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# Summer Learning



**Dr. Steven Keller**  
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Providing learning opportunities and academic enrichment during the summer months assists students to maintain progress attained over the course of the school year. There are several museums, centers, and observatories within the greater Los Angeles area, but learning at home is also invaluable. Here are some ideas for South Bay families, close to home!

## Before Summer Begins:

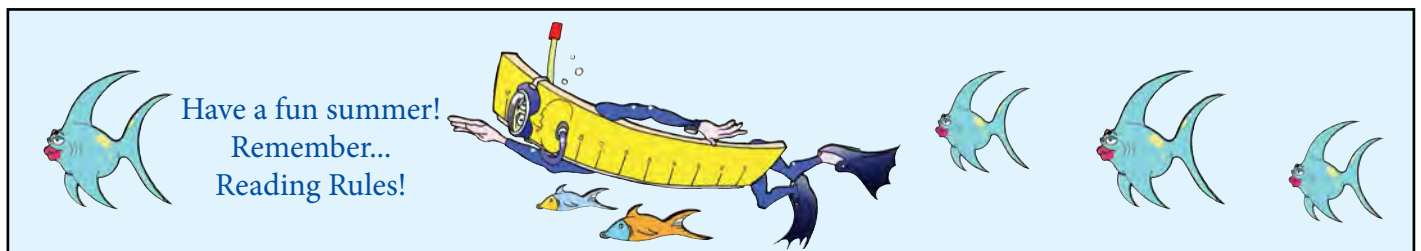
- Talk with the student's teacher and inquire if it is possible to get workbooks or websites to continue to improve on respective focus areas. Sit with your child and create attainable achievement goals, and if possible, cover these with your child's teacher. Next year's teacher may even have assignments to start over the summer months, especially in middle and high school.
- Review the student's report card and classroom assessments to find "strands" in subject areas that may need additional attention. Strands are the divisible areas in a specific discipline or subject area that are tested through multiple grades (i.e. word analysis in English/language arts). The patterns may indicate a student's continuing developmental need.
- Meet with other parents within the student's grade-level and plan mentoring activities. Students are skilled in various areas and are experts at instructing one another; too, this provides a natural platform for social development. Capitalize on another child's strength and encourage students to "teach" one another.

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Too, there are many organizations that provide special instruction in Redondo Beach (or nearby) for students who already have a passion for arts, fitness, acting, or just talking. Summer is a great time to support local businesses, like Adventure Plex, that support the development of the city's youth. The important part of summer learning is to have fun and practice honing in skills. Students and families deserve time together, but remember that learning can be enjoyable and rejuvenating. Be creative!

## Summer Months

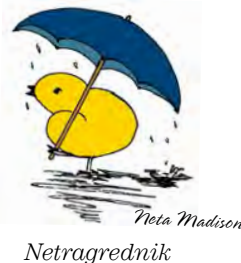
- Get students outdoors. The mountains, beaches, and gardens are excellent, real-life sources of inspiration for history, science, mathematics, and language arts. Determine the height of a tree, velocity of a wave's swell, or the distance to plant various seeds. Encourage students to keep a daily journal about learning or experiences.
- Enroll students in camps. Not only will the student learn some self-sufficiency skills, but will also be able to practice interpersonal communication, group dynamics, and team building. Several independent organizations run athletic, nature, beach, or learning camps within the greater South Bay. This will also provide structure to the often aimless summer days.
- Plan a family game night. As silly as this sounds, some good competition, bantering, and nay-saying never hurt anyone! Play traditional games like Monopoly to encourage the capitalist spirit, Clue to create calculated hypotheses, and Taboo to explore fictitious word choice. Remember that most games even require basic arithmetic to keep score.
- Visit a teacher store. A parent can find resources beyond imagination that are grade-level and skill appropriate for any child. Many of these activities will actually tie directly into material covered in the classroom for remediation or acceleration depending on your child's need.
- Remember the public library. Book reports and outside reading are not reserved for the months between September and June. Start a family or neighborhood book club and design group discussions, quick writes, projects, or written assignments to practice for the next school year.



Have a fun summer!  
Remember...  
Reading Rules!



**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



Congratulations to the Class of 2015! This is such an exciting time and we wish each of you well in your future endeavors.

This issue is all about options to keep the learning going while having a great time during the summer months. Dr. Keller starts the conversation with before summer suggestions and during summer. Fortunately, there are lots of choices for every interest from arts to athletics. Our AHA Section beginning on page 17 offers many ideas and the RB Educational Foundation in partnership with the RBUSD offer summer sessions, which you can read all about on page 23.

We had so many entries in our April and May contests that we drew three winners. Word Searches seem to be the favorite and this issue Kinsey Runquist has provided the words (see page 22). Your might want to remember you saw this library girl on this page...

Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices and we'll be back with the next issue of the new school year on September 2nd. Until then have a wonderful summer!



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## Board of Education



**Chris Paludi**  
Student Member

### A Sense of Responsibility

From the moment of my swearing in, I've been tremendously grateful for the opportunity to represent the outstanding students of RBUSD, to work with truly amazing Board members, school administrators and district faculty. Serving as the School Board's Student Representative gave me a sense of responsibility that the fantastic public servants in RBUSD will all recognize: the sense of commitment to students. The Board, I can attest, feels that commitment as strongly as anyone. Each one of these men and women care deeply about every student in the district, and are always enthused by student presentations to the Board, delighted to see the benefits of an education in our district. I'd like to also thank Laura Emdee — a truly exceptional Board Member and woman — as well as welcome David Witkin, who I am sure will be a valuable asset to our students, as each of these Board Members are.



Working on behalf of the students of this district is one of the most rewarding experiences imaginable, especially because I have the privilege to serve with the supremely intelligent, caring, and lighthearted members of the RBUSD Board of Education. They immediately took me in and provided invaluable

experience with and insight into public service that allowed me to discover what I believe I want to do with myself in life: I want to continue to do what this Board does; I want to do my utmost to represent and serve my community — then, maybe even my state and country. I didn't have that kind of ambition before this experience, but this past year of service on the Board has allowed me to discover myself and has opened my door to a future I hadn't ever thought possible. Having recently been appointed to a second term, I couldn't be more excited to spend next year continuing to do the job I love.

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### Healthy Lessons from our Kids

When it comes to health, kids don't need to grow up, adults need to grow down. As we age, we experience physical and psychological challenges that children generally don't. This is because many of the activities that keep us healthy are so basic that only children do them. So how do you get in touch with your healthy 6-year-old self? Here are a handful of youthful ideas:

**Laugh.** Children have an innate ability to find happiness in everything around them. They can giggle or laugh doing the most mundane activities because they find silliness everywhere. Laughing is like a mild workout – it boosts your heart rate and engages muscles in your face and body.

**Be mindful – stop and smell the roses (literally).** Kids live in the present moment better than any adult on the planet. They live each day to the fullest, without looking ahead or dwelling on the past. By focusing on the present moment, you reduce stresses and can even lower your blood pressure.

**Play and be active.** When we were young, fitness was called play. And we enjoyed it. We ran outside, did cartwheels and climbed trees and hills and it was fun. Visit [bchd.org](http://bchd.org) for free fitness opportunities.

**Take naps.** Play hard, but downshift and nap when your body is tired. Kids are the best at this. Consequently, they also tend to be more alert and energetic than adults. A short nap (20-30 minutes) can improve your alertness without leaving you feeling groggy or ruining your nightly sleep patterns.

**Hug the ones you love.** According to Ohio State University research, hugging becomes increasingly important with age. Loneliness increases stress and can cause adverse health effects, so take a cue from kids and hug the ones you love, it's healthy.

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### Spring into Summer

You know that exercise is good for your kid's physical health. But did you know that keeping your children active, especially during the summer months, is critically important for their developing minds?

Even mild to moderate exercise like playing at the beach or running around tossing the football increases blood flow to the brain, which results in better thinking skills, better moods, better sleep and even increased confidence. Additionally, research from the Journal of Pediatrics shows a strong correlation between exercise and academic development in kids.



Luckily, parents in our area don't have to look far for healthy outings like the beach or summer camps, including AdventureCamp at AdventurePlex in Manhattan Beach. Annually voted best kids camp in the South Bay, AdventureCamp includes heart-pounding fun like rock climbing, a ropes course, field trips to places like Raging Waters, access to a five-level play structure and much more. Visit [adventureplex.org](http://adventureplex.org) for full details.

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## Redondo Beach Council PTA



**Lisa Christensen**  
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### Speaking Up For Foster Kids

My husband and I made a life changing decision nearly 10 years ago. We decided to adopt three children from LA County foster care. It has been one of the most rewarding (and challenging) decisions of our lives. Our family has forever been blessed by adopting our children.

PTA's "every child, one voice" includes speaking out for California's nearly 80,000 foster children and youth. Foster children are truly California's children. As citizens of California, we need to be more responsible for our children. Is there a way you can help foster kids? If so, speak up!

Redondo Beach PTA's are speaking up to help foster care students. We help them acquire yearbooks, PE uniforms, spirit wear, and other school necessities. We want to make sure all children feel included in our schools. Thank you for supporting PTA so we can support our foster care kids.

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**What is Prematurity?**



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With the advancement of medicine and prenatal care, prematurity is declining in the United States. In 2006, the pre-term birth rate was 12.8 percent and in 2013, it dropped to 11.4. Even with all of the advancements, 1 in 9 babies are born prematurely in the U.S. each year.

Prematurity is when a baby is born at least three weeks before the designated due date (37 weeks). A full-term baby is born between 37 and 40 weeks.

When a baby is born prematurely, they are more likely to experience health problems and may need to spend time in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Even if a woman has a "normal" pregnancy, there is still a risk of having a premature baby. Some known risk factors for prematurity, include:

- Previous premature birth
- Multiples (twins, triplets)
- Problems with uterus/cervix
- Chronic health problems
- Certain infections during pregnancy
- Alcohol, tobacco and drug usage



If a woman is experiencing a "normal" pregnancy and does not have any of the known risk factors, it is still important for her to go to her regular check-ups to ensure the health of the baby. Issues may arise, so it is important to be as prepared as possible and communicate with the physician during the entire pregnancy.

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## Get Your Feet Wet at El Camino College!

By Lissa Watts

Summer is upon us, and while the classes at Redondo Shores are winding down, our students are busy gearing up to take college courses this vacation. Over the years we have developed a great relationship with El Camino College (ECC), and through their programs we have been able to provide our students with year-round learning opportunities that are free for high school students.

El Camino College provides an educational advisor that comes to Redondo Shores every week. Through this partnership our students can become informed of the programs offered at ECC, obtain assistance with enrollment, and even have an opportunity to tour the campus. ECC provides concurrent enrollment options to high school students and priority registration to our graduating seniors.

As of mid-April, we have 20 students enrolled in El Camino College who are planning on taking courses during the summer or fall. Due to the fact that summer school at El Camino College starts in May, even our graduating seniors can still take advantage of the dual enrollment process and attend summer classes for free! Many of our students are interested in this opportunity because it gives them a chance to

get ahead. It also assists those who scored low on their placement tests to get prepared for college-level courses.

ECC also has other free summer opportunities for high school students. They have a Young Scholars STEM summer program, which is a four-week program designed for high school students interested in learning more about careers and majors in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The program includes presentations, activities, workshops, and guest speakers from related STEM fields, as well as field trips and campus visits.

They also have a five-week Summer Reading Institute which serves K-12 students. In this program, students can strengthen their reading and comprehension abilities and learn how to study more effectively.

Here at Redondo Shores we encourage our students to continue on their educational journey year round. We are appreciative that we have such a strong relationship with ECC. In addition to the free program options open to all of our students, ECC also provides a scholarship opportunity each year to graduating Redondo Shores seniors.

This year the recipient of the ECC Scholarship is Sarai Coronado. The scholarship provides a \$1,000 award for two consecutive years! Sarai plans to become a nurse, and is very excited to begin her college journey at ECC.

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## RBUSD Child Development



### A Change of Pace

Summer is here in a few short days and our teachers are ready! At the Child Development Center (CDC), our teachers have been planning a summer program that is fun, interesting, challenging, fitness-related, and even educational.

**Theresa Van Dusen**  
*Director*

Want to spend your summer having fun while learning in the process? Our teachers have been developing a curriculum with weekly themes and building summer trips, activities and visits to emphasize those themes. Themes may include High in the Sky, with trips to the Flight Path Center and



**Exploring the ice wall at the science center.**

Colombia Space Museum and the opportunity to build a plane or kite, and Our Solar System, with a trip to the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena. Other trips may include the Marine Mammal Care Center, Griffith Observatory, the Discovery Science Center, the Queen Mary, and Olvera Street. Local trips include Madrona Marsh, farmers markets, libraries, and, of course, the beach. Each class will have its own exciting trips and themes.

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

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**Visiting the aquarium tank.**

## RBUSD Educational Services



### The Smarter Balanced Test Results

With summer right around the corner, students who are completing the third through eighth grade, and grade eleven, will soon be receiving the results from our first official round of Smarter Balanced assessments. These new online computer adaptive tests in math and language arts are part of a system that is replacing the old California STAR assessment. This year's results will establish a new baseline for the progress we expect our students to make over time.

Based on trial runs last year of the new assessments in California, and other states, many students are expected to receive scores showing that they still need to make significant progress in order to reach the standards set for math and literacy which accompany college and career readiness. Over time, as our students experience multiple years of the Common Core State Standards instruction that is related to these skills, the results should show improved achievement.

In short, no student, parent, or teacher should be discouraged by these year-one results. Instead, teachers

and schools will be able to use this information to adjust and align their instruction for the future.

On the other hand, if your eleventh-grader learns that they did well on the tests this year, great news awaits them. Almost 200 colleges and universities in six states, including California, have agreed to let students skip remedial college courses if they reached the college-readiness score (a "4") on the eleventh-grade 2015 Smarter Balanced assessment.

In California, this includes the majority of community colleges, and all of the California State Universities. The same holds true for all public colleges in Oregon and Washington.

California's new accountability system is still in its infancy. Smarter Balanced testing will become only one part of that new system. Over the next few years you should begin to see other elements become equally important in these evaluations, such as high school graduation rates, school attendance rates, and college readiness.

So for now, read through the testing results with a long-term view in mind. Make sure summer time is a time for reading, relaxing, exploring, and engaging in a well-balanced life. Before you know it we will be welcoming you back to school in August!

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**Susan Wildes**  
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### Creating Summer Plans

Summer vacation is often thought of as a time to sleep late and live a carefree existence. As summer approaches, parents of school-age children are frantically strategizing their summer plans, from vacations to camps to create some structure out of that free time. Although our children would like nothing more than playdates and swimming pools, it's important to

remember that all young people experience learning loss. Most students lose about two months in math skills and 1–2 reading levels. In addition, children are more likely to gain weight more rapidly when they are out of school. The key to staving off loss is to provide your children with structure and access to educational opportunities.

Camps can provide children with a consistent structure and a variety of learning opportunities. When considering a camp, make sure that the experience will provide activities that promote character development, leadership and confidence. The camp experience should facilitate meaningful relationships with peers and role models. Look for camps that allow your child to engage with nature and that also promote physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

Summer can also be a time of increased technology use among children. Since technology is such an important media tool for our students, consider setting parameters on your child's screen time through the use of a media contract. Common Sense Media is a great resource. Set aside consistent time daily for your child to utilize our learning tools such as Ten Marks, Reading Eggs and Raz-Kids. I know that my own children will be committing to 10 minutes daily of typing practice.

Just like we all enjoy a great summer book that doesn't require much of us as readers, so do your children. Does your child have a favorite author, genre or character? Research tells us that the amount of time children spend in books, being exposed to words, is the number one indicator of academic success. This doesn't mean we push our children to read more challenging literature over the summer, it means we let them devour what they love.

And finally, enjoy mini stay-cations! We are lucky to live in a vibrant city with unlimited possibilities, but how often do we get to explore with our kids? This summer, choose 2-3 new locations, experiences and activities and try them out with your child. Have a fourth grader? Visit a mission. You will create memories and provide your scholar with hands-on experiences that they can draw from in the school year to come.

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### Summer Learning

Summer break usually signals a pause in learning; however, it can be a time for summer learning activities that expand on things students learned over the course of the school year (Scholastic, 2012.) Here are some fun activities that can help students keep their math and reading skills sharp over the summer.

### Math Activities

For the past few summers, RBUSD students have had access to TenMarks, an online math program that reinforces classroom instruction, builds deep conceptual understanding, and procedural fluency. TenMarks creates an individualized curriculum unique to each student's needs. While on family trips, families can also create math games that estimate time and distance. License plate learning is another fun game that can be played on family trips. Have your child apply the four basic principles of addition subtraction, multiplication, and division to the numbers that are on license plates.

### Language Arts Activities

No list of summer learning activities would be complete without reading. Summer reading can increase a student's performance, opportunities for family engagement, and a student's overall motivation to read. Reading four or five books over the summer will have a positive impact on student achievement. Creating a summer writing journal to will help students remember their activities and deepen their understanding of their experience.

Spending time honing their math and reading skills are important, but so is physical activity. Taking a family hike or bike ride are great ways to spend time together. Visiting a museum, the library, or volunteering are additional examples of activities that provide students and their families learning opportunities that extend beyond the walls of the classroom.

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*Principal*

### Fun Summer Learning

During the summer months, it is important to keep your mind healthy and involved with extracurricular activities. Most importantly, families should read together, spend time exercising together, take a walk, go on a bike ride, or hang out at our beautiful beach. The Redondo Beach Library provides multiple opportunities for students and their families to read through the Summer Reading Program.

We are encouraging all students at Beryl to sign up for the library program and turn in their logs at the beginning of next school year to be recognized for their summer learning. The incentives are fun and worthwhile, and students learn that reading is enjoyable and a lifelong process.

In regards to science, the Sea Lab is open, where students can explore and learn about our ocean and the animals that live in it. There are many fabulous places to visit throughout Redondo, where students can see all types of different animals and keep their scientific minds working. Many outdoor excursions, hikes, and visits to the tide pools and parks can be exciting and invigorating, and students can learn about nature and how we interact with nature on a daily basis.

In fourth grade, students study the missions, and a visit to one of our California missions is always an exciting trip. In third grade, students study Redondo Beach history and the planets, so visiting landmarks in Redondo Beach gives families an opportunity to talk about history and discuss the importance of the past with their children. The Griffith Observatory is always a rewarding trip. There are many summer camps available, so that children can stay fit and keep active. Visit our Web site to see the exciting summer activities that are available.

Have a safe and fun summer, and enjoy your time together as a family! School starts Wednesday, August 26.

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**Lisa Johnson**  
Principal

### Ready for Summer!

Summer is the perfect time to relax and spend quality time with family and friends. It is also an opportune time to be creative and extend the learning your child received over the course of the school year.

Teach your children to cook their favorite recipes. They will get to practice following multiple-step directions and using units of measurement, and they will enjoy the sense of accomplishment that comes with seeing something through to fruition.

Set a reading goal and visit your local library. Find out what interests your child, and select books on the subject. Encourage your child to participate in summer reading programs, such as the one sponsored by the Redondo Beach Public Library, and make time to read every day. Lastly, involve the whole family by having conversations at dinner about books and some of their favorites.

If you are planning a trip or a quick getaway, consider making it educational. Free or low-cost trips to museums, local universities, and zoos are a great way to spend quality time with your family while enjoying an enriching experience. Encourage your child to keep a journal.

Keeping a reflection log of these trips can provide sound writing opportunities as well as a wonderful memento of your time together.

Get outside and play. Physical activity keeps children fit and helps to improve concentration. Children are encouraged to participate in at least 60 minutes of daily physical play in order to maintain good health and fitness. Taking a trip to the park or beach allows families to enjoy one another while maintaining an active lifestyle.

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

In the midst of the many things there are to enjoy during the summer months, it is important to maintain structure. School will quickly resume, so it is vital that routine is kept to ease the transition back to school. Set aside a time each day to review math facts and read. Have your child write about the highlight of the day each evening, and strive to stick to a regular bedtime.

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

## Jefferson Elementary (K-6)

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**Dr. Oryla Wiedoeft**  
Principal

### Get Going!

Summer is a great time to spend with your children and get the opportunity to learn with them. Research shows that the more real-life connections your children make to the information taught in school, the better they will learn.

Science and history offer incredible opportunities for students to apply the literacy and math skills they have been obtaining from their teachers, and travelling can also provide phenomenal exposure to both science and history. Travel can be a fantastic option for your family to enjoy a vacation, and for your children to have a meaningful learning experience across all subject areas and without even realizing it!

Your children are expected to be well versed in both California and United States history. A fun local trip is to

one of the California Missions, such as San Juan Capistrano. You could even follow the Mission Trail with your children, which takes you to many beautiful locations in California. We are fortunate to have many state and national parks such as Yosemite and the Red Woods where your children can explore nature.

If you are considering a further drive, all students are expected to know about our state capital. Consider a tour of our Capital Building and watch a session with our elected officials. If you are able to travel further, a great trip is to Boston to walk the Freedom Trail, or to New York to see the Statue of Liberty. Also consider taking your children to

Washington, D.C., which is the most special place I have ever celebrated the Fourth of July.

We live in a beautiful country full of natural wonders, diverse cities, and diverse cultures. This summer, rather than signing up for camp, or just hanging out at one of our beautiful beaches, consider exploring our state – or even our country – for some very meaningful and fun summer learning!



**Czulewicz Family in Yosemite Park.**

## Madison Elementary (K-5)

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**Drew Gamet**  
Principal

### Did you know that:

- There are approximately 100 museums in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area
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  - There are 32 properties that are managed by the National Park Service in California
  - On average, there are over 150 free outdoor concerts in LA County between the months of June and August
- There is 75 miles of coastline in Los Angeles County
  - The highest point in Los Angeles County is Mt. San Antonio at 10,080 feet

With this information, it can easily be said that our community offers more opportunities than almost anywhere in the country. With time, and very little money, it is not even necessary to travel. The Los Angeles “stay-cation” is one of the best in the county. Opportunities abound for you to take your student and experience all of these offerings for free. You have the opportunity to take much of what your student has learned in the classroom throughout the year, and place it in a real world context for them. Weather cycles that were taught in the classroom take on a much more visceral meaning when they are observed from the top of a mountain. One of the greatest classrooms on the planet is available to you this summer, be sure to take advantage of it!

## Lincoln Elementary (K-5)

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**Jeff Winckler**  
Principal

### Summer Opportunities

A summer that reflects a balance of academic and physical activities gives students an opportunity for greater success in the fall. It is important to keep your mind and body healthy during the summer months. Summer can be an excellent time for family bonding and connecting. Families should read together, spend time exercising together, and relax together.

This summer, the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) is once again providing its Summer Session program. This year, Washington School will host the program, which provides both enrichment and intervention classes. For more information, please visit [www.rbef.org](http://www.rbef.org). Also, for additional Redondo Beach Unified School District summer programs, please visit the Current News tab on our school Web site at <http://lincoln.rbusd.org>.

Locally, the Redondo Beach Public Library provides multiple opportunities for students and their families to read through the Summer Reading Program. This program provides structure and goals that encourage students to read. It is a great way to keep students' reading skills sharp. Staff from the public library will come to Lincoln in June to explain the Summer Reading Program to students in detail. Additionally, the Internet is a good resource to find recommended reading lists for independent summer reading as well as other academic activities.



**The North Redondo Beach Public Library.**

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

Have a safe and fun summer and enjoy your time together as a family. We look forward to starting another exciting and enriching school year in the fall.

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### Summer Learning Opportunities Abound!

In the Redondo Beach Unified School District, we are very lucky to be able to offer extension of learning over the summer months. There are several different alternatives that you can choose for your child to participate in to increase their retention of learning from the last school year. You may choose enrichment opportunities that will help your child learn

about a subject that they may not have the opportunity to take part in during the regular school year, or they can take a class to reinforce what was taught previously. Please look through the options below and decide what would be best for your child.

### El Camino Community College

Our local community college also provides summer classes for students that you may want to take advantage of. Please go to their website at [www.ECCCommunityEd.com](http://www.ECCCommunityEd.com) for more information.

### Redondo Beach Educational Foundation–Summer School

Our school district has teamed with our educational foundation to provide a combination of enrichment and preparation classes. The classes will be held at Washington Elementary School.

There are two sessions that are from 8:00 am – 10:30 am and 10:30 am – 1 pm and they begin and end June 29 – July 24. Please go to [www.rbef.org](http://www.rbef.org) for more information.

### Summer Reading

Our Language Arts teachers at each grade level have worked together to create an outstanding list of summer reading books for students. These books range from award winning fiction novels to excellent non-fiction works. Students can read a book and select an assignment to complete over the summer. They then can turn in the assignment for extra credit in their Language Arts class after summer. Please go to [www.parrasmiddle.org](http://www.parrasmiddle.org) to get more information on summer reading and projects.

## Redondo Union High School

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**Dr. Nicole Wesley**  
Principal

### Go Back in Time

By *Shaun Lloyd, RUHS Librarian and English Teacher*

If you remember the hilarious coda to the classic film *Dinner at Eight*, where Marie Dressler is visibly taken aback after Jean Harlow announces that she “was reading a book the other day,” you will recall that, besides being the gorgeous trophy wife of Wallace Beery, Jean’s character was on a path to self-improvement of the intellectual kind.

Don’t remember it? Maybe it’s time to pursue your own intellectual improvement by viewing this or another classic film from that era. A film can be a great time capsule into the era not just in which it takes place, but also the era in which it was produced.

Did you know that 1939 is known as the best year of films? More classic films were produced that year than any other, such as *Gone with the Wind*, *Stagecoach* (starring a very young and handsome John Wayne), *Of Mice and Men*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Look for one of these four-star flicks on Turner Classic Movies. This excellent cable channel typically shows the film in its original uncut form without commercial interruption. Quite often the film is introduced with some trivia or film analysis to make it more interesting and help increase your knowledge of this distinct American art form.

Watch with family and friends, and make a night of it with popcorn and the internet; perhaps also looking up other films the actors and/or filmmakers might have made and that you might want to view later, or discover pop-culture trivia related to that film or time period.

Watching old movies can be intellectually stimulating, and can provide a well-needed break from the crazy days of summer. It can also be a great family event that will likely spark dialogue and provide a memorable experience for all.



**Brea is reading a classic book, *Of Mice and Men*, while Jacob checks out the classic film version.**

## Tulita Elementary (K-5)

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



**Dr. Tanaz Farzad**  
Principal

### Incorporating Learning and Summer

Summer—one of the most enjoyable times of the year. The weather is great, school is out, and time spent with family traveling is on almost everyone's agenda. Without the demands of the school day, homework and busy extracurricular activities, we get to reconnect. Whether traveling, spending time at the beach, or just relaxing together at home, enjoy the summer, but I encourage you

to make time for enriching and fun family learning too.

Did you know that most of our students will experience learning losses if they do not take part in educational experiences over the summer? We want to strongly encourage our parent community to find ways to engage your children in summer learning opportunities, especially in the areas of reading and math. It is also very important for our children to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle over the summer; we know that students who are physically and emotionally healthy are more successful in school. As educators, we understand that summer is often the time for “children to be children” and lounge carefree by the pool. You are also helping your child learn and grow when they

attend summer school or camp, visit museums, read books at the library, play at the park, or spend quality time with family.

### Educational Fun

There are many ways you can mix some education in with your summer fun. You can visit one of our local museums, make regular visits to our public library, go for a nature walk, or visit a historic California Mission. You can all study maps and guide books to plan a vacation or a weekend trip, work together on a family budget for vacation, or write to a pen pal or family member.

You can also compare and contrast the book and movie versions of the same story. Of course, I encourage you to read together, too. Our teachers will recommend books for summer reading, and we encourage you to participate in the Redondo Beach Public Library's Summer Reading program or sign up for RBEF Summer Sessions.

As the school year comes to an end, we thank all of the Tulita students, staff and parents for an enjoyable, rewarding, and successful school year. We hope you enjoy your time together this summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in this fall!

## Washington Elementary (K-5)

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



**Kristen Holm**  
Principal

### Summer of Learning

Summer is a great opportunity to enhance your child's knowledge through life experiences. Studies have shown that students can lose up to 60 percent of reading and math skills over the summer. Reading over the summer is important. Studies have shown that children who do not read over the summer lose their skills by fall. The brain is like any muscle; it will get weak if it is not

used. Therefore, it is crucial for us to exercise our brains by thinking and learning every day, even over summer vacation.

It's easy to make learning fun during the summer. Here are some ideas for you to do with your child during the summer months. Set a time each day for writing by having your child create a writing journal by decorating a notebook with pictures, drawings, or wrapping paper. Set aside 10 minutes every day for your child to read or write about anything they want. The writing notebook is something your child can continue when school is back in session.

If you decide to go on a family trip, have your child look at a map and use the key to determine the numbers of miles. Take advantage of the museums, missions, and parks

located across our beautiful state. Keep board games and card games easily accessible, because they can be used to develop critical-thinking skills. Lastly, give your child a budget before you go to the grocery store or the amusement park, and have your child determine what he or she can buy.

On behalf of the entire Washington Elementary School staff, we hope you have a wonderful summer full of fun adventures, laughter, and, most of all, learning!



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## Note-ables

### Grammaropolis



**Kate Karp**

I don't often review multimedia, but this assemblage is exceptional. If you cringe at grammatical and usage errors and want your children to use language correctly—a key to future success—send them to Grammaropolis.

Grammaropolis is the hometown of the parts of speech. There's even a mayor—his name's Coert Voorhees, and he built this town. Mayor Voorhees is a former seventh-grade language teacher who found that his students had more fun personifying parts of speech than memorizing them. They learned them thoroughly, too, which is the idea.

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The CD, produced by indie-rock artist Dr. Noize and performed by the Mayor and other vocalists, is your Grammaropolis guidebook. Meet Roger the Pronoun who has this indefinite feeling about himself. Power couple Vinny the Action Verb and Lucy the Linking Verb rescue nouns from inaction and link up insecure ones with states of being. Interjections, the lives of the party, get invited everywhere. And there's Slang, spouting street stuff and stealing the show. Children—and you—can interact with them all through the website's games, e-books, quizzes, entertaining slide presentations, and hilarious, clever videos starring the sentence builders themselves.

Grammaropolis's website, [www.grammaropolis.com](http://www.grammaropolis.com), has a number of subscription options. Go play for a spell—or an entire paragraph.

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## Parent To Parent

# College Internship



**Jodie Lynn**

**Q:** Our 18-year-old son is supposed to have an internship this summer at the college he is going to be attending in the fall. We think this is great. However, he wants to live in a college apartment and this is where we have a problem. He's never been away and we are apprehensive of the environment he could be introduced to during the "summer" party group. Are we being weird? Any rules that you could suggest?

**A:** If you haven't experienced any previous challenges with him drinking and partying, it may be a situation where you don't need to worry too terribly much. However, whether he is going early for an internship or moving into a dorm for the fall, this is a big step and most parents, as well as the kids, are more than anxious about leaving home and entering college. If for some reason you feel like he really is not ready to live on his own or not sure if he could easily be persuaded to party with the summer group, you might want to talk with the adult in charge of his internship and find out if there are other options for his housing for the summer. Oftentimes, there are families who take in college students just for the summer, especially if they are new to the area. It's more personalized because the people are doing it because they enjoy mentoring new kids and showing them around. You and your son can even meet them beforehand to get to know them a little better. This way, you can ask about their household rules and expectations and talk it over with your son. Of course, either way, we have to let our kids go, let them make choices and hope for the best.

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

## South Bay Hands On Art

# The Enchanted Inuit

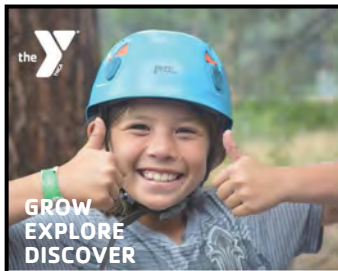
By Co-Chairs Alicia Rubio & Sue-Anne Silkes

For the last Hands on Art project of the year, students created Inuit birds inspired by Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak. She is considered the most renowned Inuit artist of all time, known for her print making and free drawing of animals and spirits. Using pen and watercolor pencils students were instructed on drawing their Inuit owl, and then adding water to the pencil for a painted effect. Their imaginations could soar while creating their owl adding leafy headgear, while using hatching and cross hatching techniques to create tonal and shading effects.



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It has been a wonderful year of art projects and South Bay Hands on Art would like to thank RBUSD and PTA for championing the arts for the students of Redondo Beach.  
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## BCVC 2015 Summer INDOOR Volleyball Camps

- Great Student to Coach Ratio: Usually six to one or better
- Campers placed in groups of similar age & experience
- **Priorities:** Have Fun, Build Volleyball Skills, Have fun!
- **Coaches:** Strong role models and strong volleyball coaches
- Ten week-long **Beginning Camps** (age 7 & up) for those starting up
- Ten **Intermediate Camps** (age 11 – 16) for those with some experience
- Week-long Camps are 8:30 am to 4 pm, including lunch – \$450
- Week-long half day camps are 8:30 to 11:30 am or 1 to 4 pm – \$250

### Locations/Dates

- **Week 1: July 13th – 17th:** American Martyrs Gym, 1701 Laurel Ave., Manhattan Beach
- **Week 2: July 20th – 24th:** LA Galaxy Soccer City, 540 Maple Ave., Torrance
- **Week 3: July 27th – 31st:** Oak Street Gym, 1780 Oak St., Torrance
- **Week 4: August 3rd – 7th:**
  - Christ Lutheran School Gym, 28850 Western Ave., RPV,
  - Westside Neighborhood School Gym, 5401 Beethoven St., Playa Vista
  - American Martyrs Gym, 1701 Laurel Ave., Manhattan Beach
- **Week 5: August 10th – 14th:** LA Galaxy Soccer City, 540 Maple Ave., Torrance

Please sign up for the location most convenient for you

The Summer program is designed to introduce new players to a wonderful volleyball experience, and build the skills of Intermediate players to be ready to compete at the next level. Advanced 14 & Under & High School Indoor Clinics, and beach programs are also available.

**Financial Assistance Available for children/players with financial needs**

**Applications, Directions or more info? Please connect to**

**BeachCitiesVBC.com or call 310-546-9150**



The Mission Statement of Beach Cities Volleyball is to “teach life skills and volleyball skills to young people from 7 to 18.” Beach Cities Volleyball Club is a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service & California Franchise Tax Board. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Federal I.D. #91-2163900

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## Animals 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)

Entries must be received by July 15, 2015

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

Thank you to Kinsey Runquist for the words for this contest.

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| BLUE JAY   | ORANGUTAN  |
| CHEETAH    | OWL        |
| DOLPHIN    | PANTHER    |
| DUCK       | PARROT     |
| FLAMINGO   | PEACOCK    |
| FROG       | POLAR BEAR |
| GRAY WHALE | RABBIT     |
| KOALA      | SLOTH      |
| LEMUR      | TIGER      |
| LION       | TORTOISE   |
| MARMOSET   |            |

We had so many entries in our April & May contests that I drew three winners:  
Congratulations to  
**Lucy Davis, Kylie Thompson & Brad Byars**

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