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Thank You Rosemary Eadie for 38 Years of Service to FVSD

*By Dr. Marc Ecker, Superintendent
Fountain Valley School District*

Once upon a time a young, talented and quite lovely maiden was hired as a teacher by the Fountain Valley School District.

This lovely lass born in Ireland, was brought by her parents to the township of Fountain Valley. There she prospered, under the watchful eyes of a caring mother and father and a supportive family that included two sisters and a brother. Her magnetic personality, quick wit and beauty earned her the title of Miss Fountain Valley.

Her love of children guided her professional career into public education. She applied and was selected by the Fountain Valley School District as a teacher and has to this day never regretted her decision. She strove for instructional leadership positions, becoming an activities director, an assistant principal, a principal, a Special Education Director, an Assistant Superintendent and now Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and Personnel.

Rosemary Eadie often runs into moms and dads who remember extraordinary learning experiences in her classroom when they themselves were Rosemary's students. She led Talbert Middle School to recognition as a California Distinguished School and continues to be hailed as a stalwart advocate of



Rosemary Eadie and her family.

all students, especially those most academically vulnerable. She has brought curricular and instructional programs to the district and found the means in difficult financial times to get them successfully implemented to benefit our students.

After 38 years Rosemary will be retiring from the

district to pursue a career as a full time wife, mother and grandmother. Her office is riddled with beautiful pictures of her husband, her three children and her six grandchildren. It is only fitting that this

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Fountain Valley Welcomes New Educational Leaders

*By Dr. Marc Ecker, Superintendent
Fountain Valley School District*

On Thursday evening, May 5, the Fountain Valley School District Board of Trustees appointed three outstanding educational leaders to new positions effective July 1, 2011.

Ms. Ann Salavs, currently the Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the Oceanview School District has been selected as the Assistant Superintendent, Instruction in Fountain Valley. Ann brings with her tremendous knowledge and passion for teaching and learning. She is highly skilled in working with principals and teachers in the development of new and exciting intervention programs for students and effective professional development for staff.

Mrs. Cathie Abdel will begin her new assignment as the Executive Director, Personnel. Cathie has a long and successful history in the district as an assistant principal,

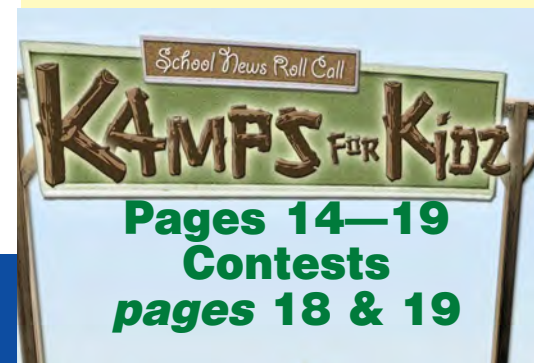
principal and Director of Support Services. Cathie is highly respected by everyone for her extraordinary interpersonal and technical skills. She brings these to her new position as she takes over the leadership of the Personnel Division.

Dr. Julianne Hoefer is currently the principal of Cox Elementary. In two short years she has led a school wide transformation into a model of effective teaching and learning. Cox is the district's largest elementary school and a visit to the campus displays the high expectations and supportive learning environment built around an effective professional learning community.

We welcome these fine leaders to their new positions and wish them well. The district will continue building its 2011-12 team as it next focuses on the selection of a new Technology Coordinator and the screening of new site administrators to replace those retiring or moving into different job responsibilities.

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Again this year the districts have continued to accomplish academic excellence while dealing with the challenges of the economy.

Thank you for all of the entries in our contests. It is so exciting to receive entries from all ages! The May contest winners are announced on page 18.

This issue we have three new contest—On page 19 is a *special contest* we are co-sponsoring with Jones Bicycles.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

Our next issue is September 14.

Have a wonderful summer.



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Summerfest Fun!



Steve A. Nagel
Mayor

Come join us for Fountain Valley's Annual Summerfest event scheduled for June 9-12. The event hosts various activities including carnival rides, games, exhibitors, opportunity drawings, live entertainment on two stages, non-profit food booths, and a sports tent featuring big screen TVs to view all the big games. Admission to the Summerfest event is FREE!

The Battle of the Bands Contest will be held on Sunday, June 12, featuring various groups competing for Best Band and great prizes. The winner will be featured at one of the Concerts in the Park events this July. Applications to enter this contest are still available.

Taco Bell will host a Taco Eating Contest where teams will compete side-by-side to see who can finish over 50 tacos first.

New Summerfest features include the Changing Seasons Arts & Crafts Show, which will be held in the Recreation Center. Sierra Mist will be giving away free samples while patrons play on their three miniature golf holes setup around their booth.

Summerfest will open a day earlier this year on Thursday night, June 9. As a preview night, all rides will be \$1, and gourmet food trucks will be there dishing up tasty treats.

Don't forget about the Fountain Valley Community Foundation's Classic Car and Truck Show on Saturday, June 11, beginning at 7 a.m. This event attracts over 300 vehicles. Also, the Kiwanis Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast.

FV Summerfest Presale All-Day-Ride Wristbands are being sold at the Recreation Center or online. Purchase in advance and save \$7! For additional information visit www.fvsummerfest.com or call 714-839-8611. Follow the event on Facebook!

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Be Water Safe



Joe Carchio
Mayor

Summer is here and thoughts turn to swimming. Are you comfortable in the water? Do you feel your children are safe in the water? If you have any doubts – you need

to enroll your children in a swim class. The City of Huntington Beach has many different levels of classes at different times and days. You can check out the swim class schedule by looking at the Sands Recreational Guide.

You can view the Summer Sands either by picking one up at a local community center or by checking online at the website www.hbsands.org If you have any questions, you can always call the City's Community Services Department at 714-536-5486

Are you planning to go to the Beach this summer? You can go online at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov to check the water conditions or call Beach Operations at 714-536-5281. Whatever you do, make sure you stay safe in the water this summer!



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New Building—New Police Chief



Margie Rice
Mayor

Exciting changes have occurred in Westminster's Civic Center during the past few years. In addition to the Rose Center and Coast Community College buildings, another state-of-the-art facility is now open. I'm very proud of our new Police Department building which replaces a 1960's era building that was designed for 60 to 65 employees. Although the Department cut approximately 15% of its work force through natural attrition during recent tough economic times, more than 200 full-time, part-time and volunteer staff works there. The new building is three times larger allowing room for growth and space for employees from other departments. Furthermore, it enables police personnel to take advantage of the latest information technology systems and deliver public safety services more efficiently.

I'm also pleased to introduce new Police Chief Ron Coopman. He is a veteran Westminster officer having joined WPD in 1985 and worked his way up through the ranks. Westminster is very fortunate to have such an experienced and capable man to replace former Chief, Mitch Waller, who was appointed City Manager earlier this year.



Aerial photograph of Westminster's new police building.

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Enjoy Summer Fruits & Vegetables

By Kim Guess, CSULB Dietetic Intern

Think about all the things you enjoy during the summertime. Do you include the bounty of fresh produce that's in season? With so many fruits and vegetables reaching their peak during the summer, it's fun, easy, and affordable to eat a healthy variety of colorful produce. Try some of these seasonal dishes this summer: Mixed berry cobbler for a light summer dessert; Top some leafy greens with berries and balsamic vinaigrette for a refreshing salad; Thinly slice eggplant, zucchini, and yellow squash for a delicious vegetable lasagna; Use diced mangos, bell peppers, and onions for salsa; Serve raw cucumbers, radishes, and bell peppers with your favorite low-fat dip; Have a nectarine, plum, slice of melon, or a handful of cherries for a juicy snack; Top tacos with avocado; Grill peach halves and drizzle with balsamic vinegar; Make your own tomatillo salsa; Puree watermelon for gazpacho

Other than tasting great, there are many benefits to eating fresh produce. Fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that help keep you healthy and reduce the risk of many diseases, including heart disease and cancer. Fruits and vegetables are naturally good sources of fiber, which is important for heart and digestive health. Visit your local farmer's market to find seasonal produce at its peak of flavor and nutrition, and enjoy fruits and vegetables ten ways!

SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Marc Ecker

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incredible lady who has had such an impact on our school district continues today as in the past to be revered not only as an educator extraordinaire but as the kind and thoughtful soul of the Fountain Valley School District.

Rosemary has graced the district with her smile, her genuine care for us all. She is the first to know of a parent in need, a staff member who is alone or a student who struggles with challenges to overcome. She is there with flowers on birthdays, candy to brighten a Monday, coffee and doughnuts for any and all meetings and always the time to listen.

She has for the past two years held actually two full time jobs running two divisions to help save the district money. She has always been a big donor for any fundraiser and serves on more boards that one can count. She shows up for evening and weekend activities as if she were attending performances by her own grandchildren. More staff parties have been held in her home than in any other. She is as comfortable in classrooms as she is shopping for special gifts for her family. She is loved and revered and honored for making us all better at what we do.

Rosemary Eadie is a special lady and the Fountain Valley School District will miss her greatly. I for one cannot imagine coming into the office and not seeing her Irish grin and feel the warmth of her heart. She has earned the rewards of retirement and her absence will be felt for a long time. Her contributions, however, remain as we thank her for making it so much fun to be part of the team. Good luck, Rosemary and make sure you pull yourself off that beach and visit us many times.

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Ian Collins
President Pro Tem

Pride with Purpose

When listening to the nightly news, I always have to remind myself that there are many positive human interest stories that counter all the gloom and doom that we are bombarded with on a daily basis. In the Fountain Valley School District these positive occurrences happen every day in some form or another. I'm not a Pollyanna but, I feel my cup is always more than half full, partly to the credit of the employees and volunteers that I have the privilege of working with. They are all dedicated to providing the best education possible for our students in a kind, caring climate.

Although we are facing financial challenges with regards to funding public education, looking at possible school closures, and losing a beloved Deputy Superintendent to retirement, all of the aforementioned people still maintain their focus on what is best for our students. From the leadership of the teachers' association and classified employees' association, the members of the School Board and the Superintendent and his staff, they all take pride in what they do.

Recently, one of our ten year old students was diagnosed with Cancer and a community and school volunteer spearheaded a fundraising drive to help defray his medical expenses. A garage sale took place where the community either wrote checks or donated items to be sold and a substantial amount of money was raised.

When our music program was in jeopardy of being cut, a live music concert was held with music professionals donating their services. This was done under the leadership of the Superintendent's spouse. I am sure there are many more examples of this demonstrated District pride in our schools all for the purpose of creating a great educational environment.

As a naturalized citizen I am of the belief that we Americans are a kind, caring people who take great pride in accomplishing great things when we have a purpose to believe in.

Superintendent Parent Council

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SPC President an Inspiration to All

By Patti Wahlberg, Parent Volunteer

With a freshman currently at Edison High and a kindergartner at Newland, Joy Myers started her impressive career as a volunteer for FVSD in 2000 as VP of fund-raising when her son Liam was a kindergartner at Oka. Before long, she was PTO president and has also served as secretary and parliamentarian. In all her "spare time," she got her teaching credential!

After her Oka presidency, she continued to attend SPC meetings for the acting president, who was unable to attend because of work. Ms. Myers then became the SPC treasurer for three years. When her son Liam was at Talbert Middle School, she served as PTO president.

Her term as SPC president ends this year, so next year, she will serve as PTA president at her younger son Rett's school, Newland, and possibly also as president of the Edison HS Foundation, where she is currently secretary. She is the freshman parent rep for the MUN Booster Club at Edison and the room parent for Rett's kindergarten class. Oh, and in 2002, she helped found Cub Scout Pack 1226 and was the committee chair from 2002 till 2007. Whew!

Ms. Myers attended Vanguard University in Costa Mesa and double-majored in business administration and sociology. She grew up in Lancaster, Calif., and attended Antelope Valley High School, where she was senior class president. She is currently planning her 20-year high school reunion for this summer.

As Ms. Myers said when I was interviewing her, "Do you see a theme here?"

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Joyce Buehler
Principal

Honoring Our Own

Congratulations to our 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Ostovarpour for being selected as the Courreges Elementary School Teacher for this school year! Mrs. Ostovarpour has been teaching in the Fountain Valley School District since the fall in 1998, and has taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades at Courreges. Thank you Mrs. Schroeder for everything

you have done to help our students and teachers succeed, we greatly appreciate your dedication and hard work.

Congratulations Mrs. Tamara Snyder as our Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Snyder is our school Health Assistant and has worked at Courreges for the past eight years. She displays a calm, quiet and gentle demeanor when caring for our students and staff members. Mrs. Snyder is soft spoken and never becomes anxious when an emergency situation arises. Our students love "Miss Tamara." She has an amazing ability to turn their tears into smiles with the use of ice-packs, band-aids and lots of TLC.

Thank you Mrs. Snyder, for going that extra mile to help our students.



Mrs. Patti Ostovarpour



Mrs. Tamara Snyder

James H. Cox *Elementary (K-5)*

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Julianne Hoefer
Principal

Fond Farewell

Cox will soon wish a fond farewell to Mrs. Kathi Manuel and Mrs. Betty Sarvis and all the best in their retirement. They are the cornerstone of the Cox community and models of integrity, excellence, and wisdom.

Mrs. Manuel has called Cox her home away from home for 27 years. Over the past 40 years of teaching, she loved developing and enriching classroom curriculum that helped her students excel. Her students' creative stories and colorful artwork filled her heart with joy.

Mrs. Sarvis has been a member of the Cox family for 16 years. Her classroom is characterized by kindness, compassion, and humor. In Mrs. Sarvis' class, learning is fun. She will miss the students and their honesty. So many times the students have touched her heart and funny bone.

Cox will not be the same without our beloved Mrs. Manuel and Mrs. Sarvis. We wish them all the best!



Mrs. Kathi Manuel and Mrs. Betty Sarvis

Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6-8)*

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Chris Christensen
Principal



Paul Andre White
Assistant Principal

Fulton Falcon Cheerleaders

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Fulton cheer squad! The 2010-2011 cheerleaders have never looked better. In addition to being such talented performers, this year's cheer squad has gone above and beyond by helping to improve our overall school spirit and providing additional assistance to the school during special events. This year's cheer advisor is Jannette Johnson (teacher) and cheer coach, Krista Rea (former Fulton student). Thank you Jannette, Krista, and Fulton cheer squad for making our school the best it can be!

With utmost gratitude and admiration,



Emma Benbow, Jessica Correa, Brittney Downing, Sutton Fryslie, Meagan Gaydos, Samantha Johnson, Carli Lackie, Sabrina Le, Doreen Nguyen, Grace Plattner, Alahna Scharp, Vivien Tang, Cheridan Tonti, Katelyn Truong, Michelle Weinberger

Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jennifer Perkins
Principal

Teacher of the Year: Christine Conkle

Gisler is proud to recognize Christine Conkle as our 2010-11 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Conkle began working in the district in 1995 and has taught a variety of grades over her tenure here in FVSD. She currently teaches a kindergarten/first-grade combination class. Mrs. Conkle works incredibly hard to make sure that each student who leaves her classroom has full mastery of the state standards. One of her special talents is connecting with students and helping them realize the importance of their education.

Mrs. Conkle is definitely one of those teachers who are dedicated to their schools and communities. She continually goes above and beyond to help students and staff at Gisler. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she serves our school in a number of ways, being a part of our Leadership Team, School Site Council and Disaster Committee and, most recently, being a key member of our PBIS team. She is an active member of our PTO and belongs to the Fountain Valley Education Foundation.

Mrs. Conkle is a committed, hardworking individual who is an asset to our school.



Mrs. Christine Conkle

Kazuo Masuda *Middle School (6-8)*

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Chris Mullin
Principal



Patrick Ham
Assistant Principal

Masuda's Three Retirees

For three Masuda staff members, Leslie Ternosky, Jane Henley, and Lee Horton, 2011 will mark the final chapter to their lustrous teaching careers. Mrs. Leslie Ternosky has served as the P.E. chair and helped institute numerous physical programs to enhance our students' overall health & well-being. She coordinates the PAL program engaging students to help the school and their local community. Mrs. Jane Henley has been a trailblazer to our Art Program. She worked with publishers to get texts to our students and has established the terrific art program & elective wheel that we enjoy at Masuda today. As an English and History core teacher, she instructs rich lessons integrating the arts into the curriculum. Mr. Lee Horton is famous for his

working history knowledge. Students absolutely love his memorable history stories. It is very common for students say that Mr. Horton is their favorite teacher. Kids absolutely love him!!! Our three wonderful retirees will be hard to replace and sorely missed. Thank you for your years of dedication and impact to our community. Enjoy the next chapters of your lives!!!



Mrs. Leslie Ternosky, Mrs. Jane Henley and Mr. Lee Horton.

Fred Moiola *Elementary (K-8)*

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Erin Bains
Principal

Congratulations Mr. Waldinger

Moiola is proud to nominate Michael Waldinger as our 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Waldinger has been teaching for two years at Moiola, and a total of 8 years in our district. He is a special education teacher that has dedicated his life to the children and to the classroom.

Mr. Waldinger does not limit his capabilities to only those students on an IEP, but to all students. He has an open door policy and will never turn a student away that wants help. Mr. Waldinger is a teacher who is dedicated to his school and community. He continually goes above and beyond to help students and staff at Moiola. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Waldinger participates in a number of committees and teams such as: Leadership Team, PBIS team, SST Coordinator, and the leader of our PAL program. He looks for every opportunity to have his PAL members become leaders on our campus. Mr. Waldinger is a committed, hard-working individual who is an asset at our school.

Congratulations, Mr. W!



Moiola and District Teacher of the Year hanging out with Marty the Mustang!

William T. Newland *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

New All-Day Programs

Newland and Tamura Schools will be piloting two new programs that will begin in the fall of 2011. We will introduce all-day Preppie Kindergarten and all-day kindergarten. Preppie Kindergarten is for children who are eligible for kindergarten, but young because of a late summer or fall birth date. This will be the first year of a two-year kindergarten option.

The children enrolled in the Preppie Kindergarten program will participate in a standards-based program. The curriculum and activities will be based on the instructional needs of the children.

The program will align with the district language arts program and use the adopted reading series for pre-kindergarten. Teachers will meet the needs of the full range of children, from reading readiness to early reader. Just as in the current kindergarten classrooms, children will be engaged in science explorations, arts experiences, and rich literature in the classroom.

With much emphasis on academic achievement in kindergarten, we have focused on helping our students master the California Content Standards. In all-day kindergarten, we will continue to concentrate on academic achievement, but we will also be able to make more time for non-academic yet vitally important developmental activities. Kindergarten is an important milestone in a child's life, and it can play an important role in shaping the perception of school. We want our kindergartners to be excited about coming to school each day and to enjoy themselves while they are here. These programs will provide our students with the strong start they deserve for successful learning!

Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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Brandi Loyd
Principal

Honoring Our Own

Oka School is proud to present two exemplary employees. First grade teacher, Mary Jimenez, is honored as this year's certificated "Teacher of the Year." Her gift of teaching early literacy has ensured that students have optimum opportunity to learn to read early. She is an expert at classroom management and delivery of instruction in primary and remedial skill development. She is a member of our Leadership Team and has functioned as a STAR Testing Coordinator, ELAC Representative, BTSA Teacher and Contributor to the FVSD first grade assessment. She has a wonderful sense of humor and is appreciated by the entire Oka staff.

Our classified "Employee of the Year" is Oliver Arceo, our bilingual instructional assistant. Oliver excels in instruction for second language learners and works effectively with staff to implement the necessary skills for students to become English learners. He is kind, polite, patient, flexible, and appreciated for his professionalism.



Mary Jimenez



Oliver Arceo

Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary* (K-5)

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Thank You Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Lesnick

Plavan School would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Barbara Ball and Ms. Diane Lesnick for outstanding teaching and contributions to our school and district. Fountain Valley has had the privilege of having these two fabulous first grade teachers for over thirty five years. They are the definition of dedication to education.

Barbara and Diane challenged, encouraged and brought out the best in our students. Both teachers taught the whole child and modeled their minds and hearts to become contributing members of our community. They valued the importance of a quality education and always gave 100% to ensure that their students received the tools they needed to be successful.

A simply article could never encompass the amazing knowledge and love shared by these educators. Their impact will be immeasurable. They have inspired us to become lifelong learners and will always have a special place in the heart and lives of the students and staff at Plavan School.

Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary* (K-5)

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Jay Adams
Principal

Our Fabulous Faculty!

Tamura is proud to honor Martha Anderson, kindergarten teacher, and Renee Blue, office assistant, as our Employees of the Year. Both of these women work incredibly hard to make sure that each student with whom they come in contact is well-cared for and prepared to take on the day.

Mrs. Anderson is a master teacher whose specialty is early childhood development. She has a true gift for using current brain research and applying it to our youngest learners, reaching them on so many different levels. She is loved and respected by all who know her.

Mrs. Blue brings compassion and assistance to our front office, offering a sense of calm to an often chaotic place! Not only does she answer phones and offer customer service with a smile but she also can always be counted on to lend a hand to anyone in need, no matter the project—this is a can-do lady! We have really come to depend on her assistance, and she is a beloved member of our office staff.

We are proud to present them as our Employees of the Year on the basis of their outstanding contributions to the lives of the children and adults whose spirits they touch daily.

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Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School* (6-8)

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Cara Robinson
Principal



Erik Miller
Assistant Principal

A Perfect Match

Talbert Middle School is excited to announce both our Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year—especially since they live under the same roof! Loren Howard was born to teach middle school; he has an unparalleled enthusiasm to inspire students! Whether it is one of his self-produced infamous PowerPoint presentations demonstrating the wonders of life science or the dynamic games he creates for his students

to play during PE, Mr. Howard's students are constantly challenged to learn through a spectacular balance of wisdom seeking creativity meshed with "uberknowledge."

Jana Howard—or, as she is affectionately known around campus, "Ms. Jana"—is an instructional aide in our resource program. Although her day is spent mostly with seventh-grade students, she is known campuswide for her willingness to assist any student with any need. Specifically, Mrs. Howard sets the expectation bar at new levels. She goes so far above and beyond the maximum in terms of what could be hoped for or expected by any human being, all in the name of helping others!

One of the greatest tidbits about this wonderful couple is that they met at Talbert Middle School—20 years ago as students! Obviously, they are the Perfect Talbert Match. We offer our most sincere and heartfelt words in saying, "Congratulations to Loren and Jana Howard on this well-deserved honor!"



Fountain Valley Educational Foundation

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Standing Ovation



Carla Neeld
President

The Fountain Valley School District (FVSD) Festival of the Arts concluded on May 6 with the Instrumental Monster Concert. The final concert showcased third- through eighth-grade wind and percussion musicians in the Fountain Valley High School (FVHS) gym. Jon Lundgren, Lenny Graf, and Steve Hommel conducted elementary beginning and advanced bands and the FVSD Middle School Ensemble. New directors Rudy Arevalos and Robert Covacevich also directed at the middle school level. Young FVSD musicians were treated to outstanding performances by the FVHS Royal Regiment Marching Band under the direction of Mark Irons and Gary Wampler. The Fountain Valley Indoor Percussion Ensemble, led by Rick Barclay and Jack Mizutani, inspired their younger counterparts to stay in music with their national medal-winning show. At all the concerts, the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation (FVEF) was on hand to fund-raise. Opportunity baskets, food sales, and donations earned a total of \$7,000.

The Teacher Tribute program is under way, raising funds for next year's teacher grant recipients through parent donations made in the name of their favorite teachers. The teacher grant committee was able to award over \$6,000 in grants to all 2011 applicants. Grants were presented by FVEF Board members to teachers in May.

Reports indicate that budget cuts to education continue to challenge the FVSD. Consider making a tax-deductible investment in your community by supporting your local schools. Please partner with FVEF as we strive to maintain quality education and help keep the FVSD the top ranked elementary school district in the county! For more information, visit our Web site at www.fvef.org.

Ocean View School District

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ACTING SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. William V. Loose

As we complete another exciting and successful year of school, I'd like to take a moment and express what a pleasure it has been to be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Ocean View School District. Since March 1, 2011, I have had the honor of being the Acting Superintendent, and my new role has allowed me to meet many of our parents and staff at events throughout the District. I have met with many of our parent-teacher groups and have been humbled by their dedication to the schools their children attend. Their involvement is crucial to the success of our District, and as a thank you our schools host an annual appreciation event in the spring to recognize the priceless contributions of their volunteers.

This year also marked the formation of the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FPAC), a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees among applicants. The committee will continue to meet throughout the summer and are considering district facilities, attendance areas, enrollment patterns, modernization of our existing open and closed school sites, best uses for closed school sites, and field usage. They will provide a community viewpoint to the Board of Trustees as we adapt to continued state budget cuts. The FPAC schedule, agendas, presentations, and applications for interested community members are all available on our District website. The Board is still accepting applications for this critical committee and your application is most welcome!

For another year we enter summer without a state budget to guide us in the areas of staffing and programs for the next school year. In May, Ocean View hosted a Community Budget Meeting and we were fortunate to have Ron Bennett, CEO and President, and Terry Anderson, Vice President, of School Services of California, present the latest information from Sacramento regarding the state budget and school funding for 2011-12. Both Mr. Bennett and Ms. Anderson are the preeminent advisors to over 800 school districts in California in regard to school funding. Parents in attendance had the opportunity to discuss with them their frustration that school funding is an unstable and yearly political negotiation, and they asked many questions about what they can do to create change in the state process.

Our Board of Trustees is committed to an open and transparent decision-making process and that was again evident in their support of the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC). Charged with providing the Board with a community viewpoint regarding district programs and structure, the CBAC reported to the Board of Trustees their proposals for the 2011-12 school year in May. Items in their proposal included limiting District transportation costs, reducing expenses related to the Class Size Reduction program, and a multi-year approach toward spending of the District's emergency reserve funds. The Committee spent many hours analyzing the District budget and expenditures, and presented a thorough and thoughtful report to the Board. I know the Board joins me in thanking them for their tireless work and commitment to the financial health of our District.

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Debbie Cotton
President

Helping Others is a Common Thread

Philanthropy is a common thread you will see around the Ocean View School District. Parents, students and teachers are the biggest contributors not only to OVSD and our local community, but to the greater world.

Every year there are fundraisers throughout Ocean View School District for the Parent-Teacher groups, Jump for Heart, Pennies for Prevention, to name only a few, that our school community supports. As we all know, the current crisis in the world is in Japan. The 9.0 magnitude earthquake, hitting the sea floor just off the coast of Japan, caused a tsunami and nuclear reactor explosions. Deaths have been calculated to be above 14,000, and another 15,000 people are missing. The cost to rebuild the disaster area has been estimated in the billions. This is not the largest disaster of my lifetime, but it is certainly the largest earthquake and nuclear fallout that I have ever witnessed. For the students of Ocean View it may be the first far reaching disaster of their lifetime.

So, how do the teachers, parents and students of Ocean View respond? Of course by raising support for the people afflicted by the disaster in Japan. In a time of fiscal crisis, recession and difficult times here in California, our Ocean View team have managed to put ourselves aside and look for ways to help those less fortunate. What a valuable lesson to teach our students.

Our students have been actively working to help contribute to the relief effort. One of our schools held a fundraiser that consisted of making origami cranes. For every crane the students made, a piece of clothing was donated to Japan. At another school, students collected all the loose change they could find, and at another a fundraiser was held by a student yard sale. These stories go on and on. I am proud to be just a small part of the bigger Ocean View community.



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Circle View *Elementary*

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Kathleen Jaquin
Principal

Thank You

It is an honor to work here at Circle View. This is an awesome school. Each and every day I am impressed with the school and the dedication of our Circle View parents. Everyday I walk on the campus and there are parents helping out with the garden, lunch time sports, the parking lot, Book Fair, Yearbook, PTO, School Site Council, skate night, the Lost and Found, after school programs, Art Muses, Read to the Stars, running club, Astrocamp, classrooms, parent work room ...the list is endless. I am humbled each and every day by their dedication.

On behalf of the staff and students of Circle View School, thank you to all the volunteers who help make school a great place to be! Parents who volunteer are a valuable and important component of the success of our school program. We truly appreciate the thousands of hours you donate to our school and classrooms every year.

A school community that hopes to achieve excellence is only possible with the cooperation and dedication of parents, students, community members and educators. You truly will make a difference in our students' lives.

Golden View *Elementary*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Shining Examples of Healthy Nutrition

With a colorful depiction of healthy nutrition, students are now reminded each

day to make better choices of what they eat. Thanks to the Director of Food Services for OVSD, Kathey Conner, for coordinating efforts for Kimberly Jordan-Fleming to illustrate a vibrant display of various fruits and vegetables in our lunch area. Students also benefit from Mrs. Jordan-Fleming's artistic abilities as she teaches Golden View's after school Art Camp as well!



School, Family, Community

Three words that have made a great impact on Golden View this year thanks to our PTO. Headed by Co-Presidents Patricia Hahn and Christie Headley, and the support of a phenomenal PTO Board, they have helped bring our families closer and build closer connections with our community. With their support, students not only enjoyed a variety of experiences outside the classroom on field trips, with visiting programs, technology, and everything they have received all-around enhanced students' educational experiences. We are grateful for all they do!

College View *Elementary*

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Dr. Kristine White
Principal

A Bright Spot Shines

Did you know that California's business community recognizes outstanding public schools for raising academic achievement and reducing achievement gaps? College View was not aware of this until the school was notified that California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) had named us for its 2010 Honor Roll. The 2010 Honor Roll includes 1,221 California public elementary, middle and high schools. Schools selected for the Honor Roll have demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all students.

College View was recognized as a Star School, one of the awards comprising the Honor Roll. CBEE Star Schools are those with significant populations of socioeconomically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years and are outperforming expectations for every subgroup of students. The Honor Roll is the premier school recognition program for California that uses hard data plus individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Test to evaluate school academic performance over time.

"These schools are the bright spots of excellence in efforts to raise student academic achievement and close persistent achievement gaps," said Kirk Clark, president of CBEE.

College View is thrilled to be a "bright spot!" It is wonderful to be recognized for all the hard work of our students, staff and parents. Congratulations, College View!

Harbour View *Elementary*

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Cindy Osterhout
Principal

Farewell Fabulous Fifth Graders

As another school year winds to a close, I asked the fifth graders at Harbour View to share their feelings about what it's like to be in their final year of elementary school as well as some of their favorite memories. Here are some of their thoughts:

Brandon Moradian: I will always remember being the first student to receive the "Bully Buster Award" for helping out a friend.

Fatima Manzo: I will miss that I am no longer a Pelican!

Natalia Segundo: My favorite thing is finally being old! This is the first time I am the BIG kid!

Mia Reyes: My favorite thing is getting to wear the amazing t-shirt with the "11" on the back with all of our names in it!

Shana Sanchez: I loved all of the neat field trips I've been on and the cool things like dissecting a pig's heart!

Mary Ponchak: I will miss the Pelican Pride assemblies. I like to watch all of the kids' excited faces as they run up to claim their awards!

Wayne Ponce: I will miss the teachers and staff because they have become like a family to me.

Malia Merrill: My favorite thing is having the little kids like 1st and 2nd graders look up to you and want to be like you!

Thank you, fabulous first graders, for the memories you have given us. We will all miss you next year!

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Kathy Smith
Principal

Runners and Kris Richau—They Rock!

Starting in February, over 75 Hope View runners accumulated mileage during the after-school training sessions for the Kids Run the OC marathon, held in April. Our marathon coordinator, Kris Richau, and her team of parent volunteers meticulously kept track of the mileage while motivating and inspiring the runners. The last leg of the race was run in front of cheering friends and family at the OC Fairgrounds. Each runner who completed the 25.2 miles will receive an official Full Marathon Medal at our Flag Assembly.

A big thank-you to these parent volunteers: Bridgette Radzai, Jen Doering, Misty Cross, Kathy Zehnder, Joy Madole, Yvonne Hayward, Heather Vuncanon, Kim Dagarian and Ivy Marden.

And thank you, Kris Richau, for your dedication. Sadly, Ms. Richau will not be returning next year, but she leaves a legacy of leading over 200 children to accomplish their physical fitness goals. As a Kids Marathon Pilot School, Hope View has benefited from her love of athletics and children. Ms. Richau, you will not be forgotten!

Marine View *Middle School*

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Roni Ellis, Principal

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Oak View *Elementary*

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Joyce Horowitz
Principal

Marines Come to Oak View

Gunnery Sergeant Marco A. Munozvega, US Marine Corps, from the 3D Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Marine Forces Reserve made a visit to Oak View School. They brought three military vehicles; a Highly Mobile Multi Wheeled vehicle (HUMMVEE) and a seven ton truck. Military personnel were present to explain the purpose and capabilities of each truck while the children were able to board the vehicles.

Gunnery Sergeant Marco A. Munozvega is father of Gerardo Munoz, a 4th grade student who attends Oak View School. Gerardo and his family will be leaving Huntington Beach for an assignment in Japan this fall. We thank Sergeant Munozvega and the other military personnel who accompanied him for their service to our country and for their visit to our school!



Lake View *Elementary*

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Anna Dreifus
Principal

Field Trip to the International Space Station

Lake View students are taking field trips to a whole new level. We have uploaded a photo of our student body that will go into space on the last space shuttle flight in June! Once we have been launched into space, we will follow our mission status and view mission photographs as virtual astronauts. We can also follow the commander and crew on Twitter and Facebook!

The 135th and final space shuttle flight is scheduled to launch on June 28, 2011. Atlantis will carry the Raffaello multipurpose logistics module to deliver supplies, logistics and spare parts to the International Space Station. The mission also will fly a system to investigate the potential for robotically refueling existing spacecraft and return a failed ammonia pump module to help NASA better understand the failure mechanism and improve pump designs for future systems. Lake View students are proud to be part of Space Shuttle history!



Mesa View *Middle School*

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Leona Olson
Principal

Parents Make the Difference!

One of the many components that contribute to our students' success at Mesa View is parent involvement. The Mesa View PTSO is a critical part of the school community in the way it supports our parents, students and teachers alike.

Their endless hours of volunteer work include helping at the student store, running the lunchtime game room, organizing materials for class activities and completing numerous other projects at home.

PTSO fund-raising activities have ranged from selling holiday fudge and spirit apparel to hosting a Read-A-Thon to bring a local restaurant's food truck to our open house event.

The response to our fund-raising efforts has been beyond expectation this past year. As a result, the PTSO was able to help support our school programs by updating and improving on-campus technology and providing some much needed classroom furniture.

The PTSO also funded extended learning opportunities for the students. They sponsored a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance for each eighth-grade student, as well as hands-on science assemblies for every grade level, including one on polymers, birds of prey, a rainforest experience and even the mobile Aquarium of the Pacific!

Mesa View students would not be as successful as they are without this continued partnership with parents. It is truly a collaborative effort between school and home. Thank you, parents!!



Dr. Claudine Dumais
Coordinator

Class Trip

Have you ever traveled to the Philippines, Italy, Mexico, Jamaica and Vietnam in just one week?

The Oak View Preschooler did just that. As part of this year's Preschool Curriculum, the teachers provided children with an opportunity to travel to five different countries within one week. This year, Ms. Wilhelmina presented information about the Philippines and tasted the native mango fruit. Ms. Kathy had the children stomp grapes when they toured Italy. Ms. Norma transformed her entire classroom into traditional Mexico. Ms. Rekha's children made Jamaican crafts and listened to reggae music.

Ms. Thi presented Vietnam's traditional meal sharing. The preschoolers made passports and stamped them each time they visited a country. The teachers shared important facts of each country, brought in realia, had the children make a craft and taste food originating from that particular country.



Thi's class trip from California to Vietnam.

Pleasant View

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Paul James
Principal

OVSD Board Visitation

On Friday, May 6, 2011 our Superintendent, Dr. Bill Loose and our School Board President, Debbie Cotton visited Pleasant View/OVPP. The morning started with a "Meet and Greet" with our staff members. Our teachers had the opportunity to gather information and ask questions pertaining to our school and school district. During the visitation the staff was able to showcase their wonderful talents by demonstrating the many programs that make Pleasant View a unique site.

Our special visitors were able to see our seven Special Day Classes, ABA Program, Occupational Therapy Room, Speech and Language Programs, Preschool Assessment Team, and our regular education preschool. Pleasant View feels very lucky and fortunate to have such a great staff. Many thanks to our teachers Cynthia Atkinson, Michelle Wall, Elke Day, Kathie Favazza, Marie Schools, Katy Nachbaur, Christina Llata, Vanessa Leong, Jackie Meza, Genie Peterson, Melanie Fenger, Anne Lang, Anh Mai, Barri Williams, Vicki Kincaid, Becky Lenhausen, Ruth Ketchersid, Patty Mulcahy, Rebecca Kim, Linda Still, Lynn Trittipio, and all of our support staff who help make each day a special journey for our students to learn.

Jason Blade, Principal

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Star View

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Dr. Pauline Tressler
Principal

Beauty and Value of Recycling

To celebrate Earth Day, the students in Mrs. Flores' 4th grade classroom learned about the value and beauty of recycling. They took part in a contest to create art from recycled materials. The class created a beautiful mosaic using discarded magazines. Then, Mrs. Flores created a video of their work which has been displayed in exhibition at the MUZEO, a museum and arts, culture and entertainment center in Anaheim. The 26 finalist classrooms, grade 3-5, competed for a chance for each child to win a ticket to Disneyland and a family season pass for the MUZEO Museum. As of this writing, the students at Star View were in first place. The students had a wonderful time creating their mosaic and they helped to conserve our planet at the same time.



Sun View

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Kristi Hickman, Principal

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Village View *Elementary*

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Jodi Novy
Principal

Summer Reading Goal

Village View students, parents and teachers know that reading is a key for student success. Reading is utilized in all subject matter and the development of language and vocabulary is very crucial. This is why we at Village View have set a goal to continue to read vigorously over the summer break.

A brief letter will go home, along with a phone message, with four different strategy suggestions for developing academic language and reading skills. Parents and students can read aloud with their child. Reading aloud to a child is a powerful way to build language and vocabulary. Instructional discussion also gives children the opportunities to initiate and participate in discussion. Along the same line, reading by the student is one of the strongest predictors of reading comprehension. Lastly, writing by the students will help practice this vocabulary and help a child respond to literature.

We, at Village View, know the value of reading and promote literacy in every way. Let's have a wonderful summer and read, read, read!



Vista View *Middle School*

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Robert Miller
Principal

Soaring to a Great Score

This year our ASB helped create an assembly to inspire students at Vista View to Soar to a Great Score on their California Standardized Tests (CST). Using the Super Mario Brothers as a theme, Vista View students and staff were treated to a Rally for Excellence that included testing taking tips from Mario and Luigi. ASB students dressed in Mario Brothers costumes and created skits that helped Mario and Luigi improve their test scores by doing simple things like getting a good night's sleep and eating a good breakfast. In addition, all students were asked to set an improvement goal and were rewarded with a special Falcon Pride goal setter's wrist band. Students who showed growth and improvement in their test scores from the previous year earned other special wristbands to symbolize their achievement. As a school, Vista View set an API goal of 850. Special monthly incentives will be given if we reach our goal. Go Falcons!

Westmont *Elementary*

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Carol Parish
Principal

Fun at Westmont

Westmont School's PTO has had a very busy spring filled with fun events for our students and community! The much-loved "Daddy-Daughter" Dance was held in our multi-purpose room and attended by over 150 people. Our girls danced with their dads, took photos, and enjoyed games and a raffle at this Hawaiian-themed event—what a fun night! In March, we started the month with a Skate Night at a local skating rink, where more students then ever came out to put on their roller skates and show their Westmont spirit! We started the month of April with a Bingo Night and ended it with our annual Mother-Son Picnic. Westmont moms and their sons enjoyed a picnic-style dinner and ice cream sundae bar, followed by a mad science performance! It's been a busy spring at Westmont—students are working hard to master grade-level standards in the classrooms, and having lots of fun at the same time! A big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who make being at Westmont School a fun and enjoyable experience for our students!



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Summer Programs at the Library



Barbara Richardson
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The annual Festival of Folktales will be held at the Central Library on Tuesday, June 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a variety of activities including puppet shows, storytelling, games and crafts. Prices for tickets range from 50 cents to \$3 each. Please visit our Web site at www.hbpl.org for more information.

Join one of our summer reading programs! The online sign-up period for these programs starts June 20. Those who prefer not to sign up online may sign up in person at any of our library branches beginning on Monday, June 27.

All of the programs end August 12.

“One World, Many Stories” highlights our childrens reading program from ages 2 to 12. Children can earn rewards by reading and/or listening to stories. Those who join will also get to attend a free childrens concert on August 12 at the Central Park bandstand.

The “You are Here” teen reading program is for ages 13 to 19. Teens can earn raffle tickets for time spent reading and for writing book reviews.

“Novel Destinations” is our adult reading program. Adults can earn raffle tickets for the books they read or listen to.

The “Puff the Magic Dragon Outdoor Puppet Show” is on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Park bandstand. Tickets are \$4 per person. Tickets go on sale starting June 28 and will be sold up to the event.

“Rudy’s Radical Science” will be held on Wednesday, August 17 at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Central Library. Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased at the childrens desk starting July 14.



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On The Run

What are Orthotics



Dr. Doug Richie

Part of the barefoot running controversy is debate about whether the human foot really needs artificial support in order to prevent injury. Some recent advocates of barefoot running have alleged that shoes and foot orthotics can inhibit normal foot function and cause muscle atrophy which can actually cause injury. However, there is no evidence in the scientific literature to support this notion.

Foot orthotics are devices which support or correct alignment of the feet. Custom foot orthotics are designed for the individual patient and are dispensed by health care professionals. Non-custom, or pre-fabricated foot orthotics are available in sporting goods stores and pharmacies. While pre-fabricated foot orthotics are primarily used to provide cushion and arch support, custom devices are much more sophisticated in their fabrication and function.

Custom foot orthotics are designed to correct alignment of the foot, ankle and leg and theoretically will improve function of the entire lower extremity during walking and running. The medical literature is full of scientific studies which document many different ways that foot orthotics improve function such as reducing strain on muscles and ligaments as well as reducing pain in various areas of the feet, legs and knees of runners. However, these devices are not a panacea for protection against injury and are not indicated for every runner to wear. Many times, proper shoes are enough support and protection of the feet for the average runner. On the other hand, some people have significant alignment issues which cause excessive pronation of the ankles and other deformities which can be effectively treated with custom orthotic therapy. Either way, it never hurts to try a non-custom, pre-fabricated foot orthotic first to determine if there can be benefit before turning to a health care professional for more extensive treatment.

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

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CHECK IT OUT

Do some research on the camp. Is it reputable? How long have they been in business? Do you know anyone who has attended there? What is the staff to child ratio? Are staff personnel trained in a particular skill or hired simply as bodies to watch kids? These are important "first questions" to answer. If you're looking for a launching point for finding a camp, peruse the ones listed in this issue, check your local parks and recreation departments, museums, zoos, and parenting publications. Check out the American Camping Association at www.acacamps.org and the National Camping Association at www.summertimecamp.org for accreditation and more information on camps.

AFFORDABLE

What's in your budget for a camp? They range from fairly inexpensive to the thousands of dollars. Day camps are usually less expensive, while sleep-overs can add a whole different level of financial commitment. Find out if there are "extras," such as an amusement park excursion that could easily add on an extra \$40. As parents we want to invest in our children, but not go into debt. Choose a camp you can afford.

MOTIVE

Are you sending your kids to camp so they can have fun, to get them out of the house, or so they can learn something new, such as horseback riding, archaeology, or sailing? Do your kids want to go to camp because all their friends are going, or to make new friends? Those are all good reasons! Discerning motivation for wanting your children to attend camp and finding out their reasons for wanting to go will aid you in selecting the most appropriate one.

PERSONALITY

Know your kids and what type of camp would appeal to them. Think twice about sending your kids to a camp that offers activities so vastly different from their own interests, even if you're hoping to expand their horizons. Our kids should be gently encouraged to try new experiences, but not at the expense of them feeling uncomfortable, or completely out of their element.

NOTE: If you ask your kids first about their choice, they may be disappointed if it's too expensive, if it isn't somewhere you approve of, or if the timing just wouldn't work out. May you be richly rewarded for all your efforts when your children exclaim that camp was the highlight of their summer!

Note-ables

All Together Now, Little Monster Records



Kate Karp

I'm old enough—I might add “proudly”—to remember when the four mop tops known as the Beatles stepped off the plane at JFK Airport and made their debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. There, they set a record for the largest TV audience in history—73 million to Elvis Presley's 60 million.



That record setting is one of the 12 fun facts in the cardboard booklet accompanying *All Together Now*, a Beatles music collection aimed at families with children up to age 8. Songwriter/musician Kevin Salem's production and accompaniment by professional musicians, among them singer and guitarist Marshall Crenshaw and the Bangles of “Walk like an Egyptian” fame, successfully avoid cutie-pie renditions of favorite songs. Included are 12 of the Beatles' most child-friendly creations—and there have been plenty to choose from.

Each song has its own illustrated page in the book, along with a poem having to do with growing up. The rhyme accompanying “I Want to Hold Your Hand” talks about all the things hands can do. “All Together Now”—with the lyrics ever so slightly edited—invites a romping exercise session. “Hello Goodbye” cleverly teaches not only opposites but contrariness between children and grownups. “Happy Birthday” is, of course, happy birthday, with a nod to the dangers of a sugar rush—ah, adults have to spoil everything!

The Beatles' legendary creativity has given them wide appeal throughout three generations. This collection makes it easy to pass their music on to the next one.

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



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Sharing the Road

By Lisa Genshock

Operating Your Bicycle

Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

—California Vehicle Code Sec. 21200

This is part 1 of a 3 part series of articles relevant to the rights and responsibilities of California cyclists when they share the road with motorized vehicles. You may be surprised to learn what rules are included as part of the California Vehicle Code.

- Bicyclists may not wear earplugs in both ears or a headset covering both ears, except hearing aids. CVC 27400
- Bicyclists may not ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. CVC 21200.5
- Bicyclists may not hitch rides on vehicles. CVC 21203
- Bicyclists may not carry items which keep them from using at least one hand upon the handlebars. CVC 21205
- Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within marked cross walks or within unmarked crosswalks at intersections. Bicyclists must also yield the right-of-way to totally or partially blind pedestrians carrying a pre dominantly white cane or using a guide dog. CVC 21950 and CVC 21963
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Your entry must be received by July 15, 2011.
From the correct entries, we will draw a winner to receive a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes and Noble.
Congratulations Emily Nguyen winner of the May Contest



Football Word Search Contest



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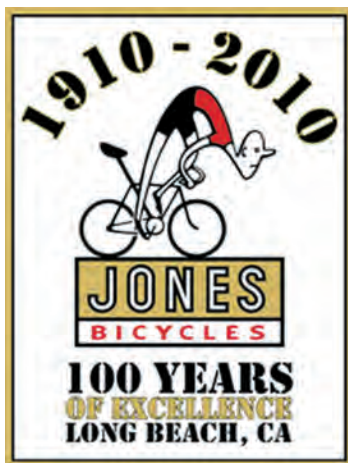
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Congratulations to Kaitlyn Vu-Nguyen Winner of the May Word Search Contest.

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SUPERINTENDENT



California Classified School Employee of the Year

For the second time in three years, the Westminster School District has had an employee named one of the state's most outstanding school employees. Sheldon Walker, a senior custodian at Warner Middle School has been named a 2011 Classified School Employee of the Year in Maintenance & Operations.

Richard Tauer

The annual program honors six outstanding classified school employees from throughout California, each representing one of the following categories: child nutrition, maintenance and operations, office and technical support, para-educator and instructional assistance, support services and security, and transportation. Sheldon's selection was based on his work performance, school/community involvement, leadership and commitment, and service above and beyond.



Sheldon Walker, California Classified School Employee of the Year

In a recent issue of *School News*, we featured Sheldon when he was named a Westminster School District Classified School Employee of the Year. Here is what the California Department of Education said about him:

Sheldon started as a substitute custodian in 1998 at Haden Elementary, the largest elementary school in the Westminster School District, with more than 800 students. After moving to Warner Middle School as a night custodian in 1999, Sheldon quickly rose to the position of senior custodian coordinating a variety of duties supporting the school, community, staff, and students. He excels at meeting the various maintenance needs of a middle school. He is also a "key leader" in the Westminster community for his ability to coordinate and plan support services for various groups including the Boys and Girls Club; Vietnamese Cultural Center; the Washington D.C. Club; the Red Cross; the fire department; and many other annual student, staff, and community events. Sheldon has expanded his support for classified employees by serving as job steward for California School Employees Association, attending regular trainings, and building positive relationships throughout the district.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said, "California's classified school employees are the unsung heroes of our schools. The six winners exemplify the professionalism and dedication of California's classified employees who contribute so much to the operation of our schools and the overall school climate. They are justifiably proud of the vital services they provide. We cannot thank them enough for the work they do for California's schoolchildren."

I couldn't have said it better myself. Congratulations Sheldon!

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State Awards Sequoia Elementary

State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson has announced that Sequoia Elementary has been selected for the 2010-11 Title I Academic Achievement Award. More than 6,000 schools throughout the state participate in the program and Sequoia Elementary was one of only 209 chosen.

"These schools have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the education of their students and have achieved impressive results," Torlakson said. "I congratulate all those who put forth the extra effort that resulted in this prestigious award – school administrators and staffs, teachers, parents, and, of course, the students themselves."

The criteria to qualify for the Title I Academic Achievement Award have become more rigorous in recent years. To meet the criteria of distinction, the school must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards and it must have an API Score of 804 or more. Sequoia has an API score of 866.

"Sequoia Elementary is a very special school for a variety of reasons and we are thrilled to be recognized by the state for outstanding academic achievement," stated Dr. Tammy Steel, Principal of Sequoia Elementary.

Dr. Steel attributes the success at Sequoia to a number of factors. The school provides early interventions for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade to ensure that children build the strongest foundation for their education and systematic assistance is provided for struggling students in all grades. Teachers collaborate extensively in grade level groups to share best practices and make data-driven decisions. And, lastly, Sequoia is a PBIS school which



Sequoia 2nd grade teacher Angie Schiffner and student.

stands for positive behavior interventions and support.

With all of the wonderful and impressive things that are taking place at Sequoia Elementary it is not surprising that the school has been recognized by the California Department of Education. Congratulations to the hard-working staff, students and parents of Sequoia Elementary!

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Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Lori Rogers
Principal

Command Performance – Anderson Choir

The Westminster School District Foundation held their annual Annual Spring Choir Performance at the Rose Center Theatre in April. Hundreds of students from third through eighth grade performed on the professional stage for family, staff and friends. Fifty Anderson Elementary choir students were led by teacher and foundation supporter, Camlyn Woodbeck. Weeks of practice paid off as they were asked to perform again at Anderson for special assemblies in early May. Songs across the decades included Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head from the 1970's and Hey, Soul Sister from 2010. Choir students will be performing at a Volunteer Tea in June. Audiences enjoyed all the shows and students in the choir reported they would like the opportunity to perform in choir again in future years. Special thanks to the Foundation for supporting performance arts and to Anderson Choir Director, Mrs. Woodbeck for her tireless dedication to this project.



DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

15400 Van Buren St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7224



Shannon Villanueva
Principal

DeMille Choir Rocks and Rolls Across the Decades

On Weds, April 27, 2011, 31 talented, energetic, and enthusiastic DeMille choir students participated in the annual WSD District Choir performance at the beautiful Rose Center Theater in Westminster. The District Choir was comprised of third through eighth grade students from schools around the district.

The theme of the program was rock and roll across the decades from the 1950's to the 2010's. Songs such as "Rock Around the Clock" and "Hey, Soul Sister" delighted the audience. Toes were tapping, fingers snapping and hands clapping as the children sang their hearts out. A good time was had by all.

Giving the students an opportunity to come together and perform on a professional stage was a tremendous experience. It was an experience that the students in the choir will relish for years to come.

Special thanks go to the Westminster Foundation for Educational Excellence for making this opportunity possible and also to Westminster teacher, Rob Murdock, who coordinated and directed the event.

Clegg *School*

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John Staggs
Principal

Exploring California By the 4th-Grade Team

During the week of April 26–29, fourth-graders at Clegg Elementary School participated in the Walk Through California program, presented by California Weekly Explorer, Inc. The two-and-one-half-hour presentations give students the opportunity to reenact events that took place in the state from the 1700s to the present, allowing them to experience what it felt like to live in California long ago. This program brings to life many important facts about California history that the students have been learning all year.

Students prepared for the main event by memorizing at least one "expert word card." One by one, they were asked to come to the front of the room and share their knowledge with the group by reciting the information on the card, as well as answering a related question. This exciting event was facilitated by a



trained presenter with games, music, and fun activities in which each child participated. The students were also broken into teams that competed to earn points in a contest. This entertaining event was open to the students' families also. A great day was had by all.

Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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Donna Brush
Principal

Above and Beyond

Eastwood Elementary School's Annual Variety Show, organized, produced and choreographed by parent volunteer Lori Pilatos, proved to be an evening filled with dance and music. Student talent was incredible, highly diverse, and wonderfully enjoyable. Participants in the after-school dance and musical theater programs performed "Hard Knock Life" from *Annie* and danced hip hop to "Empire State of Mind." Watch out Broadway and "Dancing with the Stars!"

Under the direction of teacher Brandi Robinson, 26 Eastwood students participated in the Westminster School District Foundation for Educational Excellence Annual District Choir performance, held at the Rose Center on April 27. Students rocked and rolled to songs across the decades. One song from each era, beginning with the '50s and continuing through the present, was performed. The audience enjoyed favorites such as "Rock Around the Clock" and "Be True to Your School" while the student performers unanimously favored "Hey, Soul Sister" by Train. The next step may be "The Voice!"

The Eastwood Chess Club participated in the 2011 California Scholastic Chess Championship held in January. We are proud to say we walked away with another championship. Eastwood students dominated against a strong field in the non-rated section, with an overall score of 48 points during the competition. An Eastwood sixth-grader took on the challenge of playing rated tournaments against higher rated opponents and placed fourth and fifth respectively. Two other students placed first and second in the non-rated section.

We look forward to continued greatness on the part of Eastwood students next year.

Finley *Elementary (K-5)*

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Maria Gutierrez-Garcia
Principal

Positive Behavior Intervention Support System

Finley School has been very busy this year working on the first year of a school-wide implementation of a Positive Behavior Intervention Support system for establishing the social culture, learning and teaching environment, and individual behavior supports needed to achieve academic success for all children.

All students participated in the launch of the 3A Eagle Way Tour of the school to review the behavioral expectations at each location throughout the school as reflected in a teaching matrix. In addition, our 41 student council members under the direction of the faculty advisors: Ms. Delgado, Mrs. Tarkanian, and Mrs. Rainey,

led a pep rally to prepare their peers for the California Standards Testing using innovations on famous songs: 3A Eagle Way (to the tune of 3 Blind Mice), Do Your Best (to the tune of Be Our Guest) and other tunes to inspire everyone to be ready. We are proud of this united effort.



Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

13603 Edwards St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7244



Heidi DeBritton
Principal

Measure O Construction Begins This Summer

Measure O construction will begin this summer at Johnson Middle School. Seven of Johnson's relocatable classrooms will be moved to make way for our new science and exploration building. Temporary relocatable classrooms will be set up at the front of the school while construction is taking place. The new science exploration building will be a two-story facility with five science classrooms that include an outdoor garden area for biome learning, and three exploratory classrooms that include art and technology. In addition, a new gym complete with a music room, storage, a drama room, a fitness center and a stage will be constructed at the entrance of the roundabout the following year. Our current multipurpose room will be remodeled to our library resource center as well.

While construction is always going on, Johnson students and staff are excited to get this project going so that we may have new state-of-the-art facilities to build our existing program to higher levels of excellence. The district will be filming the construction and posting in on the district website so that the community can see that their dollars are working to make a difference for all students and staff.

The district website is wsd.k12.ca.us Check it out later this summer.

Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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Hiacynth Martinez
Principal

A Time to Reflect

As we near the end of the school year, it is a perfect time to reflect upon a few of the many accomplishments that we have made this school year. In particular, we are exceptionally proud of all of Fryberger Elementary School's fantastic students! They have grown so much this year and have developed the skills and mindset of young scholars and inquiry-based learners. Fryberger students have succeeded both academically and socially.

As we near the end of this school year, we have already started laying the foundation for the 2011-2012 school year. The goal is to deepen our implementing of positive behavior intervention support for Fryberger students. The staff has been working on creating school-wide student expectations and incentive programs to help our students to do their best in the classroom and in a variety of non-instructional settings. Additionally, the staff is learning how to effectively model these expectations so that we can set every student up for success.

The Fryberger staff understands that it takes a village to raise a child. On behalf of the entire staff, we wish all of our students a safe and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September! For our fifth-graders moving on to middle school, we wish you well and know that you will go on to do great things!

Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

14782 Eden St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7261



Linda Reed
Principal

A Positive Behavior System

Hayden Elementary was fortunate this year to be apart of a grant to help us with developing a positive behavior system. This program is known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). A team made up of administrators, teachers, parents and supporting staff have been trained this year to implement this new system. PBIS is a decision making framework that guides our school to improve student behavior which in turn will improve academic success for all of our students.

At Hayden we believe for a student to be successful they must have the 3 R's: responsible, respectful and ready to learn. Each day during our morning announcement every student recites our school pledge which includes our 3 R's. The staff, students and community believe so much in the 3 R's that this year we had them painted on our campus walls. This is our first year implementing the program and the stakeholders look forward to seeing this program grow each year.



Land School

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Beverlee Mathenia
Director, Child
Development
Programs



Leisa Winston
Administrator,
Student Services

Ahead of the Curve

The Kindergarten Readiness Act, approved by Legislators last fall, changes the kindergarten entry-age for California five year olds from December 2nd to five years old by September 1st. The plan is to phase-in the new entrance date over a three year period: November 1 in 2012-13, October 1, 2013-14 and September 1, 2014-15. For the 2011-12 school year, the date will continue to be five years of age by December 2. The Act also creates a transitional kindergarten (also known as Preppie Kindergarten), which is the first

of a two year kindergarten program for children who turn five after September 1.

Ahead of the curve, Westminster School District recognized four years ago that “young fives” need additional time to mature and grow and created a Preppie Kindergarten Program to help children reach their full academic potential.



Mr. Parks' Preppie Kindergarten class

Schroeder

Elementary (K-6)

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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

Where Can You See...

Where can you see a hook and ladder truck? Where can you see firefighters and police personnel? Where can you see the principal suspended above her students? Where can you see golf balls fall from the sky? The answer is Schroeder Elementary School. On May 6, 2011, we held a new, fabulous fundraiser. Our Parent Teacher Association, lead by Colleen Livingston, put together a Golf Ball Drop event. Participants bought a numbered golf ball which was dropped by the Huntington Beach Fire Department from the top of a hook and ladder truck. With cheers from the students, three winners earned prizes. It was a fun event for all!



Meairs

Elementary (K-5)

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Tricia Urbaniec
Principal

Farewell to a Special Eagle

For many years we have been privileged to have a special gift here at Meairs. That gift is Mrs. Miriam Whittam.

Mrs. Whittam has worked at Meairs as a special education instructional assistant, school translator and team member. She has supported many students and their families with her kind and quiet talents.

In addition to working with many students on an academic basis, Mrs. Whittam has also volunteered her time, equipment and talents to help coordinate the Meairs choir program and annual talent show. Each year she works with about 100 students weekly, and all on her own time. The choir performs at all of our school's holiday and spring programs. She teaches the students music skills and introduces them to the joy of being in a choir.

Mrs. Whittam is leaving us this year for a new life adventure, and we cannot thank her enough for her love and dedication to our school. She has enriched our lives so much with her special gifts. Mrs. Whittam will be greatly missed, and we wish her the best of luck in the future.



Schmitt

Elementary (K-5)

7200 Trask Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7264



Jerry Gargus
Principal

PTA Unveils Tile Mural

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, Schmitt Elementary School's PTA was joined by WSD Superintendent Richard Tauer and PTA Council President Nancy Nguyen for the unveiling of their most recent campus beautification project. Students, staff, and parents gathered for the morning flag salute ceremony which included revealing the colorful new PTA Tile Mural designed on the theme of “Read to Succeed.”

Mounted on the wall adjacent to the school library, the mural consists of 180 hand-painted tiles created by students, parents, and staff members at afternoon painting sessions during the month of March. The school's dedicated team of PTA parents spent countless hours supporting the project. The tile mural will inspire current and future students to embrace reading as a key to their success in school and in life.



Principal Jerry Gargus, PTA parents Candy Montes, Carla Bailey, Kathy Hepler, PTA Council President Nancy Nguyen, PTA parents Amy Walsh, Kasey Worrell, and WSD Superintendent Richard Tauer.

Sequoia *Elementary (K-6)*

5900 Iroquois Road, Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7271



Tammy Steel
Principal

Happy Summer!

We have had a fabulous year here at Sequoia with many functions and activities. The staff has worked diligently to help student succeed and move forward in their academic career. As this year, full of excitement and unpredictability, ends let's keep in mind the many wonderful things experienced and look forward to a new year of challenges and triumphs.

Our PTA has been a wonderful support to all students with providing field trips, art programs, class parties, assemblies, family night celebration and a myriad of support to the classrooms on a daily basis. Thank you for being dedicated and willing to volunteer so much of your own time for all these WONDERFUL occasions. We take our hats off to you!

To the staff at Sequoia I want to personally say this has been a year of growth for all of us and we will be powerfully successful in 2011— 2012. Have a wonderful summer! Remember to read, read, read!

Webber *Elementary (K-6)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

A Special Person

Each year we are blessed with many new opportunities and new staff members that help make our school the best that it can be.

I would like to take this opportunity to present Mrs. Greene, our new reading specialist teacher. She has only been at Webber for nine months, but has already made a huge difference to so many people. She has definitely been an asset to our children, the community and the school itself.

During the first few weeks of the year, Mrs. Greene jumped right in to help with school supervision and the support of our large classrooms. She also quickly offered to help the PTA with their ordering of the school's T-shirts. And she readily agreed to help our combination K-1 class on a daily basis.

Mrs. Greene is the type of person who sees a need and then immediately offers to fill it. She is not one to point out a problem without offering a solution. And she always volunteers her time to work on improvements of any kind. She has become one of our key people who helps support the office on a regular basis, too.

Recently, Mrs. Greene also managed to acquire over \$2,700 in donations for new books for the library. She is currently working on acquiring more books in Vietnamese to maintain the literacy of many of our newcomers.

Mrs. Greene is very determined, and I know that she will accomplish any goal that she sets for our Webber students. We are proud and thankful to have Mrs. Denise Greene on the Webber Team.

Willmore *Elementary (K-6)*

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Rob McKane
Principal

Our Great Add-Ons!

The end of the year is coming fast, and we are well into planning for fall. In our planning, we reviewed some of the many changes and additions to the Willmore experience. First, we are on track to continue with our PBIS (Positive Intervention Behavior Support) Grant. This year, we have begun changing our campus climate by implementing preventive strategies in the classroom as well on as the playground. Regarding our school campus, we continue to improve the look and feel of Willmore. We have painted lines on our walkways to help the little ones get from place to place. We have added nets to the basketball courts and lowered one court's baskets so our children can be successful and enjoy that game. We have also added to our playground a giant map of the United States with all of the states painted and labeled. Students are already enjoying these new items.

In the classrooms, we have added 30 new computers. All working rooms now

Stacey *Middle School*

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Kathy Kane
Principal

Math on Saturdays?

Who would voluntarily go to a three-hour math class on Saturdays for four weeks? Well, about 70 eighth-graders at Stacey Middle School, that's who!

Eighth-grade algebra teachers Catherine Janssen, Alysén Kleen, Thuy Phan and Franca Schoonover put together a review program for any student who was interested in studying for the high school geometry placement test.

So for four weeks, these students and their teachers gave up sleeping in on a Saturday to make sure that they'd be ready to test into higher-level math classes as incoming ninth-graders at either Marina or Westminster High School.

These are serious students! Not only are they attending school on weekends, but some are also coming after-school to the Math Academy. That means this dedicated team of teachers has given up their Saturday mornings to put together a great after-school program as well. Its purpose is to review all of the essential standards that have been taught throughout the entire school year.

So if you didn't quite get inequalities or polynomials, then you just look at the schedule of after-school classes to see when these topics will be covered and by whom. You then mark your calendar for the session needed.

These classes are offered for approximately six weeks. The dedication of our teachers and their students is commendable. Whether they will go on to be a Lion or a Viking, they will definitely be ready to work hard and excel in mathematics.

We are proud of our students and their teachers. Go, Cougars!

Warner *Middle (6-8)*

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Matthew Skoll
Principal

Wonderful Wildcats

By Danny Vo, ASB President

As the school year is coming to an end, students here at Warner Middle School prepare for their journey academically as they await the next chapter in their life.

The talk of the town or, school, rather, has been the California Standards Tests (CSTs). The Warner Wildcats have been working hard and studying harder to ensure that they pass these tests with flying colors. From getting a good night's sleep to making sure they eat healthy brain food, preparing for the tests is important because the margin of error is very small for these intelligent students.

Eighth-graders here at Warner have been preparing themselves for the bittersweet goodbyes as they go their separate ways into the big kingdom of high school. Although they are excited for the close of their middle school days, they know that this is no time to slack off intellectually, for they are only in the adolescent years of their learning.

Everyone knows how great the staff and faculty is at Warner, which is why they are so proud to showcase Mr. Sheldon Walker, who was just named California Classified School Employee of the Year. Mr. Sheldon works hard every day making the campus a cleaner and safer environment for students to thrive. Eighth-grader Kimberly Do said, "I always see Mr. Sheldon working around school, helping out with any of the teachers' or students' needs. He even takes time to know the students, and we really appreciate him for that."

From students to staff, Warner Middle School truly rocks.

have amplification systems, allowing teachers' talking voices to be clearly heard everywhere in the room. Our biggest addition to the classrooms, academically, is the use of thinking maps. This tool helps students in every classroom collect and organize their thoughts on paper, making it easier to transfer them into writing.

Our teachers are currently being trained in Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design). This not only benefits our English learners but also increases the vocabulary and a means to access vocabulary for all students. We are already seeing the benefits of these valuable tools and are looking forward to starting the year with these well-established additions to Willmore.

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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT



Gateway to the Parent/Student Portal

Hopefully, all parents have had many opportunities to take advantage of an important resource that has been available to parents and students in our district for almost five years. If you have not already joined the growing user community of the “Parent/Student Portal,” now is a good time to learn how you can use this technology to oversee your son’s or daughter’s educational progress.

Dr. Duane Dishno

Imagine being able to check attendance records, homework assignments, progress grades, daily bell schedules, transcript history, graduation requirements, and a multitude of other things without standing in line, playing phone tag, or waiting for an email. If this sounds like great news, you can join the thousands of parents and students who use our “Parent/Student Portal” system to stay on top of things.

Those who have used our portal system have found it to be invaluable. After getting on the portal for the first time, one parent enthusiastically wrote, “This is what every parent should have access to. Thank you for keeping me posted. This is a wonderful tool.”

We consider the portal to be your gateway into the classroom and a powerful tool that will help empower student success. In order to create a portal user account and access your son’s or daughter’s school information, all you need is a computer with Internet access. Simply go to our home page at www.hbuhd.org and click on the “Parent/Student Portal” link to get started. It is a two-step process, so please be patient. If you are familiar with your school’s home page, you can get to the portal using the links there as well.

We strongly encourage you to take the time to read all the instructions, register, and become a regular “Parent/Student Portal” user. There is no doubt that this will lead to opportunities for you and your teenage son or daughter to have quality discussions about your student’s education and the progress he or she is making towards future goals.

From time to time, we develop and add new features to the portal to enhance parent, student and teacher communication to enable students to work on their school projects with their peers and teachers in a safe and controlled environment. We welcome your comments and value your insight as to how we can further improve our portal system.

Typically, most teachers post class assignment data regularly and student progress grades every two to three weeks. You will find every teacher’s contact information, including email address and/or phone extension in the portal. Should you wish to contact your student’s teacher by email, please enter your student’s name in the subject area, keep your message concise, and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Great care was taken in designing our portal to be used by both parents and students. Please use the portal often.

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Susan Henry
President

The Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the selection of our new Superintendent, Dr. Greg Plutko. Dr. Plutko comes to us from the Corona-Norco Unified School District where he currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent. The announcement culminated a comprehensive search which included a site visitation by the Board of Trustees and a committee of district leaders. On behalf of the board I would like to thank the following individuals for their service on that committee: Christiane Garisek – Classified State Employees Association, Chris Hertzfeld – Principal Representative, Cheri Jones – Huntington Union Council PTA, Nancy Lough – H.B. Pupil Personnel Services, Jason Ross – H.B. Administrators Association, Carole Thomas - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Lloyd Vierra – HBUHSD Personnel Commission, and Shawn Werner – District Educators Association.

Dr. Plutko was selected from a field of applicants using a profile that had been developed by the Board of Trustees and many focus groups from throughout the district. His professional and educational experiences, positive attitude, exceptional abilities, and dynamic leadership were a perfect match to our profile. Dr. Plutko’s educational resume includes a BA in History and a MA in Educational Administration from Azusa Pacific University and an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne. His professional experience includes teaching History, English, Geography and Physical Education, coaching basketball, and serving as both Assistant Principal and Principal at the middle and high school levels. His administrative experience includes Director of Staff Development and Technology, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services. His varied experiences beginning with the Glendora Unified School District in 1988 through his service to Walnut Valley Unified and Corona-Norco Unified have prepared him well for his next assignment with the Huntington Beach Union High School District. He begins his new duties on July 1, 2011.

We welcome Dr. Plutko, his wife, Mena, and their two college age children, Sara and Adam, to our Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster communities as we look forward to an exciting new school year.



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School News



Congratulations Class of 2011



Coast *High School*

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Steve Curiel
Principal

A Different Ppath

Results from the California High School Exit Exam in March are now in, and we are proud to announce that our Coast High School students have performed exceptionally well.

This year's students performed on par with their sister schools. Out of all our students who took the language arts assessment, 83 percent passed. The HBUHSD district-wide data for 2009–2010 showed a pass rate of 91 percent. For the math portion, 86 percent of Coast students passed as compared to the district's pass rate of 91 percent.

Students in California are required to pass this CAHSEE, which is made up of a math and English language arts assessment. If one portion of the test is not passed, the students must continue to take that portion again and pass it first before they can receive a high school diploma.

Although a bit lower than the average pass rate for the district, one has to keep in mind that Coast High School is an independent study program which serves students who, for a number of reasons, could not attend the traditional high school.

Some examples include students who must work during the day because of financial necessity, or those who are professional athletes, actors or musicians and must travel and train during the day. Still others face challenges that make attendance at a traditional high school close to impossible.

Working Independently

In an independent study program the students must meet with their instructors once a week. This requires them to use various other resources to help earn credits during the times that they are not required to be in school.

The students can work independently at home, at work during breaks, or at any other quiet place they can find. In most cases they must utilize the local libraries, Internet resources, tutors or other research tools given to them by their teachers in a more proficient manner than their peers.

They can also call or email their instructors for help. For your average student, it is not an easy path to graduation.

I want to congratulate our Coast High School students and instructors for their hard work and achievement of this important requirement for a high school diploma.

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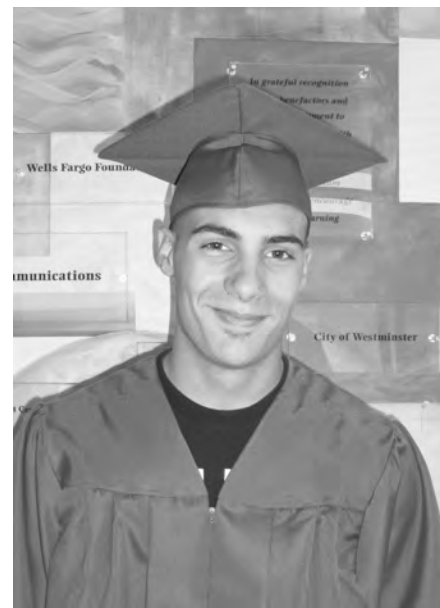
Dr. Connie Mayhugh
Principal

Many Races, Many Goals Reached

Community Day School (CDS) is very proud of David Duarte and Danny Schuetz, two of our students who completed the Cinco De Mayo Half Marathon for cancer research. Both students braved the very warm temperatures

throughout the morning before completing the race at a shopping complex in Irvine. This is the first time in CDS history when students competed and completed a half marathon. We appreciate their commitment to the community and their participation in this very worthwhile event.

STAR testing is almost finished at CDS, with a large portion of our students completing the test. We are extremely happy with their efforts during the test. Students have focused their energies and worked hard to demonstrate their knowledge. We look forward to closing out the school year in a positive and productive manner.



Stars in Our Universe

Each year, the Huntington Beach Union High School District recognizes both the certificated and classified staff with board resolutions to honor their dedication to students. Additionally, at the classified and certificated teacher banquets, teachers and support staff are honored for their years of longevity and commitment to the district and to the district students. One of our valued instructional assistants, Patti Deiro, is celebrating her 17th year with the Huntington Beach Union High School District. Ms. Deiro worked at Huntington Beach High School for 10 years before coming to Community Day School (CDS) seven years ago. Ms. Deiro has two adult children. Following the lead of their mother, one child serves the community as a Los Angeles County sheriff and the other serves the community as a nurse. Ms. Deiro also has four beautiful grandchildren, two boys and two girls, with whom she enjoys spending time.

Ms. Deiro enjoys working at CDS because of the family atmosphere and the direct impact she and the other staff members can have on children. Thank you, Ms. Deiro, for your years of dedication to the district and for your commitment to students. We are lucky that she is a part of the Huntington Beach Union High School family and the family at CDS.

And most importantly, congratulations to Danny Schuetz, as he will graduate from high school this June. Danny's future plans are to follow a technical career pathway by following his interests and taking classes in mechanics. Danny has been a leader for the CDS family, and he has been a role model for students. Many will miss him, but we know he will have a happy and successful future. We wish him the best!

School News



Congratulations

Class of 2011



Edison *High School*

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Dr. D'iese Melendrez
Principal

Proud to Be a Charger

These are very exciting times of reflection and celebration. Our incredible students and staff continue the Tradition of Excellence at Edison High School. Our girls basketball team won CIF! We are proud of the successful Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation self-study process and the March site visit by outside educators. They praised our school and supported our goals for continuous school improvement. One of the most exciting events of the year was our all-school Lip Dub taping, which involved all the students and staff, plus various clubs, teams, and the band. The excitement and school pride on campus was overwhelming!

It is now time to congratulate the Class of 2011 and wish them much success and happiness on their next adventure. These graduates have garnered many scholarships, recognitions and awards. Many will be recognized at the Golden Key Awards, Character Coalition Awards, and Senior Awards Night. This year's valedictorian is Abigail Kerfoot, and the salutatorian is Kristine Rezai. Their amazing class will be continuing their education at many prestigious universities and colleges across the state and nation.

As the school year winds to a close, it is fitting to recognize the dedicated and expert staff at Edison High School (EHS) and congratulate those staff members who are retiring this year. Teachers Dennis Creighton and Mitch Tandler and classified staff members Sandy Rumford and Morrie Adams will be leaving us this year. In addition, we are pleased to announce the EHS Classified Employee of the Year, our school secretary, Kelly Prouty, and the EHS Teacher of the Year and

Huntington Beach Union High School District Teacher of the Year, Tricia Linquist.

Finally, Edison would not be the great school it is without the incredible support of our community. Thank you to the 31 booster groups, the 1,300 PTSA members, the Academic Booster Club, the EHS Foundation, and the countless volunteers.

Thank you to our students, graduates, parents/guardians, staff and community members for making this past year a year to remember!



Dennis Creighton, Sandy Rumford, Mitch Tandler



Tricia Lindquist, HBUSD District Teacher of the Year



Kelly Prouty, Classified Employee of the Year



Morrie Adams

Fountain Valley *High School*

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Chris Herzfeld
Principal

Baron Bistro

"Order up – let's go – 5 minutes," Ms. Brooks barked a reminder as hurried students put the finishing touches on their project. But this is no ordinary project; this is a meal, soon to be consumed by a valued customer, a staff member at Fountain Valley High School (FVHS). You see, this is the brand-new Baron Bistro, and it is Thursday. It's go time.

The Baron Bistro was an idea tossed around by Ryan Bertoni, the teacher of the entrepreneurship class, and Cori Brooks, teacher of advanced culinary arts. They wanted to open a live restaurant to get students involved in a real-world, hands-on project, the kind of project that can't be replicated with a simulation. With a lot of planning, their vision has been realized this year.

Every other Thursday, staff members at FVHS can select from two entrée items, which will be prepared and delivered to them during lunch. Orders are handled online at baronbistro.com. Past menu items have included Korean stir fry, miso soup, pulled pork sandwiches, Caesar salad, tacos and more. The culinary students select the menu, purchase the ingredients, prepare the food, and plate it for delivery. The entrepreneur students designed the marketing and Web site, set the prices, plan and keep inventory, and run the business end of the venture. And, just like in the real world, students had to apply for a loan through the FVHS Foundation.

Why just staff members? At the outset, Bertoni was thinking big but then realized, "To sell to students brings up a whole new layer of laws and politics that are well beyond the capacity of our small operation. Our students can get the same experience selling to the adults as they could selling to students, and there is far less red tape involved."

The bistro is clearly a successful venture. According to Brooks, "We have served six times and have sold out four of the six servings. The students like that they are in the driver's seat for this project. Each week we evaluate how we did and what needs to be improved."

Junior culinary student Kathy Bui added, "We learn to take on leadership in the kitchen and the different roles in a professional kitchen. We communicate and work with the business students. I love doing Baron Bistro because we are trying new things, like different styles of cuisines."

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Steve Curiel
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GED Preparation Courses

As most people know, adult schools offer GED Preparation courses and the actual GED Test. But what people might not know is that due to budget cuts there are fewer and fewer adult schools across the state that offer these GED classes and tests that the public has become accustomed to. In fact, as a result of budget cuts, there are fewer adult schools across the state.

I am happy to report that this is not the case in the Huntington Beach Union High School District. The Huntington Beach Adult School continues to offer GED prep courses and testing services and has actually increased the variety of prep courses in the past few years. HBAS offers a number of ways to prepare for the GED Test.

The traditional GED prep course is a self-paced program in which students come to class twice a week. Students are assessed to find the areas they need help in. The instructor then prescribes each student an individual plan of study. The instructor is there to help students with each one's specific needs.

The online GED prep course is available for students to work from home or anywhere where they have an internet connection. Students can login to the GED prep system and work through the software at their own pace. The software determines areas of need and prescribes coursework based on those needs.

The Pre-GED prep course is for those students functioning below the 8th grade level. Students attend a twice a week class and work through common exercises in order to get their reading and math skills up to a 9th grade level.

The GED prep courses offered through HBAS have proven very beneficial for students as recent testing data, released by the CDE State GED office, shows. HBAS ranks substantially above average for GED pass rates when compared to other programs across the nation. This data shows that students taking prep courses through HBAS have a substantially better chance of passing the GED.

Tests are offered on a monthly basis (except August). The next tests are: June 6 & 7 (Registration begins 5/4), July 11 & 12 (Registration begins 6/8)

Huntington Beach *High School*

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Janie Hoy
Principal

Flying High

The Huntington Beach High School (HBHS) original athletic stadium was built in the 1920s as a district stadium. It was renovated in the 1940s and included a separate locker room building with a winged foot above the doors on both ends of the building. The building was later converted into the art and ceramics building, with the lockers still visible inside the rooms. When Huntington Beach High School began its modernization of the campus five years ago, the building was to be torn down and replaced with the new J building.

Tom Weinum has been a teacher on the Huntington Beach campus since 1980. He started the girls soccer program that year and coached track in the late '80s and early '90s. He also ran track in high school and college and was well aware of the winged foot and its significance to the track program. "I thought it was a shame to lose a piece of HBHS history," Tom said.

To preserve this piece of history, Tom spoke to the supervisor of the project, who had his crew cut the piece off the building. It was placed on a pallet in the maintenance yard, where it remained in obscurity until this year.

"I was told last year that it was to be thrown out during a clean up and again spoke up to save it," Tom shared. "This school year being my last, I decided to push for it to be reunited with the newly renovated stadium, even if it took my own money."

Thanks to Principal Janie Hoy, Assistant Principal Shelley Morris, Athletic Director Roy Miller and numerous other concerned people in the school and district, the historic winged foot has been saved and placed in the stadium for all to see. The winged foot was mounted in Cap Shue Stadium on May 6.



Tom Weinum



Winged Foot

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Dr. Paul Morrow
Principal

Did You Know...

Marina High School, Home of the Vikings, is one of Huntington Beach Union High School District's BEST KEPT SECRETS! Take a look at what makes the Viking Nation a GREAT place to learn, grow and achieve. Did you know...

- Marina High School's Academic Performance Index (API) has increase 30 points over the past three years and Marina has earned the distinction of being named a California Distinguished School?
- Marina High School boasts a 97% + CAHSEE Pass rate at Graduation?
- Marina High School has a 97% or higher graduation rate?
- The Tutorial programs that are appearing in schools throughout our district had their origin at Marina High School, the pioneer in helping students learn to their highest ability levels?
- Marina students have helped donate more than 10,000 lbs of food through the yearly food drive conducted within their Social Studies classes over the past five years making a real difference for those less fortunate.
- The Marina High School Social Studies students have the highest AP Exam scores within the Huntington Beach Union High School District.
- The Marina High School Social Studies students have the second highest STAR Exam scores, second only the Fountain Valley High School.
- Marina Varsity Baseball won the Premiere Division of the 61st Annual San Diego Lions tournament that was held April 18th thru 21st?
- Did you know that Marina High School currently has four Sunset League champion teams (Girls Golf, Boys Cross Country, Girls Track & Field, and Boys Tennis), equal to that of Edison High School and that Marina Boys Tennis has won League two years in a row?
- Did you know that Marina's Girls Softball coach Shelly Luth has 407 career wins? That our Head Football Coach George Pascoe once coached the University of Arizona when they beat USC?
- Marina High School's Varsity and JV Cheer both earned the state championship titles in their divisions at the Cheer Pros Competition, and Varsity Cheer finished 9th in the US at the National High School Cheerleading Championship featured on ESPN!
- Marina High School's Academic Decathlon team placed second in the Orange County Academic Decathlon competition in Super Quiz and Overall?
- Marina's Marching Band Placed 5th at State Band Championships?
- Marina's Color Guard placed 1st or 2nd at EVERY Guard event this year - was promoted to a more advanced class and still placed 5th at Championships?
- Marina's Drum Line placed in the top 5 at EVERY Drum Line event - earning 2 - 2nd places which were only under 1 point from 1st. The line took 3rd in the county to qualify for Championships and placed 6th at Championships?
- Marina's Concert Band earned EXCELLENT rating at Garden Grove Band Festival?
- Marina's Jazz Band performs all over Orange County and earns high honors at every event they compete in?
- Marina has now presented four OUTSTANDING yearly musicals to include our most recent production of Guys and Dolls, earning fantastic reviews?
- Did you know that Marina's Baseball is currently in 2nd place in the Sunset League, Softball is in 3rd, Boys Golf finished 2nd behind Los Al and that we had 4 teams in the top ten in the county according to the Register poll (Boys Golf, Softball, Boys Tennis, and Girls Track and Field)?

Did you know that Marina High School is a place where students feel respected, appreciated and supported? Marina is a school that holds firm on tradition and excellence in education led by an OUTSTANDING teaching staff that is connected and supportive of students, community and the pursuit of excellence! Now that you know...who wouldn't want to be a Viking at Marina High School!

Ocean View *High School*

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Dan Bryan
Principal

What a Year It's Been!

In this past year, Ocean View has racked up a number of impressive statistics. By the end of the year, Ocean View will have:

- Sent its Boys and Girls Varsity Swim Team to CIF as number one seed from our League for the first time in school history.
- Lowered its D's and F's by the hundreds.
- Had track practice on its new rubber track.
- Had our marching band compete and do well in a tournament in Hawaii! Not to mention they were state champions for the first time in school history.
- Raised its A's and B's by the hundreds.
- Improved our daily attendance rate of students to its highest in school history.
- Began work on the College Preparatory Academy philosophy, where all new OV students will take at least one Honors, IB, or AP class before they graduate, with support built in to ensure student success.
- Had the Boys Water Polo team compete in the CIF semi-finals for the first time in school history.
- Increased the number of incoming freshman by over 80 as compared to the last three years of incoming freshman enrollment.
- Opened the only fifty-meter pool in the District. I know because I jumped in it with the superintendant when it opened!
- Sent its Girls Volleyball team to the CIF semi-finals.
- Had its 14th weekend monthly medical/dental clinic for our Oakview families on our campus.
- Opened the Farmer's Market on our campus.
- Sent the: Softball, Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Swim, Girls' Water Polo, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, Baseball, Boys' Volleyball, Football, Boys' Basketball, and Boys' Swim teams to CIF competition. We also sent members of the Boys' and Girls' Track, Wrestling, Tennis, and Boys' Golf teams to CIF individual competition as well.



50 meter pool



Track

I'm leaving tons out because I'm running out of room here!

None of this can be accomplished without great kids, a fantastic staff, and amazing support from our parents and our community.

The nice thing is that we're not nearly done! A teacher on our campus, Mr. Roger Keating, told me that the students describe OV as a "destination." Wow, that's a lot to live up to! We are very proud that Ocean View is further establishing itself as the place to be in town. We'll keep on teaching fantastic lessons, making sure our students learn what is relevant and important come heck or high water—keep it fun, and do it at a beautiful, tidy school right in the middle of Huntington Beach. Congratulations to all of us and let's keep at it. If you have any ideas or ways to help- please give me a call or drop me a line.

Valley Vista *High School*

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Kerry Clitheroe
Principal

Nature's Secret

One of the California Standards for Life Science/Biology is that “students know how to analyze changes in an ecosystem resulting from a change in climate, human activity, introduction of non-native species, or change in population size.” Another, more poetic way to say this is that all life on our planet is connected. Valley Vista High School (VVHS) science teacher Gabe Roberts makes this concept vividly real for our students with his voluntary Saturday work day at the Bolsa Chica wetlands.

After students have learned about various ecosystems in the classroom, the work day experience gives them an opportunity to directly interact with the natural environment. It's more than interaction; the students are there to improve the health of a living biological system. Many of the students have ridden their bikes or walked through the wetlands, but they haven't taken the time to notice the multitude of life forms that inhabit the wetlands or to consider their impact on this beautiful place. The classroom lessons enable them to recognize the scope and complexity of the wetland ecosystem and to begin to understand the impact that humans have on this fragile piece of the environment. More in-depth classroom projects describe the function and value of the wetlands, identify specific birds and plants and their contribution to the wetland ecosystem, and evaluate the changes that occur during different seasons of the year. Work day experience is essential to the students' learning. Roberts explained, “I really like getting out of the classroom with its four walls and teaching by doing in a real place. It's amazing how the level of student understanding increases after they participate in the work day.”

On Saturday, April 30, Roberts and staff member Ann Cosgrove led about 30 students in identifying and removing non-native plants at the wetlands. The students had learned about plants native to the wetlands, such as coastal sage

and California buckwheat. During the day, the group also encountered living creatures, including rabbits, birds, snakes, and plenty of insects. The group was complimented by the wetlands staff for the number of plants removed, the accuracy of their selections, and the care with which they went about their work. One of the students, Kim, said, “It felt good to give back to the community, and it was fun working with people you know.” Another student, Ray, said, “I wasn't into plants at first, but now I really understand how we all need to do our part to save the environment.” Nature's secret is becoming real and personal for these students. The students also agreed that it was fun working alongside Roberts and watching him smile the whole time.



Kimberly, Mr. Roberts, Ramon



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Westminster High School is pleased to present Valedictorian Michael Vu Nguyen!

Michael has chosen to attend the University of California at Irvine, where he will continue his excellence in the area of mechanical engineering. A strong math and science background, coupled with a love for building and design, has led him to create his own mechanical pencil! In his free time he enjoys drafting new designs and making them a reality.

Michael's most memorable experience at Westminster High School was when he learned how to swim in his P.E. class. During his tenure he also become more athletic by break dancing with his friends! He has long been inspired by his favorite teacher, Mr. Cain, who has always expressed to him that hard work and believing in your own ability will lead to success.

Michael wants to share his belief that it so important to stay true to yourself and not be negatively influenced by the people around you. Although earning the honor of valedictorian was not his initial goal, he is content with the fact that all of his hard work has paid off.

Savoring the Experience

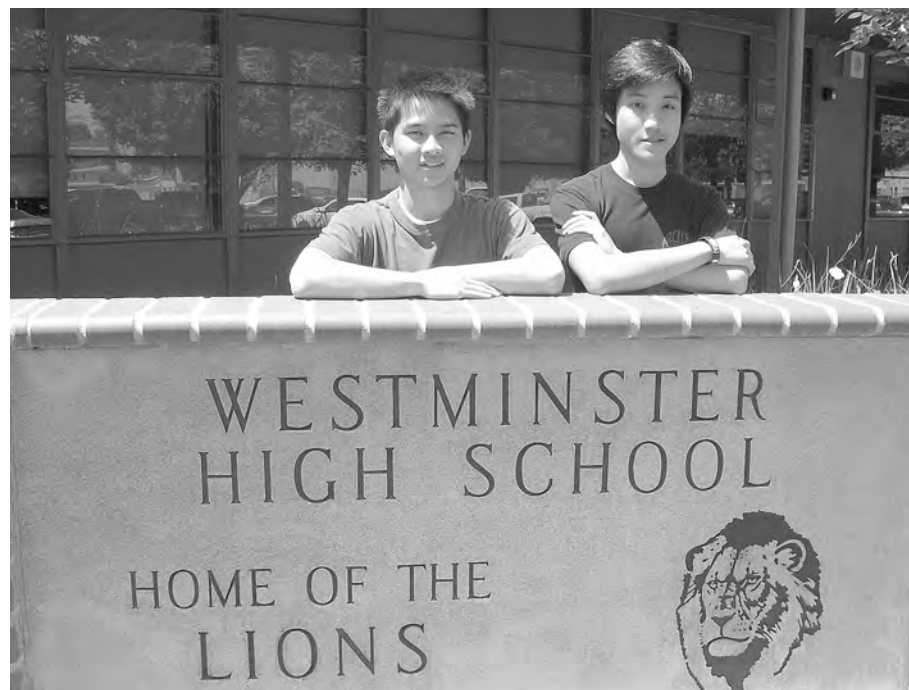
Westminster High School is also proud to recognize salutatorian John Doan. Like Michael, John has chosen to attend the University of California at Irvine as well. For now, he will be studying biology with the hope of specializing in the medical field. His admiration for the art of medicine and his love for helping others will no doubt lead him to future success in this area.

John lends a hand volunteering at a local church as classroom leader and during retreats. His passion for working with energetic children is what keeps him involved. One of his most memorable moments at WHS was when Mr. Brown, his statistics teacher, helped him ask a girl to the prom! They discussed the probability of her saying ?yes,? and although the stats were unfavorable, he decided to take a chance.

He also remembers the time when he performed a mutations lab in biology and was surprised at how driven he was to find the perfect experiment.

John believes that anyone is capable of challenging themselves to get good grades and be successful in school, but there is no need to, “get caught up in the stress of doing well.” He wants his fellow classmates to know that the most important thing is to savor your high school years and enjoy the time spent with friends.

He says that after high school, “You never know where your friends may be in life.”



Michael Vu Nguyen, Valedictorian and John Doan, Salutatorian.

National History Day—Orange County



William M. Habermehl
Superintendent

Our Founders believed the study of history and should be at the core of every American's education. Knowledge of American history and civics strengthens our sense of citizenship and provides a lens with which to view and affect our future. National History Day (NHD) offers students the unique opportunity of becoming young historians and learning vital skills needed to be productive members of society. NHD is a year-long academic program for elementary and secondary school students. Those who participate conduct extensive research on a historical topic related to an annual theme. They determine the historical significance of their topic and present what they have learned through a creative project at an academic competition.

Students and teachers have reported life-changing experiences as a result of their involvement with the NHD program. Recently, two Orange County students decided to focus on a man who is credited for saving more lives than anyone else in known history for their NHD project. The students had the privilege of conducting the last interview with Norman Borlaug, who was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Presidential Medal of Freedom, Congressional Gold Medal, and World Food Prize, prior to his death in September 2009.

Approximately 500 students, along with their families and teachers, convened at the Orange County Department of Education in the spring, for National History Day – Orange County. These youngsters demonstrated their historical learning through original performances, documentaries, museum-style exhibits, two-dimensional displays, websites, and original papers. Almost 100 volunteers

served as judges and helped with logistics. It was great to see so many people from the community getting involved!

While the focus is on students, National History Day – Orange County relies on dedicated teachers who guide students through topic selection, research, and the project development process. Participating students receive mentorship from teachers who are committed to supporting college-level research and developing the 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, and creativity. One NHD teacher in Orange County explained his commitment to NHD by stating that his job is to help develop the next generation to be smart consumers of information, active citizens, and well-rounded individuals.

The success of Orange County students as they advance from county to state to national levels of the NHD program reminds us of the extraordinary commitment of Orange County teachers. Educators involved in NHD include teachers of history, language arts, technology, and visual and performing arts. National History Day truly is an interdisciplinary program.

In unraveling the past, students become ambassadors to the future. Participating in NHD inspires an interest in history and a deeper understanding the importance of historical events. National History Day is much more than learning about the past. It is about creating the future.

To learn more about the National History Day program in Orange County, please contact Deborah Granger, Ed.D., Coordinator, History/Social Science/GATE, Orange County Department of Education at 714-966-4447 or dgranger@ocde.us or visit www.nhd.org.

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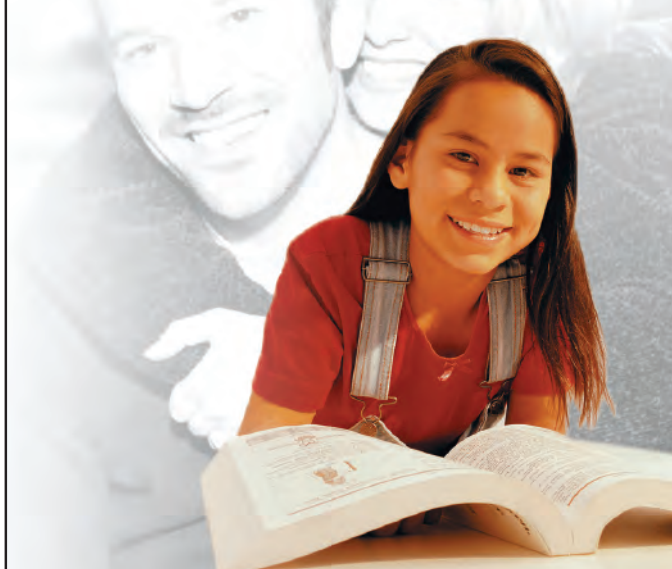
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Elementary School

Kindergarten – Students should be familiar with all letters and many basic sight words.

1st-3rd - Early elementary students need to become proficient readers and memorize all basic math facts. Any issues with comprehension and phonics can be worked on with our summer reading programs (If students are still counting on their fingers by the end of third grade they will be overwhelmed with the amount of math covered in later grades).

4th & 5th - Extremely important years for future academic success.

Students should understand fractions and decimals, and be able to interpret word problems. Students need to draw conclusions when reading and be comfortable writing structured paragraphs.

Middle School

6th - Come October, we will have more 6th graders than any other age.

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

7th & 8th - Writing and Algebra are the two areas 7th and 8th graders tend to struggle with the most. If your child passes into Algebra 1 for 8th grade, it is important to master all core math concepts, as there will be no time for review.

High School

9th & 10th - For some reason all high school students think summer means brain freeze. Maybe we should tell them summer break is three months because most children used to work on the farms for their parents. Now, we allow them to spend endless hours on the beach and hang out playing PS3 and Xbox. Our athletes spend countless hours practicing for the upcoming sports season, but do nothing to help themselves academically. Summer is a great time for course reviews and previews, especially in math and science courses.

11th - Junior year is the most stressful for students planning to go to a four year college. Unfortunately, many 11th graders try to cram for the numerous standardized tests at the end of the year when their classes are the most difficult. The Tutoring Club has individualized test prep for both the ACT and SAT standardized tests. Students who take our classes during the summer can devote all their attention to the tests, and not worry about sports and academic obligations.

12th - If students have not taken any of their standardized tests they have until November of their senior year to complete them. Students should use the summer to prepare for the exams so they can focus on college applications in the fall.

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