides assemblies, Hands-on Art, field trips, and a campus beautification support.

These groups are only able to provide the support they do because of volunteers and contributions from the community. To those of you who have not yet gotten involved or made a contribution, please join our PTA and invest in the RBEF. This will help give our students the education and school experience they deserve.

Washington Elementary (K-5)

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



Andrea Bittick
Principal

A Connected Community

Washington Elementary School prides itself on being one big family. This sense of community is directly correlated to the continuous support of both the PTA and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF). Many of the programs and events at Washington would not be possible without our wonderful PTA and support from RBEF.

This year, Washington has over 100-percent membership in PTA, with 843 members. The PTA plans and hosts parent education nights, free family movie nights, the jog-a-thon, Battle of the Books, Family Fun Nights, the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances, Green Team, and many other programs and events throughout the school year.

We are also very grateful for the support of RBEF at



Ms. Bittick as an ice cream sundae to celebrate Washington's success.



Washington students at the Sketchers Friendship Walk

Washington. This year we had 263 walkers at the RBEF-sponsored fund-raising walk. This is nearly triple the participation we have had in past years. We celebrated this accomplishment in a very sweet way—students and staff covered me with ice-cream toppings at a morning assembly.

I am so proud to be part of this supportive community of students, staff and families. Go, Explorers!

Milestones and Firsts—Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put RBUSD in the subject line.

Entries must be received by Feb 20, 2018

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!

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| ENGAGEMENT | FIRST TOOTH |
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| HOUSE | |

Congratulations to: *Sophia Aprahamian*
Winner of our December Word Search Contest!



The Year in Review: 1918

By D.H. Coop

During the Great War, day-to day life continued in America. In baseball, the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 2 to 1 in a 21-inning game. The Cubs then went on to win the pennant faster than any team in baseball—only to later lose the World Series to the Boston Red Sox. In that same season, the Georgia Peach, Ty Cobb, pitched two innings against the Browns, and Babe Ruth scored homeruns in three consecutive games, tying the major-league record. Walter Johnson pitched 18 innings in one game, and the White Sox hired Kid Gleason as their new manager.

The fourth Rose Bowl featured the U.S. Marines defeating Army 19 to 7 (though Army fared much better in 2017!). Many of the players were later shipped overseas to fight the Germans. The boxing ring saw Jack Dempsey “KO” Carl Morris in 14 seconds. And, not to be outdone by the men, Margaret Owen set a world record by typing 170 words in just one minute.

Robert Ripley began his series “Believe it or Not,” and the Great Houdini made an elephant disappear. Charlie Chaplin, then 29, married film star Mildred Harris, who was just 16. In that same year, John J. Hoover changed his name to J. Edgar Hoover. It was also the year that the Great War ended and a pandemic flu spread around the world.

Advertisements in local newspapers featured an array of car companies: Stanley, Comet, Tulsa, Revere, Douglas, Ford, Hanson, Yale and Dodge Brothers, to name a few. This burgeoning American industry sent 110,911 vehicles to Europe for the war effort. The wristwatch began to replace the pocket watch, and men wore garters to hold up their socks. And Royal Vinolia vanishing cream disappeared off of market shelves thanks to its advertisement featuring a female factory worker and the slogan “Beauty on Duty Has a Duty to Beauty.”

Though 100 years have passed since these historic events shaped our country, our lives have not changed that much. Though we enjoy the benefits of many more comforts and much more technology, we still love our sports and our cars, we still enjoy a good advertising campaign, and we are still grateful to those who protect and defend our country so sacrificially by serving in the military. This year, let’s celebrate our country’s rich heritage and its promise for the future.

D.H.Coop is a retired fire/paramedic and retired teacher having taught IB and AP World History 30 years. He continues to substitute, tutor and consult. www.HistoryDepot.com

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Unforgettable Books



Sofia Atoofi

A Life-Changing Story

Wonder by R. J. Palacio is a life-changing story about Auggie, a boy with a facial difference. He’s had so many surgeries that he never had time to go to school. He enters fifth grade at Beecher Prep as a new



kid. He goes through all types of bullying including Julian, one of the mean boys at school. Though Auggie is just an ordinary kid with an extraordinary face, but can he prove this to people at school?

I think this book teaches you a great life lesson: to accept and treat right all different kinds of people, whether they are different or not. I rate it five out of five stars because it keeps your eyes glued to the page and it was an enjoyable read. So do yourself a favor and read this book. You will be amazed by the results.

Sofia is a fifth grader who loves writing. When she isn’t submerged into a book, she enjoys doing gymnastics, acting, and singing. Her favorite kind of books are informational books, as she loves learning about new topics. She wants to become a writer or designer when she grows up, and hopes to someday publish a book, called *Painting a Path*, which she wrote for a school competition.

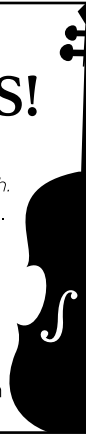
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Lucy's Book Review



Lucy Davis

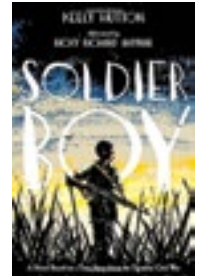
Soldier Boy

Author: Keely Hutton

"Can we go and watch the road?"

One simple request will change Ricky Anywar's entire world. What was an innocent wish soon turns into a journey as he and his brother and friends are forced to join the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel force fighting in the Ugandan civil war. They fight to stay alive on the battlefield, witnessing death, destruction, and enduring hundreds of kilometers of land on foot. Many are lost and all abductees carry the burden of being a child soldier.

In this true story, Keely Hutton works closely with Ricky himself to shed light on what it is like to be a child soldier, telling his story that are like hundreds of others. Although the subject matter is dark and at times highly disturbing, the final message of hope and forgiveness is truly one to admire. Five out of five bookworms well earned!



Lucy is a 6th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

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Sophie's Choice



Sophie O.

A Mysterious and Exciting Read

The Secret Garden written by Frances Hodgson Burnett is a book about a girl named Mary Lennox. Mary lives in India and her parents who don't pay any attention to her.

One day Mary woke up and finds herself all alone. Mary learns that the entire household has died from cholera, leaving Mary as the only survivor.

Mary is sent to go live with her uncle, Archibald Craven in Yorkshire at Misselthwaite Manor, a huge mansion with hundreds of rooms and lots of lands and gardens. It is a mysterious house with many locked rooms and strange noises.

Mary discovers a locked garden with no key. Why is the garden locked and who does she hear crying each night inside the manor? A bird helps Mary discover the key to the garden and with the help of her friend Dickon, they begin to restore the secret garden. Mary is determined to find the mystery behind the locked garden and who is crying

I give the *Secret Garden* 4 stars, because I didn't want the book to end, but 5 stars because it was such a great book!



Sophie is a 4th grader who is a lover of all books, loves to bake, act, draw, sew and play soccer.

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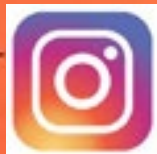
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School	Event	Event	Event
Alta Vista 815 Knob Hill (310) 798-8650	School Tours Friday, February 2 nd 8:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14 th 8:30 a.m.	Kindergarten Round-Up & Tour Wednesday, February 21 st 2:00 p.m.	School Tours Thursday, March 22 nd 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 6 th 8:30 a.m.
Beryl Heights 920 Beryl Street (310) 798-8611	School Tours Schedule school tours by contacting principal via email in February: kmohr@rbusd.org	Beryl Carnival Saturday, April 28 th 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Event Wednesday, June 6 th 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Birney 1600 Green Lane (310) 798-8626	Kindergarten Information Session (Parents Only) Wednesday, February 7 th 2:00 p.m.	School Tours Tuesday, February 20 th 9:00 a.m. & 1:45 p.m. Thursday, February 22 nd 9:00 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.	Kindergarten Social Tuesday, June 5 th 3:00 p.m.
Jefferson 600 Harkness Lane (310) 798-8631	Kindergarten & CDC Information Session (Parents Only) Wednesday, February 21 st 5:30p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	School & Classroom Tours Friday, February 2 nd 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 8 th 9:00 a.m.	School & Classroom Tours Tuesday, February 13 th 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27 th 9:00 a.m.
Lincoln 2223 Plant Avenue (310) 798-8646	School & Classroom Tours (Parents Only) Thursday, February 8 th 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.	School & Classroom Tours (Parents Only) Thursday, February 15 th 8:30 a.m.	Kindergarten Information Session Wednesday, February 28 th 12:30 p.m.
Madison 2200 MacKay Lane (310) 798-8623	School and Classroom Tours Wednesday, February 14 th 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 th 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten/TK Information Event Wednesday, February 21 st 2:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	School and Classroom Tours Monday, April 23 rd 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 nd 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Tulita 1520 Prospect Avenue (310) 798-8628	Kindergarten/TK Round-Up & Information Meeting (Parents Only) Wednesday, February 21 st 2:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	Campus Tours Monday, February 26 th 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	Campus Tour Thursday, March 8 th 10:00 a.m.
Washington 1100 Lilienthal Lane (310) 798-8641	Parent Info Night Wednesday, February 7 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Small Group Kinder Tours (RSVP Required – call school): Monday, January 29 th Tuesday, February 6 th Thursday, February 22 nd	Kindergarten Round-Up Wednesday, May 16 th 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 rd 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Washington Dual Immersion Program 1100 Lilienthal Lane (310) 798-8641	Dual Immersion Group Tours (RSVP Required – call school) Friday, February 2 nd Friday, February 9 th Friday, February 23 rd		