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## Greek Day 2019



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(please see Parras Middle School page 12)

### Board of Education 2020 Meeting Dates

Feb 11	May 12
Feb 25	May 26
March 10	June 9
March 24	June 23
April 28*	

\*(4/28 Organizational Meeting)

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## Superintendent



**Dr. Steven Keller**

### Parent Participation is Critical

A parent is a child's first teacher. It is because of this critical role, that the Redondo Beach Unified 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 within 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 several years ago when RBUSD staff protested the state's continued cuts to public education!

Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF) provides the 'icing on the cake' for our schools' instructional programs. The dollars raised by this hardworking group provides value-added activities and opportunities in our educational community. Year after year, donations and fundraising 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 Sondi Kroeger Foley 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 your RBEF please do so. They DO great things for (y)our kids.

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## Board of Education



**Raymur Flinn**  
*Presiding Officer*

### Working Together for Every Child

Redondo Beach is a wonderful place for your child to spend their school years. The parents, staff, and organizations on campuses work together to provide our children with boundless opportunities for learning in a safe and loving environment. Two vital organizations responsible for rounding out your child's experience are the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

RBUSD relies on its partnership with PTA and RBEF to support the development of the "whole child."

RBEF and PTA work together to fund the spending gap between what the state gives RBUSD and what is actually needed to fully educate each child in the district. RBEF and PTA provides different needs to our school district. This is why both need your support.

PTA is the largest children's advocacy organization in the United States and its mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families in their child's education. PTA membership fuels lobbying activities both at the state and national level. In addition, PTAs fundraise for school specific programs such as field trips, family nights and classroom enrichment. I encourage you to join your school's PTA and volunteer at events and participate in fundraisers at your child's school.

RBEF is the only organization that can raise money for staff and district-sponsored programs including the arts, science, intermural sports and college readiness programs. They support every student in every school. Contributing to RBEF is critical to supplement the decrease in state and federal funding in recent years. Please consider investing annually in RBEF.

In a nutshell, PTA cannot fund teacher salaries. RBEF can and does. PTA fundraises for school site specific programs. RBEF funds programs at every school site. Both organizations are critical funding sources for our schools. I am proud that both organizations work collaboratively to support the District in providing the best learning environment for our families.

Engaged families are truly what makes the difference at RBUSD, and I thank you for your continued support.







**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



We are celebrating 20 years publishing *School News* and that includes

14 years publishing the RBUSD *School News*.

During the 20 years curriculum has changed in ways never imagined with the biggest change being technology. Gone are the blackboards, white chalk and erasers. Mentioning the 3 R's would bring a puzzled look and might be mistaken for Reduce, Recycle, Reuse. Discussing STEAM with anyone older than 60 would conjure up images of a train or an iron, but the younger generation would instantly visualize test tubes and robotics. We have changed the format of most of our publications to glossy cover booklet, but our mission never changes: Education+Communication=A Better Nation. The one constant has been the focus on academics. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

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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.

This request should be in writing and submitted to:

**The Office of Special Education**

**1401 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278**




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**Kindergarten Enrollment**  
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**Ali Steward, MPH**  
*Director  
Youth Services*

## Health Happens Here in Redondo Beach

With a new year and a new decade at hand, perhaps you've revived your goals to eat well, be mindful and exercise more. Maybe you have loftier goals to help you LiveWell. While it's always helpful to recommit to your well-being, here in Redondo Beach, health is happening year-round. Here are a few examples:

The Beach Cities Partnership for Youth Coalition was awarded a national grant to address substance use and mental health in Beach Cities youth, joining more than 150 community coalitions across the United States. Early successes include the passage of a comprehensive tobacco-free policy in Redondo Beach, and the contribution of more than 500 service hours from 80+ members of Beach Cities Health District's Youth Advisory Council.

The Families Connected Speaker Series spring lineup includes something for everyone. We hope to see you at one of these upcoming events, or at our weekly Families Connected Parent Chat. Find details and register at [southbayfamiliesconnected.org/events](http://southbayfamiliesconnected.org/events).

- Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Mira Costa High School: Dr. Darin Earley, "How to Create a Community that Embraces Everyone," featuring student panelists from Mira Costa and Redondo Union High School
- Thursday, March 12 at Redondo Union High School: Sarah Grippa from Marijuana Education Institute, "Vaping in 2020: What Parents Need to Know"
- Thursday, April 30 at Hermosa Valley School: Alex Gray in Conversation with Kevin Sousa, "The Journey: What Surf Therapy Taught Me About Overcoming Adversity"

Questions? See your Families Connected Parent Advisory Group representative at an upcoming meet and greet at your school site.

This year nearly 5,000 elementary school students have sampled Brussels sprouts and dried fruits, learned how to include more fruits and vegetables in their daily routines and read a nutrition facts label as part of the LiveWell Kids nutrition program. In school gardens, students are harvesting salsa ingredients and learning how to compost. New this year, students from the Patricia Dreizler Continuation High School are working alongside BCHD's Garden Angels to maintain the school gardens between lessons.

## Redondo Beach Council PTA

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### A Great School District!

*By Sondra Kroeger, President*

As president of the Redondo Beach Council PTA, I have the privilege of meeting every month with council presidents from all over Southern California. I always walk away from these meetings with the exact same feeling, that I am so grateful to live in Redondo Beach and that my children are a part of the RBUSD.

One of the things that makes our school district so unique are our community partnerships. The Education Foundation and Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) are two examples of organizations that partner with the PTA to make our district stronger.

Because our Education Foundation focuses on district-wide fundraising, and provides many different grade-level programs, our PTA is able to focus on its primary mission of advocating for the education, health, safety, and well-being of all children.

The BCHD provides resources to our PTAs to help promote the health and wellness of the whole child. These community partners, as well as our school board members, staff, teachers, and administrators, and our 10,000+ PTA members, all work hand-in-hand to enhance the lives of our students every day.

## Redondo Beach Educational Foundation

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**Hanh Archer**  
*President*

### Supporting Whole Child Development

RBEF presented a \$1,125,000 check to the District for the 2019-2020 school year. RBEF is committed to raise money to supplement state funds for programs in all RBUSD schools. We support whole child development by funding STEM, band and vocal music, PE, college-readiness programs, teacher grants, and more.

The RBEF Summer courses are now live, offering enrichment or credit courses at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

RBEF had over 4,100 walkers at the Skechers walk and we were the #1 district in the South Bay. We're looking forward to the check presentation event.

RBEF is a "Charity of Choice" for the BeachLife Festival. We'll have a fun activation table at the event to educate the public about RBEF.



**RBUSD vocal music supported by RBEF.**

## RBUSD Alternative Education

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### Breakers

Through the PTSA and the efforts of our RBEF, our school continues to exceed expectations in providing learning experiences that support student academic growth and highlighting our positive school culture.

**Anthony Bridi**  
*Principal*

With the completion of last school year's WASC Self-Study and our name change to Patricia Dreizler Continuation High School, our learning community will now reinvent our mission vision and learning outcomes for today's 21st century student. Our past motto, "Your success begins today," has morphed into "Break ground, break cycles, break the mold." In keeping with "Shores," our wave theme of the past, our community is now known as the Breakers. With PTSA's support, a new logo and posters are in the works to highlight our school spirit and defined learning objectives.

RBEF has also been pivotal in providing teacher grants that equate to student experience. This year alone, three staff members received separate grants to fund new student opportunities. These include partnering with the University of Southern California's School of International Relations, a Downtown Los Angeles art walk and mural study, and connecting with the Two Bit Circus Foundation.

## RBUSD Child Development

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### Building A Partnership

*By Sonoya Wynne*

You are your child's first teacher. You started instilling important values and modeling a variety of traits and skills from the moment your child was born.

Teachers are experts in education and child development, and have a crucial role in teaching and reinforcing these life skills. Your child's healthy development depends

upon the strengths of your partnership with our teachers and school administrators, and our connectedness with the PTA and RBEF.

The RBUSD Child Development Centers support the development of the whole child, and the partnership with the PTA and RBEF that we have created at each. Through PTA, we are fortunate to have preschoolers engage in art lessons where they can learn about the different artists and then create some masterpieces of their own.

The children can hardly contain their excitement when engaging in these art lessons! With our valued partnerships, our students will continue to develop and grow within the whole-child education approach.

**Theresa Van Dusen**  
*Director*

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**Dr. Annette Alpern**  
*Deputy  
Superintendent,  
Educational  
Services*

### Welcome to the Class of 2033

February is the month where families begin the process of preparing to enroll their 'almost five-year-old' child/ren into school for this coming August. All eight of our RBUSD elementary schools are spectacular and we want to encourage our families to be aware of, and attend, the various kindergarten information events we have scheduled. As a Redondo Beach resident, your child is guaranteed a space in kindergarten at your home/neighborhood school. At Washington Elementary School, we also have a District Spanish/English Dual Language Immersion program that is available to any resident through a lottery process. The first date to register a child for kindergarten is Monday, March 2nd. Enrollment takes place in the office at your home school. More information can be found at [www.rbusd.org](http://www.rbusd.org) (Parents & Students tab).



**Performance by RBUSD Kindergarten students.**

## South Bay Adult School

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**Drew Gamet**  
*Director*

### Family Value Passed Forward

Dominica (Dina) Matheson is the lead instructional teacher and has been with the South Bay Adult School since 2016. Supporting new members of our community is not just

work—it is a part of an ongoing personal journey for her.

Ms. Matheson's parents hail from Calabria in the south of Italy, and when they came to the United States in the late 1960s, they did not speak any English. With limited experience in education, they worked in entry-level positions earning minimum wage. All their support came exclusively from other family members or the church. However, thanks to the work that Ms. Matheson is doing, newcomers to the United States can learn financial literacy, get trained in a career, and learn a whole host of skills for navigating a new culture as well as acquire the language skills that they need to fully participate in their—really, our—community.





## Raising a Heart Healthy Family



**David Chun, M.D.,**  
*Pediatric Cardiologist*  
MemorialCare  
Miller Children's &  
Women's Hospital  
Long Beach

Making time to raise a heart healthy family can seem overwhelming, but a few simple lifestyle changes can help keep the entire family's hearts in the best shape. With childhood obesity rates higher than ever, it's important to encourage your children to live a heart healthy lifestyle to improve their overall health and decrease their risk for heart disease, high blood pressure and obesity later in life.

Tips to keep a healthy heart top of mind for your family:

- Encourage children to join in on planning and preparing meals to create fun, creative, heart healthy snack/meal ideas.
- Choose lean proteins such as skinless chicken, turkey or fish, and try incorporating plant sources of protein, such as beans, lentils, soy beans or tofu.

- Limit sugary sodas, juices and sports drinks.
- Keep a family calendar to plan out the week's family activities and plan for active weekends at the local park or beach and play active games.
- Encourage healthy eating and exercise habits for non-aesthetic reasons, such as overall physical, mental and emotional well-being.

When your infant, child or teenager is diagnosed with a heart condition, he or she will require specialized, cardiac care to meet his or her individual needs. The Children's Heart Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach is one of the few programs in the region that provides comprehensive cardiac care for children throughout adulthood.

For more information about the growing Children's Heart Institute, visit [millerchildrens.org/GrowingHearts](http://millerchildrens.org/GrowingHearts) or call 800-MEMORIAL.

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## Adams *Middle School (6–8)*

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**Lisa Veal**  
*Principal*

### Winning Partnerships

Adams Middle School has earned a reputation for its academic excellence, but more importantly, it is known as a school where students learn and grow together, where the staff and community work in partnership to ensure that our students find academic, social and emotional success. This would not be possible without the support of the Parent Teacher Student Association

(PTSA) and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF). Together, they have increased the programs and experiences made available to our students.

BEF supports our instructional program by providing funding for on-site science and math instructional coaches. They also fund the PSAT exams for all eighth-grade students, in addition to an annual field trip to the Museum of Tolerance as a culminating experience to their curricular unit of study. Further, they allocate resources to our robotics teams, fund band-instrument repairs as

the program grows, and award thousands of dollars in innovative teacher grants. As you can see, our programs and services are greatly enhanced, thanks to the generosity of the RBEF!

Similarly, as our PTSA membership reaches record-breaking heights, so does their support. In RBUSD, we are fortunate to have access to the arts, as we recognize the importance it plays in educating the whole child. Although it is not an easy feat, the PTSA funds and schedules quarterly Hands on Arts workshops that allow our students to tap into their creative side through art instruction. They also provide teacher grants, support community events such as our annual Fall Fitness Festival and Career Day, and fully fund Greek, Renaissance and Civil War days to ensure that every grade level enjoys a historically themed day of learning and fun.

Simply stated, the RBEF and the PTSA make a significant difference in the lives of our students on a daily basis, and we thank them for their unwavering support. Thank you, PTSA and RBEF!

## Alta Vista *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Dr. Dale Hillyer**  
*Principal*

### Supporting the Whole Child

Some may be wondering why we want to support RBEF. What does RBEF do for my child?

RBEF is supporting the whole child here in RBUSD. At the elementary level, RBEF is providing music teachers for fifth-grade band and choir as well as music teachers for grades one through four. RBEF is also providing certified PE teachers for one hour

of physical education weekly.

The Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk partners with RBEF to provide fund-raising to Alta Vista Elementary. Last year we raised over \$33,000 for the school with your contributions. Over the years, we have used this money to provide great opportunities and experiences for your students. We have added flexible seating,

Gaga Ball and materials to enhance instruction. This year, we are investing in making a 21st century library here at Alta Vista. Also this year, we are funding our new Alta Vista theater production of *101 Dalmatians*.

This is just a small peek into what RBEF does and the impact it has here at Alta Vista. Of course, all schools in RBUSD are supported by RBEF. I am honored to be a part of this community that cares and invests into the whole child. Your donation to RBEF goes a long way into making RBUSD an amazing place to be.



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## Beryl Heights *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Karen Mohr**  
*Principal*

### PTA and RBEF

Our Beryl Heights Elementary School PTA volunteers time and energy to give our students many opportunities to grow and succeed. Beryl's PTA Board has strengthened their communication with our community and brought our school closer together. Our monthly PTA newsletter highlights current events and recognizes the hard work and dedication of our staff.

Our Family Art Night in January was a great success, and our annual talent show is coming up in February, where students put on a terrific show for family and friends. PTA had a very successful Race with the Bulldogs, and our T-shirt contest winner, fourth-grader Isabella Umphlet showed off her skills with her terrific design. Our

annual carnival on May 16 will be a great opportunity to raise funds for the PTA by participating in our huge silent auction.

In addition to PTA, we are so fortunate to have the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) in our school district. Many Beryl families have donated to the foundation to help raise money for our schools. The foundation provides many opportunities for our schools to continue to excel in all areas. They support our instrumental program by providing an additional credentialed instrumental music teacher to provide high-quality, music education for fifth-grade band students, and this year we have added a vocal music program for students who elect to not participate in band.

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

## Birney *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Mira Baskaron**  
*Principal*

### Partnerships

Working to support our students requires the help of many individuals and organizations. We value the partnerships that we have with the

PTA and the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF), and their continued support of our students. The support of these two groups allows our school to provide an environment rich with learning opportunities, one where students can reach their highest potential.

RBEF and PTA provide the kind of support that reaches each school and student in the Redondo Beach Unified School District. Through RBEF, students in grades one to five receive vocal music instruction. Fifth-grade students receive twice-weekly band instruction. Elementary students receive the support of school guidance counseling and college and career readiness. RBEF has the ability to provide our students with the people and programs that will enrich their education.



**Our wonderful PTA volunteers dropping off items donated by the generous Birney Community for Project Unified to assist families in need.**

Through PTA, our students receive enrichment experiences in addition to the thousands of hours of parent volunteers who work to impact the lives of our students. The Birney PTA provides funding for supplemental field trips, assemblies, Hands-on Art, Stem Night, and community events such as the annual carnival, parent education and family nights, direct classroom and teacher support, our Thanksgiving dinner for Birney families in need, and so much more.

RBEF and PTA commit thousands of volunteer hours directly into our classrooms and schools. These volunteers work with programs such as our Running Clubs, Battle of the Books, First Lego League, Walking School Bus, holiday philanthropy, and so much

more. The Birney community is so fortunate to have these two organizations working hard on their behalf. They can be assured that they are receiving so many wonderful enriching opportunities. Thank you, PTA and RBEF!



## Jefferson *Elementary* (K-5)

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**Jeff Winckler**  
Principal

### We Are Better Together

Together PTA and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) make big contributions to the Jefferson Elementary School community as well as the Redondo Beach Unified School District community as a whole. The results of their combined support allow us to better impact the lives of our students on a daily basis.

Throughout the year, both PTA and RBEF play significant roles in providing

valuable educational experiences for Jefferson students. The additional people, including physical education and music teachers, and things, including Hands On Art and field trips, allow Jefferson students to have opportunities above and beyond what many other schools provide in their programs.

We are grateful to have the support and partnership of both of these organizations here at Jefferson and across the district. We also appreciate the many parent volunteers who give their time, energy and resources to both the PTA and RBEF. Thank you, PTA and RBEF! We are better together!



**PTA & RBEF team up to help make Jefferson GREAT!**

## Lincoln *Elementary* (K-5)

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**Dr. Jason Johnson**  
Principal

### PTA Makes that Happen

My favorite event is the Lincoln Talent Show. There is such tremendous talent among our students that I often joke with proud parents about how I would gladly pay for a ticket to the entertainment. I feel much the same about International Night, another display of cultural talent as well as cuisine.

However, they are both free events. That's because the Lincoln Parent Teacher Association (PTA) makes them so. In fact, much of what the PTA provides is free for our students. The recent "Do Good Crew" assembly, the Reflections program, hands-on-cooking, hands-on-art, field trips, and so much more are a product of PTA fundraising.

It is the PTA's mission to make the Jog-a-thon fundraiser an opportunity to support all of these programs so that they are free or low cost. Thank you to our community, and our Lincoln PTA, for making these programs available and accessible to everyone.



**Lincoln International Night is a fun, free event provided by PTA.**



## Madison Elementary (K-5)

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



**Dr. Heather Cash**  
Principal

### Three R's + Kindness

The research on the effects of practicing kindness on academic achievement are in! Students who learn to be kind and empathetic are happier, feel more connected to school, and demonstrate higher achievement!

Kindness helps alleviate anxiety, depression and bullying.

As it turns out, kindness can be taught! Listen to "Kindness Can Be Taught," co-produced by NPR and Sesame Workshop, for ways you can teach kindness at home. In partnership with the Madison PTA, our students have practiced kindness with the Start with Hello! challenge and the Do Good, Be Kind campaign. Madison Comets participate in the Great Kindness Challenge and have partnered with a local

service organization to earn another Buddy Bench so no one feels alone. On a daily basis, teachers, staff and parents alike will hear students share positive affirmations: "I am smart. I am brave. I am grateful. I am kind. I am loved."

It's a great day to be a Madison Comet, where kindness rules!



PTA sponsored "Do Good, Be Kind" assembly!

## Parras Middle School (6-8)

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



**Jonathan Erickson**  
Principal

### Amazing Partners

At Parras Middle School, we are very lucky to have such amazing support from our community. Two special partners are the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

Our Parras PTSA, led by President Amie Jacoby, sponsors an assortment

of amazing events and learning opportunities for our students, including Hands On Art classes, Renaissance Day, Greek Day, the eighth-grade dance, the eighth-grade amusement park trip, registration, guest speakers, Wave Runners, and more. Our school simply would not be the same without them!

RBEF is also a very important partner, providing financial support to our music program, our math and science coaching model, our annual eighth-grade trip to the Museum of Tolerance, individual teacher grants, and more. This year, Ms. Crawford won a grant to build a butterfly way station outside of her classroom!

Thank you, PTSA and RBEF, for all you do for Parras every year!



Greek Day 2019. Thank you PTSA for supporting this wonderful yearly event!



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# Redondo Union *High School*

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**Jens Brandt**  
*Principal*

## Thank You, PTSA and RBEF!

The Redondo Union High School (RUHS) Sea Hawk family would like to thank the RUHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF), for providing outstanding, school-wide educational opportunities that would not otherwise exist.

Under the leadership of Kristin Flannery, the group's president, our PTSA is at a record high of 2,662 members strong! We are fortunate to have a large number of parents who volunteer their time and effort to ensure that our students have a wonderful experience while attending RUHS. Their support for our school comes in many different ways. The PTSA provides enrichment funds for educational field trips, Sacramento Safari trip, senior scholarships, department grants, teacher appreciation days, staff breakfasts, athletic mentorship,

Academic Letter Night, Student Recognition Night, and much more!

RUHS has also benefited greatly from the work of the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF), led by Executive Director Tara Hitzig. As a result of RBEF's fund-raising efforts, RUHS teachers received over \$10,000 in teacher grants last year! The grants enhanced learning experiences for students in a variety of classes and programs, including our Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), robotics, band, physics, Special Education, and English classrooms. This school year, RBEF has also donated money to help improve our library and will provide two \$1,000 scholarships for RUHS students—one for a senior male and one for a senior female.

PTSA's and RBEF's efforts have helped RUHS to continue to offer a quality educational program for our students. The RUHS community would like to say "thank you" to RBEF and PTSA for all they do for our students. We couldn't do it without your help!

## Tulita *Elementary (K-5)*

1520 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8628 • [tulita.rbusd.org](http://tulita.rbusd.org)



**Dr. Tanaz Bruna**  
*Principal*

## Teaming Up

With a new year upon us, Tulita Elementary School would like to recognize two very important groups that help to make our school the wonderful learning community that it is. We would not be able to provide our students with the Blue Ribbon educational experience they receive without support from our Parent

Teacher Association (PTA) and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF).

Our PTA provides students and teachers with learning material, assemblies, field trips, newsletters, Hands-On Art, countless volunteer hours, and many other meaningful programs and events. Recently, PTA helped bring Culinary Kids Academy to our fifth-grade students. This allowed our students to experience a full live culinary lesson.



**3rd graders show off their musical knowledge at a holiday vocal music concert.**

Students enjoyed making johnnycakes and learning about this important staple food item in colonial times. Its programs like this, along with field trips and assemblies, that bring learning to life for our students.

We are also thankful for RBEF,

which supports district-wide programs, including teacher mini-grants, vocal music for first- through fourth-grade students, band and choir for fifth grade, and countless other programs that impact our students daily. Our third- and fourth-grade students were able to showcase their musical talents during a holiday performance program put on by Ms. Carin Lerma, our music teacher.

We thank our community for supporting both of these organizations. Both organizations are run by parent volunteers who are dedicated to our school. At Tulita, we all feel a deep sense of gratitude for these two organizations for going above and beyond to support all our schools. Thank you to PTA and RBEF! We appreciate all that you do for our students, teachers, and communities!



**5th graders participating in a culinary lesson brought to us by PTA.**



# Washington *Elementary (K-5)*

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



**Andrea Bittick**  
*Principal*

## A New Makerspace

We are so grateful to have a very involved PTA here at Washington, as well as the strong support of the RBEF. Because of these two organizations we have been able to provide our students with more access to STEAM resources and learning opportunities.

For example, our PTA hosts an annual STEAM night where different vendors and local agencies set up booths and demonstrations so that our students can learn more about careers and the field of STEAM in general. Last year we had over 22 different booths that provided our students with different learning opportunities. Our students had the ability to observe how the RBPB utilizes drones, and also how the fire department uses engineering on a daily basis in their field of work. We are looking forward to our PTA hosting this event again in March!

This school year, Washington is also the proud recipient of a grant from RBEF for \$10,000 to help fund a Makerspace on campus. The grant we wrote focuses on creating a place where every classroom can access a lab for their students to design, create, collaborate, and problem-solve.

The Makerspace will be equipped with different materials for the students to engage in the process of engineering. Our teachers will be able to bring their students to the Makerspace, and we will have set up different lessons per grade level. Our goal is for this space to be up and running by early March, and for our teachers to receive professional development on how to utilize the Makerspace and learn to design lessons focused around STEAM concepts.

Every school year, the RBEF funds many different grants submitted by our teachers, and this year they offered the \$10,000 grant to fund this school-wide project. We are so thankful to the RBEF for providing our students and teachers with this amazing opportunity.

## CAMPING—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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put RBUSD in the subject line.

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BLANKET	COT
WATER	



Congratulations to **Erika Fleury** Winner of our November Contest!



## Katie's Review



Katie C.

### A Whole New World

Title: *Korean Celebrations*

Author: Tina Cho

Many cultures have different traditions, festivals, and holidays. In this book, *Korean Celebrations*, Korean culture is explained in



depth. Words are explained and English pronunciations are provided. Holiday foods, gifts, and games are explained, and you can even replicate some of the rituals that they used during special events and holidays. The national anthem is translated, and you can learn about other sports that first occurred in Korea. One of the most interesting things in Korea is Children's Day. This holiday is a day just for children, where there is no school and children are able to go to amusement parks and receive presents from their parents. This book is recommended to those who want to learn more about the culture of another country. I give this book a five out of five stars.

Katie is in 10th grade. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to the kids who want to find more good books.



## Ethan's Review

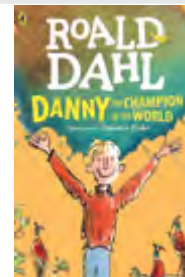


Ethan H.

### The Deep, Dark Secret

*Danny, The Champion of the World*  
by Roald Dahl

Danny is a little boy who lives in an old, rusty, broken-down carriage at a filling station with his dad. His mom died



when he was very young. Danny has always admired his dad's strength and bravery. He always looked forward to his dad's stories about a Big Friendly Giant that captures and bottles dreams because it sparked his imagination. Danny woke up one night and discovered that his dad was not home. He went outside to look for him and saw a shadowy figure moving on the street. It was his dad! Danny finds out about a deep, dark secret his father had. Read *Danny, The Champion of the World* to find out what happened next! I loved reading this book because it was filled with action.

I recommend this book to people who like suspense and mystery.

Ethan H. is a fourth grader. He likes science, reading, history and physical activities like soccer and basketball.

## Tyson's Book Review



Tyson

### Never Give Up

*Touchdown Kid* by Tim Green

Cory is an awesome football player from the Westside. He is 11 years old and is just moving into middle school, along with his friend, Liam. A



well-known coach from HBS, an elite junior high school, is giving a scholarship to a player he thinks is good enough to play football there. If Cory gets it, he will get to live in a nice neighborhood with a host family in a cozy home, and play football, his passion. His best friend's brother isn't the nicest guy and pulls him into trouble. If he is late, he won't play. What will he do? This is his dream. Find out more about this crazy adventure and read *Touchdown Kid*. This book is great and pulls me in. I can relate a lot to this book and if you're an athlete, you'll love it. I'm not much of a bookworm and I rate it 5 out of 5 stars!

Tyson is an athletic 6th grader who loves basketball, soccer, and volleyball. His favorite subjects are P.E. and math. He is a gentle pet owner and loves taking care of his 3 guinea pigs with his brother. He looks forward to going to Lakers games with his dad.

## South Bay Hands On Art

### Aboriginal Animal Art

By Co-Chairs Caasi Copp and Buffy Soule



Our latest project, created by Ashish Sharma, was inspired by the prehistoric art form known as Australian Aboriginal Art. This art form has existed for at least 20,000 years, but the rest of the world has only recently discovered it. In this project, students learn it's based on story-telling, using symbols to share stories of cultural importance and knowledge.

Recent Aboriginal art often uses beautiful dots and patterns that conceal the painting's secret meaning. With this dot art style, students create their own 'spirit animal' with vibrant, colorful paint. Using various tools to apply dots, they will incorporate symbols and patterns to tell their story. We hope that our students enjoy creating their own unique animal art and stories!

2110-B Artesia Blvd., Box 805, Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
www.southbayhandsonart.com

## B is for Book



Bailey

### Life is Numbers

Rated by Melissa Grey is an intriguing, mystery like book.

In this society, it truly matters what people think because every person has a "rating". Their rating reflects just about everything, from

if they have a good job, to if they said "thank you" to the waiter. The future of every individual lies on their rating. When someone vandalizes Maplethorpe Academy with red paint reading "THE RATINGS ARE NOT REAL," it will bring these six students together, Bex, Tamsin, Hana, Chase, Noah, and Javier. Although they have absolutely nothing in common, they thrive together! But will they be enough to solve the mystery and conclude the corruption of their society?

This dystopia depicts a possible reality that will keep the reader thinking days after finishing the book. I have read the book several times and it still fascinates me. I rate it 5 out of 5 stars.

Bailey is an eighth grader who loves to read whenever she's not dancing or with her friends.



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## Sean's Book Review



Sean

### Banned from Olympus

*The Hidden Oracle Book 1 of Trials of Apollo* by Rick Riordan

Some of you guys may enjoy Greek mythology, and if you do, this is the book for you. Apollo, the god of poetry, music, and the sun, was banned from Mount Olympus (the home of the Greek



gods) and is now a wimpy, mortal teenager named Lester Papadopoulos. He starts his quest to show his father, Zeus, that he belongs in Mount Olympus. Apollo runs into many new and ancient encounters, such as Roman emperors and peach spirits. He works with a daughter of Demeter, Meg, who is his new master and helps him along the way his treacherous journey. I think that everyone who reads this book will enjoy the twists, jokes, and adventures that Apollo experiences. Overall, I loved reading this book and I enjoyed the way Rick writes because you can understand and imagine everything that's happening. I give this book a 10 out of 10.

Sean Cheng is a 5th grader who enjoys cubing (Rubik's Cubes), watching Rubik's Cube videos, and playing basketball. His favorite subjects at school are math and P.E. He loves his 3 guinea pigs and looks forward to summer vacations.

## Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

### A Scary but Positive Life

Title: *Who Was Anne Frank?*

Author: Ann Abramson

Imagine you are in a war and you are one of the people who face in danger of life. There was a girl named Anne who had to hide from a



group of people called Nazis. She had suffered from a person named Hitler who wanted to kill all Jews. Since Anne was a Jew, she had to go into hiding with her family and other people. She loved reading history books and Greek myths. On her thirteen's birthday, she got a diary. She named it Kitty after an old friend with that name. She kept writing a diary until she got caught by the Nazis and was sent to a concentration camp. Do you know what Ann wrote in Kitty the diary? She wrote about her life, friends and emotions. I recommend this book as you can learn about a life of a young girl who faced danger but had hope.

Jenna is a 4th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and painting. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

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# REDONDO BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENTS

### SPRING 2020 – CLASS OF 2033

# KINDERGARTEN

School	Event	Event	Event
<b>Alta Vista</b> 815 Knob Hill (310) 798-8650	<b>School Tours</b> Schedule school tours by contacting the AV office at 310-798-8650	<b>Kindergarten Round-Up &amp; Tour</b> Wednesday, February 19th 2:00 p.m.	<b>School Tours</b> Thursday, March 19th 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 3rd 9:00 a.m.
<b>Beryl Heights</b> 920 Beryl Street (310) 798-8611	<b>School Tours</b> Schedule school tours by contacting principal via email in February: kmohr@rbusd.org	<b>Beryl Carnival</b> Saturday, May 16th 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten Event</b> Wednesday, May 13th 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>Birney</b> 1600 Green Lane (310) 798-8626	<b>Kindergarten Information Session (Parents Only)</b> Wednesday, February 12th 2:00 p.m.	<b>School Tours (Parents Only)</b> Thursday, February 20th 9:00 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 25th 9:00 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten Social</b> Wednesday, June 3rd 3:00 p.m.
<b>Jefferson</b> 600 Harkness Lane (310) 798-8631	<b>Kindergarten &amp; CDC Information Session (Parents Only)</b> Wednesday, February 19th 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>School &amp; Classroom Tours (Parents Only)</b> Tuesday, February 4th 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 10th 12:30 p.m.	<b>School &amp; Classroom Tours (Parents Only)</b> Thursday, February 27th 9:00 a.m.
<b>Lincoln</b> 2223 Plant Avenue (310) 798-8646	<b>School &amp; Classroom Tours (Parents Only)</b> Tuesday, February 4th 8:30 a.m.	<b>School &amp; Classroom Tours (Parents Only)</b> Thursday, February 6th 8:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten Information Session</b> Wednesday, February 26th 12:30 p.m.
<b>Madison</b> 2200 MacKay Lane (310) 798-8623	<b>School and Classroom Tours</b> Tuesday, February 4th 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten/TK Information Event</b> Wednesday, February 26th 2:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	<b>School and Classroom Tours</b> Monday, April 20th 7:45 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
<b>Tulita</b> 1520 Prospect Avenue (310) 798-8628	<b>Kindergarten/TK Round-Up &amp; Information Meeting (Parents Only)</b> Wednesday, February 19th 2:00 p.m. – Cafeteria	<b>Campus Tour</b> Tuesday, February 25th 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	<b>Campus Tour</b> Monday, March 2nd 1:15 p.m.
<b>Washington</b> 1100 Lilienthal Lane (310) 798-8641	<b>Parent Info Session (Parents Only)</b> Wednesday, January 29th 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Cafeteria)  CDC Information Session Wednesday, January 29th 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (Cafeteria)	<b>Small Group Kinder Tours (Parents Only*RSVP Required)</b> Monday, February 3rd Tuesday, February 18th 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.	<b>Kindergarten Round-Up</b> Wednesday, May 6th 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13th 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
<b>Washington Dual Immersion Program</b> 1100 Lilienthal Lane (310) 798-8641	<b>Parent Info Session (Parents Only)</b> Wednesday, January 29th 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (Cafeteria)	<b>Dual Immersion Group Tours (Parents Only*RSVP Required)</b> <b>Reserve week of Jan 27th</b> Friday, February 7th Friday, February 21st 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.	

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Dr. Darin Earley

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**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

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**Thursday, Mar. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

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Alex Gray

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