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## School Based Education—The Short-Cut to Learning

*By D.H. Coop, Staff Columnist*

**School is the short cut through the school of life. Learning is enjoyable and truly a life-long experience that is unlimited.**

Standing on the beach and looking at the horizon it is easy to see how once the earth was believed to be flat. Today, of course, we know the earth is a globe we have divided into imaginary lines called the grid of parallel and longitude line for navigation. How did we get to this understanding?

Education comes in two forms: the school of life and school based education. The school of life is filled with joys and often hard knocks. We try something and, if it worked, we experienced joy and success. If it didn't work, we either learned from that experience and tried again or



**Saying good-bye to the lazy days of summer.**

gave up and accepted defeat. The school of life can be as simple and painful as touching a hot stove and learning not to do it again or as self-fulfilling as learning to tie a shoe. School based education offers the opportunity to learn from those who have gone before us.

In the past, when most of the world was involved in agriculture, knowledge doubled at a slow rate. Then when industry came along the speed of knowledge became faster. Today knowledge is doubling in some fields every three months. For example, the moment an educational book is completed it is likely out-dated. The internet has made knowledge so available that fact has become blurred more than ever.

School is the short cut through the school of life. The horizon is not the end of the earth and the mountains are not as close as they appear. Learning is enjoyable and truly a life-long experience that is unlimited.

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*By William M. Habermehl, Superintendent Emeritus*

It is with great pleasure that I introduce your new Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares. Dr. Mijares was appointed by the Orange County Board of Education to complete my term, which ends on January 5, 2015. I am very pleased with the appointment and am confident that an excellent selection has been made.

Al has been a dedicated educator for 34 years, and he is excited to begin working on behalf of the students and families of Orange County. A native of California born in Pasadena, Dr. Mijares graduated from Simi Valley High School in 1971, and he received a scholarship to California State University, Northridge where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Child Development/Special Education. While working in the San Francisco Bay area as a project specialist for physically handicapped children in public schools, Al earned his Master's degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

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The golden days of summer have come to an end and it's back to school. Kindergarten students are entering the academic world and seniors are focusing on becoming the graduating class of 2013. Regardless of the grade level it is an exciting time meeting new friends, saying hello to old friends and getting into the groove of a new school year.

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Marc Ecker**

### A First for Fountain Valley

The Fountain Valley School Board approved a resolution to place a technology bond on the November ballot and provide the community with a choice as it relates to our very popular school district. The school district has in the past used surplus site sale proceeds to modernize its schools and certificates of participation notes to complete brick and mortar improvements for space, safety, and the wellbeing of our students. Rather than ask for the community to support a bond, we have in the past looked at other funding measures to keep our school district facilities updated.

Unfortunately due to the state's fiscal crisis and the unprecedented cuts to our revenue by Sacramento, the general fund cannot support even moderate infrastructure investments into digital learning to keep pace with other school districts. Unlike neighboring districts, we have no bonded indebtedness and henceforth risk falling out of competition when it comes to 21st-century teaching and learning. We have students who come from homes with 24/7 connectivity to classrooms where they are taught from white boards and overhead projectors and share a computer with 11 other students. We are not able to easily extend the students' and teachers' knowledge sphere beyond the walls of the classroom, the material in a textbook, or the knowledge of one person.

Fortunately our Board has stepped up to offer this choice to our community. Build a digital infrastructure for our kids and in return see new, young parents attracted to our community as they have been in the past for our schools. In so doing, property values increase as the desirability of living, working, and going to school in Fountain Valley increases. Times have changed, but the importance of investing in our future has not.

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### Everyday Heroes

Every school year there are heroes who work on behalf of children, not in order to gain recognition but to further enhance the success of each and every student. The 2012–2013 year holds great promise for these students due to the unselfish acts of these advocates.

The Kelly Osborne Memorial Fund and its support of the Every Student Succeeding breakfast is an excellent example of how individuals who have overcome difficulties are rewarded for their hard work and tenacity. Dave Osborne honors these students each and every year and is considered a hero by the parents, principals, and teachers who nominate the students.

Another group of heroes are the PTA and PTO leaders at each of our schools. They donate countless hours and energy supporting the principals and students at their respective schools. They also get together on a monthly basis and serve on the Superintendents' Parent Council, where they share ideas and offer support to one another.

I would also like to recognize my fellow Board Members for the unselfish time they put into being trustees for the students and employees of the district. This past school year, they have had the difficult task of closing a school, making new boundaries for the schools, and voting to put a technology bond on the ballot. They did these things with a lot of soul searching and in a dignified manner. In my estimation, they should also be considered heroes.

The Educational Foundation Board and its members should also be considered heroes. They spend their time raising monies that supplement and support many different programs that would not exist without their efforts.

As the 2012–2013 school year begins, I would like to express my thanks to all the people who work on behalf of our students. I anticipate seeing many new heroes emerge.

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## For the Benefit of Students



**Nicola Weiss**  
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Once again, the Fountain Valley Educational Foundation (FVEF) is starting off the year with one of its key fund-raisers and community events. The FVEF is proud to announce the Taste of Fountain Valley to the community and the surrounding area.

The event will be held at Mile Square Park Banquet Facility on Friday, October 5, 2012 starting at 7 p.m. Live music, dancing, and a silent auction are only part of this fun-filled event, which will benefit the music, art, science and technology programs in the Fountain Valley School District.

The Taste of Fountain Valley will benefit the music, art, science and technology programs in the Fountain Valley School District.

To order tickets, please visit [www.fvef.org](http://www.fvef.org). We hope to see you at the event!

The foundation is also looking to welcome new members who share our passion for the programs we support. If you are interested in attending one of our meetings and maybe discovering which committee you would like to be a part of, please contact Nicola Weiss, President at [cn.weiss@verizon.net](mailto:cn.weiss@verizon.net).



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*Principal*

## Another Excellent Year

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year! I am looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year as the principal of this amazing school.

This is a year of significant change, as we are welcoming many new students from Moiola School, as well as three of Moiola's talented teachers: Kathleen Naughton, Abir Kim and Jeff Doherty. We are also welcoming two new additional staff members to our Courreges team: Megan Peterson, a speech and language therapist; and Emily Takeuchi, a resource specialist.

I would also like to welcome our new PTA board members for the coming year. They are Jim Frederisy, president; Julia Wong, vice president of hospitality; Monica Maytorena, vice president of ways and means; Sara Svartstrom, treasurer; Carolyn Wang, secretary; April Rieff, financial secretary; Liz Smilor, historian; Laura Brooks, membership; Michelle Eichinger, parliamentarian; and Mitch Sigal, auditor.

Finally, thanks to generous financial support from our own PTA, we are excited to begin the year by showing off our latest technology upgrades. Each classroom has now been fully equipped with a mounted LCD projector, an iPad, and an Apple TV! This will undoubtedly enhance student learning and interaction during the coming year.

Welcome again to the new school year. I am looking forward to leading all of our students, teachers and parents through another excellent year at Courreges Elementary School.

# James H. Cox *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Patrick Ham**  
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## Getting Started

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year. We are extremely excited by the opportunities that a new school year brings, and proud of the solid foundations established by our staff and administration.

For this new school year, Cox Elementary will continue to focus on embedding and implementing technology in our up-to-date, research-based instruction. From our new CDC preschool to our fifth-grade classrooms, technology such as SMARTboards and the Mind Institute's ST Math will be available to our students.

Research-based instructional strategies such as small group and differentiated instruction will also be implemented in each classroom to meet the individual needs of our students. The staff is looking forward to serving the community and inspiring our students by providing an education that will open their minds and allow them to dream big for the future.

Cox students arrived on their first day of school excited and ready to learn. With all of their excitement, and a dash of nervousness, this arrival also served as a reminder about why we are in the most rewarding profession in the world.

As we welcomed back our students and parents, we also welcomed several new teachers and staff members to the Cox family: Ms. Tara Erb, fourth grade; Ms. Caroline Smith, fourth grade; Ms. Britanya Hughes and Emily Takeuchi, resource specialists; Ms. Julia O'Brien, speech; and Mr. Manny Riva-Melo, Head Custodian.

Welcome to Cox, and let's all have a wonderful school year!

# Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6–8)*

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*Principal*

## New Opportunities to Thrive

The Fulton staff, students and community are looking forward to a fantastic 2012–2013. As always, our team continues to work hard to provide students with an outstanding education, where the focus is always on learning.

This year we are excited to bring a few new programs to our school and community. First, Fulton received a grant to participate in a schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) for the next three years. This opportunity is part of an evidence-based practice that will help build a positive social culture to promote both social and academic success.

As part of PBIS, we have adopted the motto that all of our Falcons will "SOAR" here at Fulton. This means that they will: "Solve problems, are Organized and On-time, Accept responsibility, and Respect everyone!"

Fulton will also continue to focus on active participation and student engagement in each classroom. This will ensure that all of our students are getting the most out of their education. Additionally, the staff members were trained over the summer in differentiated instruction. They will be implementing these new techniques and strategies in all of the classrooms this year to help improve student learning.

The Fulton staff and community are committed to providing students with an outstanding education. We are looking forward to implementing these wonderful new opportunities to help our students learn and thrive!

# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Erin Bains**  
*Principal*

## Meet Our New Principal!

The 2012–13 school year is underway at Gisler Elementary School. I am excited to introduce myself, Erin Bains, as the new principal of Gisler. For the past four years, I was privileged to be the principal at Moiola K–8 School and before that, the assistant principal at Masuda Middle School. Before coming to the Fountain Valley School District, I taught for 11 years at Eastwood Elementary School in the Westminster School District.

I was very lucky that I did not have to start a "new" school alone this year. Because of the closure of Moiola, over 80 families and a handful of teachers and staff members joined me here at Gisler, and we are quickly turning into one giant Gator community.

This year, our school will embark on a journey of differentiated instruction led by the work of Dr. Vickie Gibson. We will also continue with the outstanding practices brought by the work of those involved with the Cotsen Foundation, whose mission is to transform experienced and capable educators into gifted teachers. I feel so fortunate to work with a staff that puts an emphasis on professional development and is constantly looking at new ways to increase the academic success of all of our students.

Gisler is a wonderful school with an outstanding community and staff that puts our children first. I look forward to an exciting 2012–13 school year!

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**Heather Harrison**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Moving Forward

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be a wonderful year! This time of year is always full of great anticipation and, here at Masuda Middle School, we are excited for what this year has in store.

We continue to endeavor as a school that is student-centered and as a staff that is dedicated to ensuring that every student thrives, learns, and achieves. At the same time, we are dedicated to continual progress in developing an instructional program that meets the various needs of students while promoting high academic standards and a quality learning experience. It is with these goals in mind that we step into the new school year and, in many ways, a new educational era.

Through differentiated instruction, a focus on student engagement, diversified assessments, and effective supports, we begin our transition to the Common Core State Standards. By blending 21st-century skills with curriculum, we are confident our students and staff will take great strides toward mastering the multi-dimensional abilities required now and in the future.

We look forward to this new year and era with great enthusiasm and are thrilled to partner with all who are part of the Masuda family!

# Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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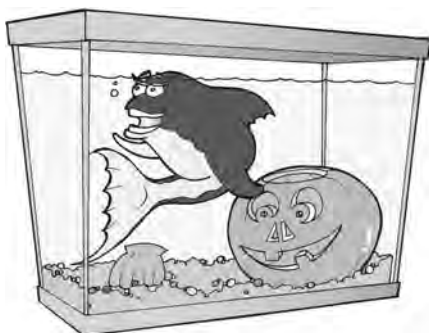
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*Principal*

## Pathway to Perseverance

The Olympic Games are special for so many reasons, as their spirit provides an incredible opportunity to see excellence around the globe. Whether you watched five minutes or five hundred hours of the recent London Olympics, you got to watch athletes who are the best of the best in their particular sport. Each athlete, whether male or female and whether competing as an individual or on a team, demonstrated extreme amounts of perseverance. These athletes were examples to the world of what can happen when you go for the gold, even if you don't win a medal!

We recognize that many of our students may not compete in the same venues as Olympic athletes; however, we do believe that Oka can help instill some of those same character values and traits demonstrated by so many of these competitors. At Oka Elementary, we strive to not only have our students attain academic excellence but also to simultaneously build a strong foundation of character development in order to be a high-quality human being. Our Values in Action theme for this year is "Pathway to Perseverance." Whether helping a student go from basic to proficient, proficient to advanced, or going above and beyond any barriers to reach their goals, Oka is committed to ensuring the success of our students as academic scholars and outstanding young people of this community. Oka is excited to begin a school year that offers many opportunities to learn and live perseverance in action.

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

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**Kathy Davis**  
*Principal*

## Key to Student Success

As we begin the 2012-13 school year, the Newland staff wants to remind parents of the vital part they play in the education of their children. Research indicates that children whose parents are involved in their schooling in meaningful ways perform better than those with uninvolved parents. However, please keep in mind that involvement does not necessarily mean volunteering in the classroom, although we certainly do appreciate our parent volunteers! Nonetheless, parents' involvement in their children's education begins before they ever show up for school.

## Monitoring Academic Progress

Parents can help their children experience school success by doing simple things like establishing a reasonable bedtime; children 11 or younger require at least 10 hours of sleep. It's also helpful to children if there is a "Get Ready the Night Before" procedure in place at home. Pick out clothes for the next day, get materials organized and put them into the backpack, and be sure to keep needed items in an established place so nothing is forgotten each morning. Parents can also foster school success by making time for homework and reading every night. Children who don't have homework can always read.

Parents also need to be sure to monitor the academic progress of their children. Don't wait for report cards to check up on how your child is doing; make sure instead to look through their backpack regularly. Overall, parents can cultivate academic success for their children by taking an active interest in their schooling and maintaining a home environment that values learning.

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

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**Julie Ballesteros**  
*Principal*

## Roaring with Pride

The Plavan Panthers are excited to begin the 2012-2013 school year.

We have been fortunate enough to receive a grant to participate in PBIS, the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It uses a systems approach to enhance the capacity of a school to educate all of its children by developing a research-based and classroom behavior support system.

The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior in each student. PBIS includes schoolwide procedures and processes intended for every student and staff member in all settings.

This team-based process involves systemic problem solving, planning and evaluation. We feel that this approach will create a safe and productive learning environment, where our teachers can teach and all students can learn.

Plavan is a wonderful school with outstanding students, staff and families. We look forward to seeing excellent academic and social growth throughout the year!





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

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**Cara Robinson**  
Principal



**Jennifer Kadjasz**  
Assistant Principal

## Lots of New Faces Around Campus

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! Summer is officially over, and the Talbert staff is excited to be welcoming many returning faces along with some new ones.

As we begin the year, we welcome not only our new students, but also five talented new staff members. We are thrilled to have them join our team because we know that they will only enhance our already dedicated staff!

As funding is only getting tighter, our main commitment at Talbert is to provide a quality education. We are still moving forward in our quest to stay on top of the best strategies for teaching the curriculum. Our teachers have been working hard to get their learning environments ready, and are also trying to help their students make the transition to middle school as smooth as possible.

Change can be scary, and yet very rewarding when it's done right! But change can be difficult not only for the students but for the parents as well. That's why Talbert is going to be incorporating "Parent Bootcamps" throughout the school year. Here we will tackle such topics as helping with homework and how to protect your child from cyber-bullying. With Talbert's students and parents becoming even more knowledgeable, there is no way that we won't become a solid team and achieve even more!

The new year will be sure to bring us new friendships, new support systems and new successes. So let's make this a great year, Talbert Thunderbirds!

# Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary* (K-5)

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**Jay Adams**  
Principal

## New Cast Members, Same Great Show!

Hello, and welcome back! Can you believe it? It seems like only yesterday that school was out for the summer, and now here we are gearing up again! Hopefully, you've had a joyful summer relaxing and learning all while building assets into your family. So pack up those lunchboxes and bust out those notebooks, 'cause here we go!

This year, we have a multitude of new faces on staff to introduce to you! We have four new teachers joining us from Moiola School: Joleen Solorzano, kindergarten; Nicole Hunter, first grade; Laurel Kellogg, fourth grade; and Susan Haukness, fifth grade. We also have a new speech and language teacher, Julia O'Brien. Marie Ackerman will be our new cafeteria manager, Eligio Ortiz will be our night custodian, and Mary Fox will be joining us up front as our new office assistant. Welcome, new Tigers! 2012-13 school is full of new faces and exciting new challenges.

2012-13 promises to be an amazing school year. We are welcoming in around 80 new students to our enrollment. Can you believe it? And we're excited for our returning students, too. We've missed you over the summer and are so eager to get back into the swing of things! Hooray for school! We're glad you're part of our Tamura family.



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## INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT



### A Successful Team

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year! We have been busy this summer preparing for another positive educational experience for our children. The Ocean View School District (OVSD) team and I are committed to providing an outstanding educational program delivered by our highly skilled and dedicated teachers and staff. Student success in school is our highest priority.

**Kathy Kessler**

This will be a year of leadership transitions for Ocean View. The Board of Education is going through the process of recruiting and hiring a new superintendent. As the Interim Superintendent, I will continue the fine work of the OVSD staff in making sure that every student has an opportunity to succeed in an environment where he or she feels valued and supported. Having worked in the Huntington Beach school community for many years, I am familiar with our wonderfully supportive community.

Ocean View has a long and rich history of strong community relationships, parent involvement, and student achievement. I encourage all parents to continue to take an active role in their children's education. Parent involvement makes a tremendous difference and will help them succeed. There are many ways to become active as a school volunteer at both the district and school levels. Please contact the schools directly to find out more about how you can become involved.

Given the state's uncertain economic and budgetary situation, this year promises to be very challenging for our schools. To help us get through these difficult times, enhanced communication will be a focus in our district this year. Our goal is to provide you with more accurate, timely, and complete information about the issues, programs, and decisions that impact your child's education. Our newly appointed Director of Administration and Community Relations will spearhead this effort. In addition, the Board of Trustees voted this summer to place a school improvement and modernization bond, Measure P, on the November ballot. The passage of Measure P would allow for repairs and improvements to our schools, which are approaching 50 years old! Look for more information on the Web site ([www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org)), in print and electronic communication, and through community/parent outreach in the months ahead.

I am excited to be part of Ocean View educational team. Working together, we will make this a wonderful school year for you and your children.

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**Debbie Cotton**  
*Clerk*

### Meeting the Needs of Each and Every Student

On behalf of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees, I extend a warm welcome back for the 2012–2013 school year. Despite severe state and federal funding reductions, Ocean View School District is holding strong. Times are truly tough, but thanks to our dedicated students, parents, and staff, our children continue to learn and grow in supportive and enriching academic environments.

Ocean View starts this year with class size reduction in kindergarten through third grade, holding maximum class sizes at a 29:1 student/teacher ratio, one of the lowest in the county. Because we know how important it is to educate the "whole child," we are keeping art in all grade levels and music in fourth through eighth grades and have committed to maintaining our after-school sports program in the four middle schools. A few years ago our district piloted a third-grade Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) program that was very successful and continues this year. We still have kindergarten of choice that ranges from Preppie (Transitional) K to extended-day kindergarten.

We look forward to a year that expands our existing arts program and brings more technology to our students' education. We are excited to expand the Differentiated Instruction model that we have been using to more classrooms in order to meet the needs of all students. Most importantly, we look forward to each and every student attending each and every day so that we can continue to make a difference in each student's life.

We wish you a wonderful 2012–2013 school year, and thank you for your continued support of our schools.



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# Circle View *Elementary*

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**Karen Sandors**  
*Principal*

## Ready to Soar!

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and once again it's time to start another school year.

I would like to both welcome back our returning students and families and also say hello to the new ones. I am privileged to be the principal of Circle View, and lucky to be part of a community with such supportive parents, hard working and caring staff members, and of course, incredible students. They put forth a tremendous amount of time and effort to make our school wonderful.

Everyone has been working through the summer getting ready for the new school year. Our PTO has been hard at work planning educational and exciting activities. The teachers have also been putting in countless hours to create inviting learning environments, as well as attending staff development meetings to prepare new and exciting lessons to motivate their students.

Our wonderful custodial staff has also been working very hard to see that we all start the year in a clean and attractive environment.

I would like to welcome a few new faces to our Circle View staff. Dyan Cutshall will be joining the kindergarten team. Monina Bortz will be teaching a one-half combo. Dawn Lutz, Becky Murphy and Kristine Volmenschky will be joining our fourth-grade team, and Judy Matsuda will be teaching the fifth grade. We are very fortunate to have these talented teachers join us.

This year promises to be filled with learning, excitement and success. I look forward to watching our Circle View Eagles soar to new heights.

# Golden View *Elementary*

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**Elaine Burney**  
*Principal*

## A Great Start

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year! It is such a privilege to be part of a school that is on a steady course of academic achievement due to the incredible community, students, parents and staff that make up Golden View Elementary School. We will continue to build on our momentum of providing excellence for every child every day. The staff has worked hard to get ready for the new school year, and we are excited to see our returning families and meet Golden View's newest family members.

We would like to welcome some of Ocean View's finest who will be joining the Golden View family. Karin Peters joins the kindergarten team, and Linda Bryant will be our new school resource teacher. We are also fortunate to have a new office manager, Emma Netty. Emma has been a part of the Golden View family for years, and we look forward to her warm and welcome approach in the front office. All of these new staff members will bring their assets to an already incredible group of teachers and support staff.

The Golden View staff looks forward to working with every child and fine tuning programs to ensure every student's needs are met. Closing the achievement gap in our variety of learners in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics is our focus, and our commitment is to provide all Golden View students with the academic and pro-social behaviors that will be the foundation of their present and future successes.

# College View *Elementary*

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**Kathy Smith**  
*Principal*

## Welcome, Wildcats!

It seems as though we were just saying goodbye at the end of the school year! I hope everyone had a restful and fun-filled summer. We have been working very hard to prepare the school for the new year. Efren Barrera and Keith Wyman, our fantastic custodians, have been working tirelessly, even without air conditioning, to clean, repair, and prepare the school site. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We appreciate you!

The 2012–2013 year brings excitement and re-birth with the addition of some new staff members.

First of all, I would like to welcome our new office clerk, Tami Wilson; she has replaced Donna Raymond, who retired in June. Tami comes to us from Vista View Middle School, where she has worked for the past 12 years.

We also want to welcome our new English-language assistant, Hawa Chohan, who will be taking Cindy Duthie's position. Cindy also retired this year.

Frank Nakase, our school psychologist also retired. However, a new psychologist has not been assigned as of this publication date.

Kate Crawford will be sharing a teaching contract with Christine Stover in second grade. Kate comes to us from Westmont Elementary School and brings a myriad of talent, experience, and energy to College View Elementary School.

I know that you will all join me in welcoming our new Wildcats to our "pride" and wishing our veteran teachers and staff members a happy, healthy, and long retirement.

# Harbour View *Elementary*

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**Cindy Osterhout**  
*Principal*

## Carry On, Team!

My name is Cindy Osterhout, principal of Harbour View Elementary School. Harbour View is fortunate to have highly qualified professional and dedicated staff members who are truly committed to providing our students with the best education in a caring environment.

Our focus is to meet the learning needs for all students, doing whatever it takes to ensure their success. We offer our students a full academic program that encompasses transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition, we have full-time professional educators who teach and enhance learning in general music and physical education, and a wonderful library technician who supervises and implements our morning Homework Club daily from 8–8:25 a.m. I am happy to welcome three new staff members to our Harbour View family. Kim Banovitz and Julie Fortner will be joining our fabulous first-grade team, and Evelyn Peasley will join our tremendous third-grade team.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year, carrying on the many traditions and programs that make this school so special, including our monthly Patriotic and Pelican Pride Assemblies, the "I Caught You Being Good" behavior incentive program, and our Read Through the Wetlands home-reading program. Our rigorous academic program continues to produce students whose STAR test scores are in the upper 10 percent of the state. I am especially proud to have the opportunity to work with an amazing staff, incredible parent volunteers and bright, happy students.

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**Carrie Haskin**  
*Principal*

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back students and families to the 2012-2013 school year! All of us here at Hope View are excited about the opportunities that a new school year brings.

I feel fortunate to embrace my second year as principal of Hope View. We have such a warm and welcoming culture. If you are a continuing family then I am sure you appreciate the friendly family atmosphere and focus on learning here at Hope View. If you are new, I believe you will enjoy your new experience.

We'd like to welcome our 2012-2013 PTO Board and Co-Presidents Joe Belsito and Kathy Zehnder. Thanks to the PTO we are able to enhance our students' experiences and learning as we all go the extra mile! Please consider joining the PTO, too, as our parents and their participation is truly valued.

We look forward to seeing our wonderful community at the Back to School Night event on September 19. Go, Hawks!

# Marine View *Middle School*

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**Shelley Morris**  
*Principal*

## A Longstanding Tradition of Excellence

We are all revved up and off to a great start of what promises to be a phenomenal year at Marine View Middle School! I am absolutely overjoyed to be the new principal at Marine View, joining an amazing family of students, teachers, and staff, as well as an incredibly supportive parent community. As a new Mariner, I am very excited to continue and build upon the longstanding tradition of academic, athletic, and artistic excellence at Marine View.

Many of our staff and Associated Student Body students voluntarily spent their last few days of summer vacation preparing a very warm welcome for our incoming sixth-graders. We started with an orientation called Discovery Day and will continue to involve our young Mariners throughout the school year with intramural sports, lunchtime activities, assemblies, and dances.

Promoting a positive teaching, learning, and social environment is a goal we will continue to build upon through the assistance of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Currently, we recognize and celebrate our students' successes through Marine View Pride (MVP), where their names are posted in the halls if they have excellent attendance habits, good grades, and no discipline issues. We also have A for a Day, where students are nominated by their teachers in areas of improved academics, excellent citizenship, or simply for being positive role models on our campus. These students are honored over the morning announcements as we read a short description of their good deeds.

I am so honored to become a member of Marine View Middle School and cannot wait to share our accomplishments as we learn and grow throughout the year! Go, Mariners!

# Lake View *Elementary*

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**Anna Dreifus**  
*Principal*

## Meeting Every Student's Needs

The 2012/2013 school year is off to a great start!

As a repeat recipient of the Title I Academic Achievement Award, and a NASA Explorer School, Lake View has a reputation for excellence. The opportunities we provide for our students in science, mathematics, engineering and technology are outstanding.

Our comprehensive language arts program also offers a highly focused instructional program for every student as well. By providing a skills-based physical education program, and a variety of fine arts experiences, we ensure that our students are provided with a well-rounded education.

Lake View teachers also have high expectations. They offer a challenging standards-based curriculum that can meet the needs of every student. While our curriculum takes care of the academic side, our Positive Behavior Intervention System addresses the discipline and motivation pieces that are basic to success in school.

It is clear that Lake View excels at providing its students with the tools they need for success. It is also a place where differences are appreciated and accomplishments are celebrated. We are proud of the positive, engaging and energetic atmosphere here at our school.

This school year promises to be a learning-filled one for everyone. We are ready to hit the ground running! Go Lions!

# Mesa View *Middle School*

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**Stephanie Henry**  
*Principal*

## Supporting Common Core Standards

It is my honor to serve as the principal of Mesa View Middle School. We have a rich tradition of academic and cultural excellence, and I am committed to building upon the tremendous work and success of the Mesa View staff, students, and families to maintain our school as a great place for students to learn and grow.

This is a time of incredible promise and possibility in education. California school leaders and teachers are busy planning activities to begin the transition to the Common Core State Standards.

These new standards were designed to reflect the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. They also provide educators with a powerful opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and cultivate a lifelong love of learning in our students. These skills will not only prepare our Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) students for the 21st century, but they will also equip every student at Mesa View for success.

We value our Mesa View families and community members as partners in this endeavor. We will continue to provide you with additional information and communicate our progress throughout the year. Here are some things you can do to support your students through this transition: familiarize yourself with the new standards; come to PTSO meetings for updates; and increase the amount of informational texts your student reads at home.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year, and it is my sincere pleasure to become a member of the Mesa View learning community!



## Please Drive Safely

## Students are Back in School





Laura Dale-Pash  
Principal

Dream Big—Read

The Oak View School community is fortunate to have a branch of the Huntington Beach Public Library immediately adjacent to the school. Oak View works closely with the library to establish and promote programs for children and families. In June, each class visited the library to learn about the summer reading program. As part of the school's Maintain or Gain reading incentive, students were required to join the summer reading program, Dream Big—Read. Children checked in weekly for prizes based on the pages, books or minutes read.



Students who have maintained or gained their reading levels and provide reading log documentation will be honored in a Green Carpet Award ceremony. The highlight of the summer was story time with Principal Dale-Pash on August 2 and 9. In addition to siblings and parents, over 100 children attended each event. Ms. Dale-Pash and the children enjoyed reading favorite titles, such as *Corduroy*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Pleasant View

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Summer Success

Welcome to Pleasant View/Ocean View Preparatory Preschool. Ocean View School District is committed to providing high-quality educational programs to support student development and academic achievement.

During the summer we were very proud of the many ongoing programs we provided for our students. Some of our students were involved in our five-week Extended Summer Year Maintenance Program, and others participated in our two-week August Program. We also continued our summer program for Ocean View Preparatory Preschool (OVPP). This 10-week session, called CAMP OVPP, was a huge success for our students, preparing them for the upcoming fall school year while having fun and focusing on a developmentally-appropriate academic curriculum.

As we start our fourth year at Pleasant View, our outstanding team of gifted, talented, and dedicated teachers are committed to providing the foundation and nurturing needed to help our students achieve their personal best. If you have any questions about our programs, please call us at (714) 845-5000.



Joyce Horowitz  
Principal

Celebrate!

Ocean View School District continues to celebrate its successes. Oak View Preschool (OVP) is part of that success. OVP staff and families have played an important part in preparing children for the K–5 program.

Children who attend the state-funded preschool perform better than their peers on state testing. English learners who attend preschool scored two to 20 percent higher in the Proficient and Advanced levels than students who did not attend preschool. Test results are from Title 1 schools, including Oak, Westmont, College View, and Lake View Elementary Schools. This comparison of scores for children in third through fifth grades proves the power of preschool!

One more accomplishment to celebrate is the power of parent participation. Last year was the first time OVP parents were required to volunteer in their child's classroom twice per month. The response to the new requirement was excellent, and the rate of parent participation was outstanding. Parent participation for the year was 97 percent! It is with great pride that I congratulate the staff and community for working hard to prepare our children for their future.

	% Adv and Prof No Preschool	% Adv and Prof Attended Oak View Preschool	% of Adv and Prof increase
Grade 3			
ELA	30	32	+2
Math	43	61	+18
Grade 4			
ELA	32	38	+6
Math	58	78	+20
Grade 5			
ELA	52	67	+15
Math	64	81	+17

CST Test Scores from 2011  
Comparison of students in grades 3-5 who did not attend  
preschool vs. those who did attend Oak View Preschool

Spring View

Middle School

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Jason Blade  
Principal

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! At Spring View Middle School, we continue to build on our momentum of providing an excellent learning environment for every child every day. By pulling staff, parents and student together and continuing to build on our strong foundation, the Spring View community continues to be the “BEST” it can be. By: **B**eing prepared, **E**xhibiting respect, being **S**afe in all situations and **T**aking responsibility for our actions, Spring View students will continue to flourish.

This year, Spring View welcomes three new additions to the staff: Haley Palazzola, Anne Cook and Julie Bernstein. All three bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise from other schools within the district. Along with the rest of the staff, their commitment to helping bring out the BEST in all of our students is very evident. Mrs. Palazzola, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Bernstein are fantastic additions to the Spring View Team, and we are excited to have them.

The Spring View Staff looks forward to working with every child and fine-tuning programs to ensure that every student's needs are met and that they are exhibiting their BEST qualities. The continued growth both academically and socially is our focus, and our commitment is to provide all Spring View Students with the academic and prosocial supports that will be the foundation of their present and future success.



# Sun View *Elementary*

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**Kristi Hickman**  
*Principal*

## Sun View Continues to Shine

It is with tremendous enthusiasm that we welcome the 2012–2013 school year with the renewed excitement and anticipation that always seem to accompany the start of a new year. This school year promises to be filled with powerful learning activities designed to provide an enriching and successful school experience for all students. We were greeted with good news regarding improved state test scores and look forward to increasing our efforts and student outcomes.

As the new school year gets underway, we continue to focus on differentiated instruction, Response to Intervention/Instruction (RtI), and Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS).

Best of all, we look forward to reconnecting with our buddies and creating fun, new memories!



# Star View *Elementary*

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**Jamie Kinder**  
*Principal*

## Preparing Students for Success

Academic achievement, parent involvement, and community dedication to our school are the reasons why Star View Elementary School has a reputation of excellence. As the new principal, I am committed to continuing the many traditions that have been established over the years. District personnel, school staff, and parents have communicated their adoration for the school's current programs and instructional practices. It is my honor to support and build on the success the teachers and staff have achieved over the years, including the honor of becoming a high-achieving California Distinguished School in 2012. During the school year, the teachers at Star View will continue their focus on technology in the classroom, implement differentiated instruction to support the needs of all students, and incorporate performing and visual arts within their lessons.

One new initiative this year is the transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards were designed to reflect the knowledge and skills our students need for success in college and careers. The CCSS will assist teachers in planning lessons that support all of our students, including the high achievers and the struggling learners. The focus will continue to be on each student's specific learning needs as the teachers begin to implement the CCSS this school year.

The academic success of every student at Star View is my focus for the school year. By continuing to support the currently successful programs and implementing the state and district initiatives, I plan to continue the Star View tradition of excellence.

# Village View *Elementary*

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**Jodi Novy**  
*Principal*

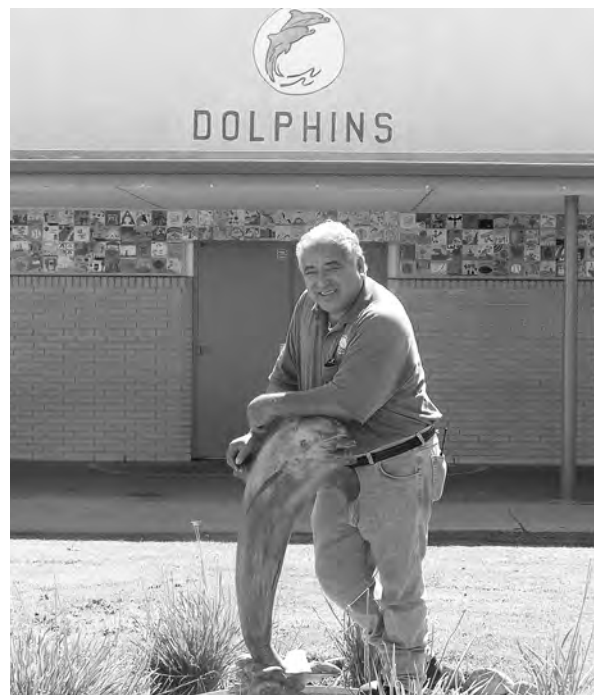
## Ready to Rock On!

Welcome Back, Village View students, staff and community! It has been a very active summer around Village View Elementary School, preparing for an "education-packed" new school year. Village View has much to celebrate. Our API State scores continue to show growth, and we are looking forward to another year of academic success. As we move into the 2012–13 school year, we will continue with our stellar research-based curriculum and will also be focusing on our RtI, Common Core and GATE programs.

In addition to our curriculum, Village View has many fun and

exciting extra curricular events! This fall will be our Fall Festival, Be a Buddy, Not a Bully Week and Special Person's Day. Also, we have a new addition to our Friday Flag Quad. Come check out our new Village View dolphin statue!

Village View has a great deal to celebrate this year. We look forward to the opportunity to create an environment of educational excellence. With the support of staff, students and community, our dolphins will be the best they can be. Village View Dolphins "Rock the Deep Blue Sea!"



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# Vista View *Middle School*

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**Robert Miller**  
Principal

## Success for All

As the principal of Vista View Middle School, it is my pleasure to be leading our distinguished school staff into the 2012–2013 school year. As we embark on a new year, we are reminded of our responsibility to educate and support our students with both excellence and care.

As a school team, the Vista View staff is committed to doing whatever it takes to help all our students reach their full potential. As principal, I am proud of our many successes last year, including a 25-point growth on our Academic Performance Index (API) score and being named one of Orange County's Best Middle Schools by *The Orange County Register* for the fourth time. Our goal is to build upon those successes in order to help all students achieve at even higher levels this year.

Our continued success requires that we continue to focus on providing outstanding classroom instruction, an innovative network of student supports, positive personal connections between our staff and students, a rich and diverse standards-based curriculum, and a school climate that is safe, structured, and positive. I look forward to the continued collaboration between our staff, students, and parents as we work together this year to ensure Success for All!

Vista View Middle School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Stephanie Moses. Stephanie will teach sixth-grade math and science. We're very pleased to have her join our distinguished school team!

# Westmont *Elementary*

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**Carol Furman**  
Principal

## A Positive Start

Westmont is an exemplary school, one that is driven by a dedicated and talented staff of teachers, an incredibly supportive community, and an enthusiastic student body driven by their own academic and social successes!

Our teachers have been working hard since their return to evaluate schoolwide test data and implement new strategies to ensure student success. Achievement binders and goal-setting with the students and parents are just a few of the structures that we have put into place to help support increased academic performance. And with the continued implementation of differentiated instruction, we look forward to even more gains in achievement this year.

The 2012/2013 school year started off with a bang, as we celebrated those students who scored in the "proficient" and "advanced" range on the spring 2012 California Standards Tests. The students reveled in their success as their peers and teachers cheered them on.

Each Westmont student also participated in our third-annual kickoff assembly to help re-introduce "The Westmont Way." This is our schoolwide positive behavior support program.

And what a positive start to the school year! Throughout the upcoming year, our Westmont students can look forward to things like "bragging" to the principal on Fridays, awards ceremonies that honor exemplary character and academic success, incentives for excellent attendance, and even receiving Westmont Way raffle tickets!

It is going to be a fantastic year at Westmont. So go, Eagles!

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Mary Ann Hutton  
Branch Manager

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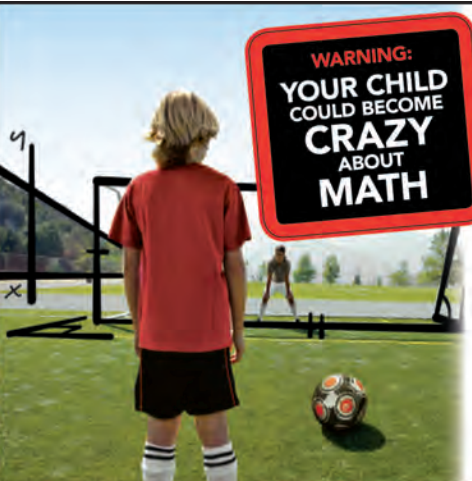
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Children, come one, come all! Preschool storytime is on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for ages three to five. Family storytime is a great time for the entire family to listen to stories and join in on the fun of song, dance, and handi-crafts or coloring. All ages are welcome—young and more mature alike!

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The Oak View Branch Homework Club starts on September 17 as well, but it meets on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2–5 p.m., and Wednesdays from 12:30–4:30 p.m. New and returning parents and students must also register on their first visit.

High school students and adults interested in being homework tutors may contact Barbara Richardson at (714) 374-5338. Tutors must be willing to volunteer at least one day a week. Those 18 years and older will also need to be fingerprinted before they can start volunteering.

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## Programs for All

*By Jane Deeley, Branch Manager*

Start the school year off right by visiting the Westminster Public Library! Children of all ages are invited to join us for our Craft Afternoons on Thursday, September 13 and October 11 at 3:30 p.m. The Children's Book Club meets at 3:30 p.m. on September 12 and October 10. We'll discuss the monthly selection and do some activities related to the book. Don't forget about our weekly storytimes, where read stories, sing songs, and end with a craft! Preschool and Toddler Storytimes are every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively, and Family Storytime happens on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Be sure to return to the library during Banned Books Week, September 30–October 6 and check out some of your favorite banned books. Help us celebrate Teen Read Week, October 14–20, when teens are encouraged to read a variety of materials including graphic novels, movies, and more! Please contact the library for more information about the Teen Read Week events. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets on Wednesday, September 5 and October 3 at 4 p.m.; teens interested in contributing their ideas for library programs and materials should come! There will be VolunTEEN Orientations at 3:30 p.m. on September 18 and October 17. New volunteers should pick up applications prior to attending; teens ages 12–18 are invited to apply.



# Car Parts Word Search Contest

## Rules!!!

One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that is the word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put FOHW in the subject line)



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## SUPERINTENDENT



### The 5 C's

The interplay between societal demands, technology and advances in the science of learning is changing more rapidly than in any other time in education. We've moved from an agrarian society to the industrial age and from the industrial age to the 21st century. The industrial model of schooling has now outlived its usefulness. By combining the wisdom of the past with the insights and technologies of today we see an exciting opportunity for change.

**Richard Tauer** Learning and innovation skills increasingly are being recognized as those that separate students who are prepared for more and more complex lives and work environments in the 21st century, and those who are not. P21 is a national organization that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student. They have determined essential skills for success in today's world, called the "4 C's." The 4 C's include creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. I have added another "C" to the mix and that is "civility." WSD will be using the 5 C's as our framework for teaching, learning and leadership. Administrators will examine their work, teachers will prepare their instruction and students will demonstrate their knowledge through the lens of the 5 C's. While individually we can adopt the practices of a 21st century classroom, the real impact on students is if an entire school and district embraces and works toward the same vision.

### Expectations for Collaboration

- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams
- Exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a goal
- Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work and value individual contributions made by each team member

### Expectations for Creativity

- Think Creatively
  - Develop, elaborate, refine, analyze, and evaluate new ideas
- Work Creatively with Others
  - Communicate new ideas to others effectively
  - Be open and responsive to others
  - Demonstrate originality and inventiveness while understanding real world limits
  - View failure as an opportunity to learn
- Implement Innovations
  - Act on creative ideas to make a tangible and useful contribution

### Expectations for Critical Thinking

- Reason Effectively
  - Use various types of reasoning as appropriate to the situation (i.e., inductive, deductive, etc.)
- Use "Systems Thinking"
  - Analyze how parts of a whole interact with each other to produce overall outcomes in complex systems
- Make Judgments and Decisions
  - Analyze and evaluate information
  - Synthesize, connect and interpret
  - Reflect critically
- Solve Problems
  - Solve different kinds of non-familiar problems in conventional and innovative ways
  - Ask clarifying questions to lead to better solutions

### Expectations for Communication

- Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and non-verbal skills
- Globally competent students and adults communicate their ideas effectively with diverse audiences
- Utilize multiple media and technologies, judge their effectiveness and assess their impact
- Communicate effectively in diverse environments (including multi-lingual)

### Expectations for Civility

- Staff members demonstrate cultural proficiency when interacting with all stakeholders
- All staff and students demonstrate core values of respect, responsibility and safety to enhance positive school climates
- Staff members embrace the responsibility for civility that accompanies our leadership roles within the greater community

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President

Thanks to the funding provided by a \$130 million bond measure that voters passed, Johnson, Stacey and Warner Middle Schools are undergoing major transformations that will enhance the quality of education our students receive. Each middle school renovation will have four basic components: a new science and exploration classroom building, a new gymnasium/multi-purpose use facility, a resource center, and outdoor learning spaces.

A Priority Planning Committee established guiding principles to be used in the development of all plans for Measure O projects. These six guiding principles are a shared reflection of our vision, values and dreams for the children in our district.

- Provide 21st century learning environments.
- Develop schools as centers of the community.
- Promote safe and healthy schools and lifestyles.
- Facilitate exploration as the key component of learning.
- Value stewardship and accountability in all activities.
- Promote staff development and collaboration.

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# Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Dr. Lori Rogers**  
*Principal*

## Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to Anderson School! We hope your summer was filled with wonderful adventures!

We kicked off the school year with Jump into Writing for two weeks in August. Students acquired new skills to help prepare them for school and upcoming writing assessments.

Please welcome our new Anderson staff, including RSP paraeducator Cynthia Kanigowski. Ms. Kanigowski joins the special-education team coming to us from Webber. She has served as an LMA in the district for the past two years.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Broderson, who begins a new job as assistant principal at Johnson Middle School. Mrs. Broderson will be missed at Anderson. She served as a teacher in WSD for over 12 years!

Anderson also celebrates a new PTA board: Mr. Bivens, president elect; and Mrs. Estrada, Mrs. Alam, Mrs. Mondragon, Mrs. Fuentes, Mrs. Damasio, Miss Damasio, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Hill and Ms. Paceley.

# DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Shannon Villanueva**  
*Principal*

## Common Core State Standards

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year! Going back to school is always such an exciting time for teachers, students and parents. There are so many things to look forward to in the year ahead. We are inspired by 21st-century learning and beginning the implementation of Common Core State Standards. The future is now!

Even as we finished the school year in June of 2012, our DeMille Elementary School Preppie K, kindergarten and first-grade teachers were preparing for this school year by attending training in the new Common Core state standards. We have a renewed focus on communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and civility. Training will continue for all teachers and administrators, and Common Core state standards will be implemented in all grade levels over the next few years.

Common Core standards provide a clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be rigorous and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers and opening doors to opportunities for a bright future.

# Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Dr. Hiacynth Martinez**  
*Principal*

## Thinking in the Real World

This year promises to bring some new and exciting changes to Fryberger Elementary School, including teacher instruction and student learning. These changes open the door for 21<sup>st</sup>-century exploratory learning in which students will have opportunities to demonstrate their thinking and learning in an authentic way that is sure to breathe a breath of fresh air into the classroom and all learning contexts. Teacher instruction will be filled with rigor and relevance, thus creating on-ramps for students to operate from a critical-thinking perspective.

The S.M.A.R.T. Falcons of Fryberger will display their cognitive skills by showcasing their learning at various levels of complexity, including remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing, evaluating and creating.

Here's to looking forward to a grand school year!

# Clegg *School*

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**John Staggs**  
*Principal*

## Ready to Further Distinguish Ourselves!

It has been a great summer, and we are excited about the 2012–13 school year here at Clegg Elementary School. Last year, Clegg Elementary was named a California Distinguished School by the state of California. This is a major honor, and we would like to thank our staff, students and community for putting in all of the hard work that it takes to receive this honor.

We are also pleased to announce two new additions to our staff this coming school year. Raquel Martinez has joined our first-grade team. Mrs. Martinez is joining us from DeMille Elementary School and is very excited to become a member of the Clegg family. We also have Poppy Payne joining our second-grade team. Mrs. Payne comes to us after working at Sequoia Elementary School, and she too is very excited to join the Clegg family. The entire staff looks forward to working closely with both Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Payne throughout the coming school year and years to come.

We are very thankful for all of the parent participation on our campus last year and hope to continue working closely with each of you throughout the coming school year. It is important that school staff and parents work closely together to ensure that each of your students continues to grow and be successful in school. Joining the PTA and working with your classroom teacher are great ways to get involved here at Clegg Elementary School.

Welcome back!

# Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

13552 University St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7227 • www.wsd.k12.ca.us/eastwood.aspx



**Donna Brush**  
*Principal*

## Getting Involved

Welcome to the 2012–2013 school year! We are proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to the new school year with excitement and anticipation of things to come.

One goal this year is to continue building a strong working relationship among parents and teachers in support of our students. Research proves that parent involvement has a positive effect on student success; it is crucial to the health and well-being of a child. When parents are involved in their children's schools and education, children have higher grades and standardized test scores, improved behavior, and better social skills and adaptation to school.

Eastwood Elementary School's PTA is committed to being a resource for parent involvement; it is a way for families to get involved and stay involved in the lives of their children. Thanks to the commitment and dedication of our parents, Eastwood students will benefit from some new programs this year. We will have a second-trimester, school-wide focus on science. PTA will sponsor assemblies and events, which will provide students with the motivation, instruction, and materials to create a project. These projects will be displayed at an evening Science Fair, scheduled for the end of the trimester. They will also sponsor an Art Night at the beginning of May and an Art Fair at the end of May, where students' framed self-portraits will be available for purchase. Watch out—we may have some future Van Goghs on campus!

We're off to another great year!





# Finley *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Maria Gutierrez-Garcia**  
*Principal*

## What a Summer

The summer months at Finley School were incredibly busy! For one, Finley hosted the PRIDE Summer Daycare Program (offered through Abrazar) for students from kindergarten through middle school. The students were able to participate in a variety of fun activities in a safe and nurturing environment, and at an affordable cost for parents.

In preparation for the 2012-2013 school year, Finley's south-facing parking lot was also transformed to create a safer drop-off and pick-up zone. It will now divide traffic in a more orderly process to help ensure everyone's safety. But the newly transformed parking lot will only accommodate school buses which transport students, and provide a limited number of parking spaces for preschool parents.

Additionally, some staffing changes have been made for 2012-2013. We welcome the SUCCESS program for students with autism, taught by Ms. Jannette Jarrott and Ms. Thuy Tran. Former Finley teachers Mrs. Slawson and Mrs. Kawamura have also accepted new positions as instructional support specialists at the district level. While we'll certainly miss them, they will now be able to impact a larger audience with their amazing skills and resourcefulness.

This year, Mr. Chris Mixon will be teaching the first grade, and Mrs. Leticia Flores will be teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Tucker, a former fourth-grade teacher, has returned to her previous field as a geologist, and we shall miss her. Ms. Helen Li will also be joining Finley School as the speech pathologist.

I am looking forward to another great year at our school. We have an amazing staff, a wonderful parent community, and, most importantly, fantastic children!

# Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Shane Vinagupta**  
*Principal*

## New Year, New Look.

Well, if you have had a chance to drive by the campus you would think that it looks more like a war zone than a school! The city's "Measure O" dollars are hard at work constructing what will soon be a state-of-the-art learning facility, one that will help open doors for our children's futures.

This construction will cause a distraction and inconvenience for sure, but the Johnson staff is committed to making sure that the learning and progress do not stop. I am sure that you will all be overjoyed with the end result!

I would also like to welcome Sue Broderon to our administrative team. Mrs. Broderon will be the new assistant principal. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and is looking forward to supporting our school and community in every way possible.

Here's to a great year! Respect, effort and pride ... so go, Warriors!

# Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Paul Andre White**  
*Principal*

## Collaborative Relationship

As the new Principal of Ray Schmitt Elementary School, it has been my sincere pleasure and honor to become a member of this great school community. During my first weeks in the district, I have found there is a close working collaborative relationship between teachers and parents with a focus upon what is best for the children we serve. I am truly honored to be appointed to this position and am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff to provide the best possible educational program for our students.

# Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Mark Murphy**  
*Principal*

## Ready to Fly High!

The Hayden Hawks are ready to soar into the 2012-13 school year! As the assistant principal for the last two years, I am extremely excited and honored to be selected as the new principal at Hayden. The staff and community are also extremely excited to welcome our new assistant principal, Carrie Hernandez. Mrs. Hernandez has been with the Westminster School District for 10 years and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Hayden Elementary would also like to welcome some new staff members to the team. Janel Carpenter will be teaching our new kinder SDC class, and My Le will be teaching our SDC class for grades 1 and 2. Alicia Young will be our new speech pathologist, and Cristal Pierce will be our new RSP teacher. All four new members are coming to Hayden with great experience and will only help Hayden soar even higher.

Last year at Hayden, we implemented PBIS, thinking maps, fluency and technology. Hayden will continue to thrive in the area of technology. Our staff now has access to SMART Boards, airliners, handheld responders, doc cameras and scanners to help deliver engaging lessons. Our goals at Hayden will continue down these paths to ensure high student achievement for all of our students.

# Land School

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**Beverlee Mathenia**  
*Director, Child Development Programs*

## LeapPads for Preschoolers

Land School added the award winning LeapPad, named the 2012 Educational Toy of the Year and the 2012 Preschool Toy of the Year, to its preschool classrooms this fall. The tablet is engineered just for children and includes an e-reader which adjusts to learning levels, applications for letter and number writing skills, and a high-resolution touch screen with a built-in camera.

Last year Land School integrated SMART Board technology into its curriculum, and the addition of LeapPads will continue to keep our preschool program on the cutting edge. Preschoolers are hardwired for technology and are fascinated with the interactive component of the board and the new handheld devices. Technology engages children in the learning process at a much higher level and captures their attention for longer periods of time. Teachers have noted greater gains in knowledge, long-term memory, verbal skills, problem solving, and manual dexterity.



**Preschoolers working with LeapPads.**



# Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Kathy Kane**  
Principal

## Back to Work

The 2011–2012 school year ended on a high note, with awards assemblies and promotions. Our fifth-graders had mixed emotions about moving on to middle school, but most were excited for the new challenges ahead.

As we open the 2012–2013 school year, that excitement remains. The staff, students and families of Meairs Elementary School are ready to get back to work. High expectations have been set for all. Students and teachers will be in the classrooms, working hard to master the skills necessary at each grade level. Parents will be working as well, participating in Latino Literacy, Nutrition Network, and Parenting Partners classes.

As we work on our academics, we will also remain focused on our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program. Students will strive to do their best by following our three simple rules: be safe; be responsible, and be respectful.

It's going to be a good year!



**Meairs Eagles become Warner Wildcats!**

# Sequoia *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Tammy Hubbard**  
Principal

## Catch Our 50th Wave!

Welcome to the 2012–13 school year! I am excited to begin my sixth year as principal at Sequoia and look forward to another fabulous year of learning. Our teachers are prepared to provide quality innovative instruction that will help our students prepare to be successful members of society.

This will be a "surfin'" great year as we celebrate Sequoia's 50th with activities and special events all year long. Already in the works are commemorative T-shirts, a special yearbook, activities, a time capsule and a huge all-school party that will include a classic-car show. Dust off those huarache sandals and surfboards as we ride the wave of excitement for 2012–13! This will be a community celebration, so please help us spread the word!

In celebration of our great accomplishment, we are unveiling a new logo. Thank you, Wendy Thompson, for designing our new eagle.

Soar high with Eagle High!



**Sequoia has a new logo!**

# Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Kim Breckenridge**  
Principal

## Mustang Motto: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

At Schroeder we are empowering our community to be life long learners by dedicating ourselves to being respectful, responsible, and safe while promoting great citizenship. For the 2012-2013 school year we are launching a

new school-wide program for behavior expectations. Based on the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) model, behavior expectations will be directly taught in the fall and reviewed throughout the year. We are also excited with our new student recognition system, Mustang Money. It's a positive way to start the year!



# Stacey *Middle School*

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**Heidi DeBritton**  
Principal

## Learning Inside and Out!

Hello, Stacey families, and welcome to the 2012–13 school year. If you have driven by lately, you will have noticed our new outdoor learning area between our locker rooms and the C and D wings. It is just beautiful! Measure O dollars were hard at work over the summer getting this project completed for students, staff and families to enjoy. Our new science and exploratory two-story building is coming in one year. So, go on the district website and watch it happen. Cameras are recording the progress.

We have had some staff changes, so please join me in welcoming Derek Mitchell, who comes to us from Wilmore School. Mr. Mitchell will be teaching eighth-grade language arts and an English-language-development class for our students still learning English. Isabelle Karsh comes to us from Sequoia, where she has been teaching sixth grade. She will be teaching sixth-grade language arts along with our art program, including an advanced art class. Mrs. Karsh has a design degree and used to be an interior designer in her previous life before teaching. We have also hired Adam Alu as our new special day class teacher. Mr. Alu comes to us from Los Angeles Unified, where he has been working with special education students for the past four years at the Perez center. Welcome aboard to all of our new staff!

# Webber *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Orchid Rocha**  
Principal

## Ready for School 2012

As the start of the school year got closer this August, some of us probably got very nervous and anxious. But when you enter the year with the excitement of taking on challenges, you will find much more success and less stress.

One of the subjects that cause most anxiety for families of school-age children is homework. Take the position that your child has his job—homework—just as Mom and Dad have theirs. Have a regular set time and place for homework. A box or drawer that contains all of the items your child will need to complete his or her homework will help cut down on the time that is taken looking for a pencil, paper, a ruler and so on. You may even find that a designated quiet time for the entire family may benefit you as well.

If you find that you need assistance with setting a pattern and habit of responsibility, do not hesitate to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. We are all here to help. We wish all of our families a very successful school year!



# Warner *Middle (6-8)*

14171 Newland St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7281 • www.wsd.k12.ca.us/warner.aspx



**Matthew Skoll**  
*Principal*

## Construction and Instruction

As we welcome back everyone for a new school year, we are looking forward to the changes that we will see around Warner Middle School this year as compared to last year. Last June, 950 students gathered in the amphitheater for the last spirit assembly of the year. The Warner Middle School Amphitheater is now a large swimming hole of dirt, created by bulldozers, minus the water! Construction moves fast to prepare safe walkways for new and returning students. A new two-story exploratory and science building is being built as well. If all stays on track, we should be able to occupy both of these buildings when school starts in September 2013. Soon work will also begin on a new resource center in the location of our multi-purpose room.

Watching history in the making of the “modern” Warner is exciting. Warner will be faced with many new and exciting logistical challenges due to construction. The staff and student body are very flexible, and we know that Warner will continue to progress academically, minimizing the effect of the construction on instruction. As for student activities, such as assemblies, parent meetings, and other school activities, new traditions and locations for events will enable school life to continue.

# Willmore *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Rob McKane**  
*Principal*

## The Heat is On

While most of us were looking to find ourselves in a cool place during the summer heat, our classified team was working hard to prepare for Opening Day. Besides dealing with the weather, this is the time of year the heat is on to get all of the rooms deep cleaned, furniture moved, summer orders received and put away, library books checked in to schools, calendars made and printed, and much more.

To continue towards Willmore Elementary School's goal of increased student achievement through technology and parent/community involvement, new computers and SMART Board projectors are replacing aging equipment. Some classes will pilot the use of document cameras, which will allow student work and other artifacts to be displayed on the SMART Board. Of course, our focus on traditional academic areas will always be a priority. We continue to drive towards higher literacy through daily fluency and comprehension exercises at every grade level. Literacy will also be taught through the social sciences, and, while our hands-on science lessons will continue, more writing will support student learning. Students will continue to receive rigorous math lessons, supported by ST Math. Our community liaisons will move forward with classes that respond to parents' needs, as reported in parent surveys.

There was a lot to get prepared for at Willmore during the “dog days” of summer, but we labored with the knowledge that we are now ready to give our students what they need, indeed what they deserve, for a strong 2012-2013 school year.

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We broke ground at all three of our middle schools this summer and the transformations are well under way. Here are a few of the things that have been completed over the past couple of months:

### Johnson Middle School

- Site demolition and clearing
- Utility work
- Site mobilization
- Site grading
- Underground fire water, sewer and storm drain
- Underground gas piping



**Johnson Middle School**

Each middle school construction site is outfitted with a time lapse camera so the community and staff may view construction progress at each middle school from the district website. This will also provide opportunities for the elementary schools to show their students what is happening at the middle schools they will be attending. The completion of our three middle school transformations is projected to be fall 2013. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.wsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.wsd.k12.ca.us)

### Stacey Middle School

- Site demolition and clearing
- Underground storm drain and sewer
- Over excavation of soil at building pad
- Drilled and installed stone columns
- Underground domestic water and fire water
- Underground gas piping
- Phase 2 electrical duct bank
- Fabricated structural steel
- Site concrete and landscaping



**Stacey Middle School**



**Warner Middle School**

### Warner Middle School

- Site demolition of buildings
- Installed web cameras
- Underground domestic water and fire water
- Underground sewer and storm drain
- Installed stone columns
- Coordinated UG utilities and electrical
- Over excavation of soil



# Huntington Beach Union High School District

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Gregory S. Plutko**

### The Best Year Yet

I want to begin this “welcome back to a new year article” the same way we ended our last school year...by expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous community effort of support for our students, staff, and families. I recently heard someone asked the following short question in reflection and planning, “What was our best year?” After a thoughtful pause, he answered, “The year we are getting ready to start!” That pattern of thought and tone of optimism are essential for the success of our students and the health of our schools. That is who we are in Huntington Beach Union High School District!

As a district, our accomplishments have been many and are a great source of pride and motivation for our future. What constitutes that pride are both the small and large individual efforts that become a part of the daily fabric of our work—from the custodial staff who will make their way onto campus before the sun rises to the dedicated teachers, coaches, and professional staff who are committed to providing an educational environment that creates opportunity and vision for the future of our students.

Reflecting on our own high school experiences, we may not always remember a particular author, equation, or time we needed to beat, but we surely recall the names and faces of those who built and guided our paths. Many people might forget who won the league title or got the answer correct on the final exam, but we will find a keen sense of memory for the counselor who helped us the day we needed it the most or the teacher who was meeting us the morning before the test we needed to pass.

This month, as we get ready to begin what will be our “best year yet,” we acknowledge all of those individuals who make sacrifices, both big and small, to help us provide the educational experiences our students will need for the world we expect them to lead. Good luck to the Edison Chargers, Fountain Valley Barons, Huntington Beach Oilers, Marina Vikings, Ocean View Seahawks, Valley Vista Eagles, Westminster Lions, Coast High School Dolphins, and Community Day School Hornets!

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**Dr. Michael Simons**  
*President*

### Student Achievement on the Rise

Our schools are well-known for producing incredible contributors to our local and global community. Students receive a balanced blend of academic rigor and rich extracurricular opportunities. With so much positive publicity and public admiration directed toward our performing arts and athletic programs, it would be easy to miss the outstanding academic growth and achievement of our students.

Successful academic programs can be measured in many ways. One indicator is an increase in the number of students enrolled in our most rigorous courses. During the 2011–2012 school year, we witnessed an increase of over 700 students enrolled in college-preparatory courses. Our teachers and administrators embraced the concept of open access, resulting in a significant increase in the percentage of college-eligible students. Along those lines, Advanced Placement (AP) enrollment has grown by over 10 percent during the last three years.

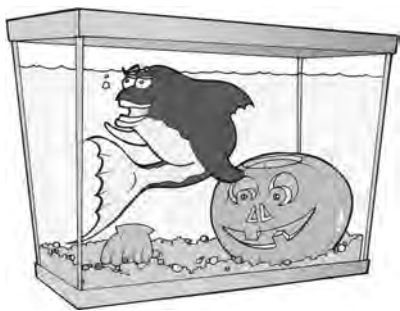
Embedded support systems, tutorials, a commitment to best first instruction, and dedicated teachers have led to increased student achievement across Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD). Our district-wide Academic Performance Index (API) has increased four consecutive years to a staggering 835. This accomplishment is even more impressive given the fact that Union High School Districts traditionally trail K–12 organizations in the current accountability system. The accomplishments of our schools are well-chronicled in the *Orange County Register* Top Schools rankings and *Newsweek* Best Schools compilation.

While all districts will deal with financial uncertainty at the state level, we have confidence that our strategic and focused professional development plan, combined with a dedicated and professional staff, will lead our district into an era of unparalleled academic success for the 2012–2013 school year!

## Contest!!

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# Coast *High School*

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**Steve Curiel**  
Principal

## New Challenges, Future Successes

Another great year has gone by, and we've just opened the doors to our returning students for the 2012–13 school year. As we said goodbye to our graduating class of 2012 last June, I recognized that each hand I shook that afternoon represented a success story for students, families and teachers. That final congratulatory handshake recognized not only the completion of a required list of courses but also the overcoming of individual challenges both academic and personal. These challenges may have included the pursuit of professional careers or restrictive health conditions.

Students, families and teachers worked hard to overcome these challenges through Coast High School. In many ways, these challenges proved too difficult to be addressed at one of our excellent comprehensive high school sites, and Coast High School is proud to provide another option for students.

Coast High School, an independent-study high school, gives students both an individualized and independent format of study and a flexible school schedule. The combination of these two factors provides an environment in which students can not only meet their graduation requirements but also address and overcome unique challenges. With the start of the 2012–13 school year, we look forward to congratulating another group of successful students in June and welcoming new students throughout the school year.

## New Supportive Faces

The new year brings changes not only to our student body but also to our staff. This past summer, we said goodbye to one of our language arts instructors, Char Roberts, who retired after more than 30 years of services to our district. Taking her place will be Carly Ginter, who comes to us after working the last two years at the Huntington Beach Adult School. We also said farewell to our assistant principal, Danny Morris, who transferred to Marina High School. Filling his position is Kathleen Lommen. Mrs. Lommen comes to us with extensive experience in working to provide support services to students. She will continue our long tradition of working with our students and families to overcome challenges and excel beyond the traditional academic program.

In the coming months, our new and experienced Coast High staff will continue its efforts to incorporate more online learning with the intent of making curriculum more accessible to our students. As always, the intent will be to provide more and better services to our students in order to help them be successful in whatever goals they have.

# Community Day School

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**Steve Curiel**  
Principal

## A Sense of Community

In June, I participated in three separate graduation ceremonies. All of them were special, and I was happy to be at each one.

This year was my first graduation for the Community Day School, and I have to admit that the ceremony stood out to me more than the other two. This might be because it was new to me. Or it might be because the staff did a great job in decorating the facility.

But I think I was most impressed (and touched) by the strong relationships between the graduating class and the CDS staff so evident during the ceremony. How often do you have each graduating student make special comments about each instructor, thanking them for their teaching and support? The teachers also had a chance to speak, and they expressed their appreciation for each graduating student and even shared a personal story about each one.

This is what is possible in a small setting such as the Community Day School. I am excited about working with the staff and students for my second year, now that I see how strong the bonds are at our school.

## What Lies Ahead?

I am happy to report that as a result of a donation from the Huntington Beach Adult School, one of the Coast High School computer classrooms had its computers upgraded over the summer. Although not brand-new computers, they are much newer than what we had last year, and they will run our current applications a lot better.

More importantly, they will also run some of the new software we might be acquiring for our students and staff. This includes access to online courses, an upgrade to our computerized reading program, and a variety of other online educational applications.

As we prepare for the new school year I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. What I have learned over this past year has made me appreciate what a spectacular school CDS is. The amount of services that we provide, and the kind of staff members who are dedicated to each student, can hardly be matched anywhere else in the district.

Our teachers are very skilled at what they do, and they have a passion for their students. The facilities continue to be improved, and the students themselves, once acclimated to the environment, show a genuine appreciation for "their" own school. And, you can't beat the location!

My hopes for the next year are that we will continue to build on this great program of ours. We will offer its services to more students who need them and create a broader awareness of the great programs that are offered at the Community Day School.



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## The Charger Excitement Never Ends

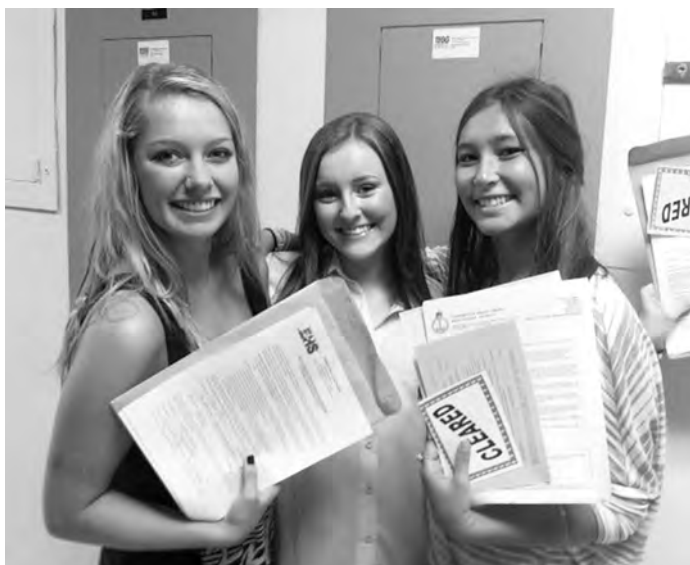
While many teenagers were lounging around the beach this summer, a number of Edison High School students were attending events and training or preparing for the upcoming school year.

Many youth sports camps were hosted at EHS this summer. Our annual football team/special abilities cluster picnic took place and was enjoyed by many in the community. The Associated Student Body leadership class, yearbook, cheer squad and other groups also headed off to their various camps to get ready for another exciting year.

You could also hear the rat-ta-tat-tat from the drum line and the jamming horn section rehearse their half-time shows for the upcoming football season. There were students painting posters, athletes in training, and even

excited new ninth-graders standing nervously in registration lines.

Some eager students also got a jump on algebra by taking a two-week summer class. Yes, the summer season is coming to a close, but we are so excited to be starting another year at Edison High School.



**Students registering.**



**Military helps with student registration.**

## More on the Way

This year we will also continue to focus on what we call our tradition of excellence, our tradition of character, and our tradition of pride. As a “Three A’s” school of academics, arts and athletics, we will continue to work with our students, parents and community to achieve excellence in all of these areas. We hope to shine a spotlight on each one of them throughout the school year.

Please join us in celebrating our accomplishments, as we begin another great school year here at Edison High School! You are cordially invited to keep up with all of the Charger excitement on our Web page, at [www.edisonchargers.com](http://www.edisonchargers.com).

# Fountain Valley *High School*

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## Staff and Student Standouts

*By Chris Herzfeld, Principal  
and Lisa Battig, Teacher – Science*

Academics, athletics, arts, career and technology education and a highly skilled professional staff form the core of any comprehensive high school. Fountain Valley High School (FVHS) students and staff continue to thrive in all of these areas. Here are a few examples.

Sean Myers, a 2012 graduate, was selected as the offensive player of the game in the North South All-Star football game in July. Not bad for the smallest guy on the roster. Sean was a standout in three sports at FVHS. It was great to see him literally rise above the competition and help his teammates, some of whom were bitter rivals just last fall.

JR Ginex Orinon, a FVHS science teacher and graduate, was recently awarded a spot in the prestigious Google Teacher Academy, happening this fall in New York City. You may recall reading about Mr. G-O’s Google Genius team of students and his own expertise in the area of Google docs, calendar, file sharing, and social networking as classroom instructional and management tools.

Speaking of stars in the science department, incoming senior Andrew Ninh experienced a rare accolade this summer as a paper of his was published in a real science journal. I will let his teacher Lisa Battig tell Andrew’s story.

“Fountain Valley High School senior Andrew Ninh has had a passion for science throughout his life. During one period in his early youth, for example, his love for entomology led him to commit literally hundreds of facts about bugs to memory while keeping several insects to study their behaviors—which resulted in him wowing his classmates with the thoroughness of his knowledge. This past year, however, Andrew committed himself to a completely different line of study. Andrew developed an interest in genetics, and, most specifically, in the generation of palindromic sequences and its correlation to the presence of tumor and disease.

“This led Andrew to develop a computer program which could take sequences of a specific gene and determine random probabilities of the occurrence of these palindromes. Last year as a high school junior, Andrew competed at the regional level of the Orange County Science fair to showcase his research and was awarded in several ways. Included in this was the opportunity to have his work published in the *Journal of Experimental Secondary Science*.

“Andrew is now entering his senior year, the year of his college applications, as a published scientific author. This is a merit that few students can claim. FVHS is extremely proud of him and his accomplishments and will continue to support him in future endeavors,” Battig shared.

Fountain Valley High School continues to strive to maximize learning for every student, and it’s great to see some real-life examples of that mission.



# Huntington Beach *Adult School*

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**Steve Curiel**  
*Principal*

## The Price of Coffee?

Have you ever realized how much things cost compared to other things? For example, the price of a gallon of gasoline is about equal to the price of a gallon of milk (depending upon the season of course).

Now, we don't often hear when the price of milk goes up, but we often hear about gasoline whether the price goes up or down. It's that important to us, although many of us do like a nice cold glass of milk! Prices matter, and we are keenly aware of this at HBAS. That's why we try to keep our fees as reasonable as possible.

"Reasonable" of course means something different to different people, and we can't always convince everyone of what a great deal we feel we offer. But I'd like to just make this one comparison to put our class fees into perspective. When you calculate the fee to each student per hour of instruction, it comes out to be about \$3 an hour.

That's right, for \$3 per hour you get an experienced instructor, a nice classroom setting, and quality instruction in the topic of your choice. That's about the price of a flavored cup of coffee at a coffee shop. With all due respect to coffee, I think we're the better deal.



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## Quality Program

And the deals keep coming. This fall's course offerings include new classes such as notary public, Microsoft Excel offered online, and a writing class for our ESL students. We are also expanding course offers to different times and locations.

For example, our very popular pharmacy technician program will now be offered at our newly built Main Campus both in the mornings and in the evenings. We are also expanding our yoga and Pilates classes to Huntington Beach High School to make it easier for that community to attend these popular classes.

I want to send a special thank-you to our staff and students for their work on our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation this past year, which resulted in a full six-year term of accreditation (the best you can get). In its visit to our school, WASC confirmed what we already knew, that we offer a great adult education program to our community that's rigorous, flexible, and affordable, and staffed by a highly qualified staff.

We hope that you too will come and visit us, and recognize the quality of our program.

# Huntington Beach *High School*

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**Rocky Murray**  
*Principal*

## New Faces

My name is Rocky Murray, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new principal of Huntington Beach High School. In a short amount of time, I have learned that HBHS is a unique school that without a doubt offers all of its students a plethora of opportunities to grow. As I have walked the classrooms, I have been amazed at the quality of our facilities and also at the overwhelming sense of professionalism and commitment that simply emanate from every classroom and building. Oiler pride is contagious!

Janie Hoy's departure was not the only change to the staff. Fortunately for us, she did not go far, as she was selected for the position of director of Student Services. We also have a number of new people we would like to introduce. They include the following: Steve Danner and Aubrey Milles, science; Monica Weed and Leah Leaser, language arts; Amy Eastman, Lisa Shireman and Alex Spiegel, special education; and Isabel Tischler and Lorena Adame Moreno, world language. Finally, we also welcome a new school psychologist, Michael Olsen, and Rhonda Brown, who will be performing in workability.

## Oilers Making Huge Waves

At HBHS, we have a number of people generating newsworthy headlines. One individual who received national acclaim is teacher/coach and surf legend Andy Verdone. Mr. Verdone's induction into the Surfers' Hall of Fame was well deserved and applauded by all. Mr. Verdone has been a coach and teacher at Huntington Beach for 25 years and has made a tremendous impact on students. His passion and commitment epitomize the dedication to students at HBHS. He has touched generations of students and surfers, not to mention the culture of Huntington Beach.

From the surf to the theater, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the Academy of Performing Arts' own Elizabeth Romero. Ms. Romero had an amazing career at HBHS that culminated with the distinction of being named Best Actress at the fourth annual National High School Musical Theater Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards. She won this award while competing against 50,000 other students who represented 1,000 schools. Elizabeth also received \$10,000 as a result of the award. "Oiler Pride" is a common slogan around the Huntington Beach community, and we are certainly proud of these two Oilers.

Huntington Beach High School is a very special place. We are fortunate to have such strong parent support, diligent students, courageous teachers and a dedicated staff who are committed to providing an education second to none. We strive to maintain the mission and vision of the Huntington Beach Union High School District. We look forward to another excellent year for everyone affiliated with HBHS. And finally, welcome back!



**William M. Habermehl**  
*Superintendent  
Emeritus*

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Al's distinguished career includes several years of successful teaching experience in K-12 classrooms as well as serving as a principal in the Moreno Valley Unified School District and as Superintendent of the Bakersfield City School District and Coachella Valley Unified School District. He has held faculty positions as an adjunct professor at Chapman University and taught part-time at both Pepperdine University and Compton College. Since August 2006, Dr. Mijares served as Vice President of the Western Region for the College Board. Before that, he served as Superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District for more than eleven years.

Dr. Mijares is the recipient of several honors, including the American Association of School Administrators Leadership for Learning Award, the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Educator of the Year Award, the League of United Latin American Citizens' 2004 Excellence in Education Award, the Association of California School Administrators' Diversity Award, and the California School Board Association's Merit for Outstanding Leadership.

I am confident that our youngest citizens will continue to receive outstanding educational services under the leadership of Dr. Mijares. He has the background and leadership skills needed to support the Orange County Department of Education's vision of world class education where every student succeeds. I wish Al the best as he takes on this new and exciting challenge.



# Marina High School

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**Dr. Paul Morrow**  
Principal

## Happy Anniversary to Us!

All of us here at Marina are very excited about the new school year and celebrating our 50th anniversary! Here on our 50th anniversary, we take great pride in greeting our students and this year's senior class, the graduating class of 2013! When you drive by our school, you can't help but see the pride and accomplishments that have developed over the past years.

As we start the year, it is my pleasure to welcome some new employees to Marina High School. They are Danny Morris, assistant principal of curriculum; Laura Aguirre, Spanish; Courtney Rumford, special education—adult transition; Thomas Zook, science; Samantha Sears, English and athletic director; Megan Clark, Pathways/Endeavors psychologist; and Michael Olsen, psychologist. As the 2012–13 school year begins, our staff and students will experience a continuing focus on student achievement and individual growth, a strong focus on college and career readiness, and a new park and recreation area out by a nearby shopping center. Additionally, we plan on opening a new school website and have started a Twitter account for you to join and follow to get instant news updates. You can join our “tweet” by visiting the Marina website. Simply click on the word *Follow* in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen located above the phrase *Our Mission*, and you can subscribe to our updates.

## Preparing for the Next 50

Here at Marina, we have instituted a number of supports and new directions designed to answer four important questions: What do we want students to learn? How do we know when they've learned those identified essential standards? What do we do for students when they do learn? What do we do when our student do not learn? The answers to these questions will help guide our school to even greater successes and a stronger focus on student achievement.

We will also be preparing for our midterm WASC Accreditation visit that is scheduled to occur in the very near future. Over the past few years, we have been working to implement the recommendations from our last WASC review. We had a very successful and productive visit from the WASC team a year and a half ago, and we received a 6R Accreditation (six-year accreditation with a one-day visit in three years)! We continue to be pleased with the results of the visit itself and the directions that have been set to help our school continue to grow and improve.

All in all, Marina High School, a California Distinguished School, is set to have another *great* school year. We take pride in our parent involvement here at Marina and are excited about the many contributions our Educational Foundation, PTSA, School Site Council and various booster groups bring to our school. Drop by and join us through volunteering. We invite you to be one of our Parents-on-Patrol to volunteer to assist during testing, registration, dances and booster clubs, or to join our PTSA or our Ed Foundation. When a community pulls together for a common cause—the education of our students—*great* things can happen!

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**Dan Bryan**  
Principal

## “...yet”

I received a fantastic gift last June from an Ocean View parent. It was a book called *Mindset*, by Stanford professor Carol Dweck.

In it, Professor Dweck writes about the “fixed” and “growth” mindsets. It turns out that these two facets of the way we see one another and ourselves have a profound impact on how we also educate our students. Some folks believe that we are certain kinds of people with certain levels of abilities, and that not much can be done to change it. Others believe that we can always change basic things about the kind of people that we are, and what abilities we can develop.

So what are the implications for students when their teachers and administrators treat them based on a fixed mindset? The children who run into these adults do not get into rigorous classes, which means they don't get challenged as much to stretch, try, fail and learn.

We often hear that, “Those kids just can't learn!” What a sad waste of human potential. But students who are fortunate enough to attend a school with a growth mindset are encouraged to make new mistakes every day on their path to learning. They get praised for their hard work and persistence.

## It Starts at Home

I can see my own sons adopting the fixed mindset within themselves. One of my boys is learning how to play the ukulele. The other day he was practicing in the dining room, when all of a sudden I heard his chair sliding on the floor and him saying, with a large amount of frustration, “I can't play the ukulele!”

So I yelled back to him from the living room with a simple, one-word response: I said the word, “Yet!”

Lately I have learned to add this word to any sentence like the one my son uttered in frustration. That's because each us can get caught in the fixed mindset. But adding the word “yet” will immediately take the pressure off to be great at something right away.

The word “yet” can remind us that people learn by improving on their mistakes. We klunk along until what we learn becomes smoother and cleaner, and I contend that it is far more satisfying to go down the path when we know that we are getting better and seeing improvement.

It's amazing how much potential can be recognized in that one little word!

## Food & Nutrition Services

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## Get a Whole Lot More in Your Breakfast!

By Amanda Legro, Nutrition Assistant, Food and Nutrition Services

Ring ring! Did you hit the snooze button too many times this morning, and now you don't have time for a healthy breakfast?

We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day because it fuels your brain and body, but many people like to skip it! So start the year off strong by making time to include breakfast in your daily routine. And make your breakfast even better by adding whole grains. That's because eating whole grains at breakfast will help you feel fuller longer.

Why whole grains? Whole grains have more iron, fiber, B vitamins and minerals. Eating whole grains on a regular basis can improve weight management, digestion and heart health.

Our recommendation is to make half of your grains whole grains. But when was the last time you had whole grains? If you are wondering how to add them to your breakfast, here are a few great ideas:

Try some oatmeal with diced apples and cinnamon. Or, how about one or two eggs with a slice of whole-grain toast? A whole-grain bagel with low-fat cream cheese and fresh berries is great, too.

Maybe a breakfast sandwich with a whole-grain English muffin, an egg, and cheese would be nice? Or whole-grain cereal with low-fat milk and fruit?

This year, make a point to eat a good breakfast to start your day off right, and be sure to make half your grains whole! These small changes in your daily diet can make a huge difference in your health. So make the switch to whole grains for a benefit in weight loss and heart health.



# Westminster *High School*

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**Owen Crosby**  
*Principal*

## Lion Program Pride

With the upcoming roll-out of the Common Core State Standards, Westminster High School WHS is staying ahead of the game by guiding all students toward college and career readiness.

Reports from the class of Class of 2012 show that 30.5 percent of Westminster students were accepted into four-year universities, 65 percent will attend local community colleges, almost seven percent will attend schools in the University of California system, 16.8 percent will attend California State University schools, and the remaining one and one-half percent will attend out-of-state schools.

Scholarships awarded totaled \$1,854,910, not including financial aid.

How do they do it? Westminster is proud to offer a variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of each student. The WHS Lions provide the following opportunities to support, inspire, and educate each student to ensure career and college readiness:

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) prepares students to meet university admission requirements and to succeed in college and universities. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students are able to complete a rigorous college preparatory path.

Mathematics Educational Resources Integrate with Technology and Science (MERITS) offers a rigorous and focused curriculum with emphasis on manipulative, hands-on lab activities that integrate curricular students for careers in mathematics, science, and technology.

Health Science Careers Academy, Advanced Placement (AP) combines academic instruction with specialized training to prepare students interested in entering the medical field. This is a three-year school-within-a-school program.

Coastline Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is a career preparation program in which student can receive instruction and experience in more than 70 occupational areas (many include an internship in business and industry) and earn class credits. ROP provides career exploration while learning an entry-level skill. It also allows students to gain experience in the major they may declare in college. Many colleges, especially the University of California system and private institutions, ask that students include work experiences, future goals, and aspirations in their application essays.

VOICES is a district vocational-based program within the Special Education Department for students eligible to take the California Alternative Assessment, which has an emphasis on independent living and life skills. Students earn Certificates of Educational Achievement (CEA) through support with functional-based curriculum.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Honors Program provide opportunities for students to rise to college-level challenges in high school, receive both high school and college credit, and enter higher education well prepared for its academic demands. Students who choose AP courses join a community of other students and educators who are passionate, curious and committed to academic excellence. In the classroom, students engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write persuasively. Curriculum for AP courses is standardized on a national level.

The Agriculture Sciences Program prepares students for agriculture careers. Participants learn the importance of agriculture in a socio-economic context and develop leadership skills through hands-on laboratory activities, a work-related student project which allows them to earn an income, and an association to the Future Farmers of America.

Work Ability transitions Special Education student into success after high school. Transition services take into account the academic and functional skills of students to facilitate movement from school to post-school activities, such as post-secondary or vocational education, employment, or community participation.

These programs, along with the continued support of dedicated teachers, administrators and staff members, will ensure that the Westminster Lions are prepared for today's global community.

# Valley Vista *High School*

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**Kerry Clitheroe**  
*Principal*

## Happy New Year!

The "real" beginning of the year for all those involved with education is not January 1, but the first day of school each fall. The whole cycle starts all over: student registration; teachers return and classes begin; annual events and activities come and go; grades and credits are earned and recorded; and conferences and reports take on a life of their own. The end of the year "harvest" of graduation is the exciting conclusion of another academic year. At Valley Vista High School, we're really excited about the start of the 2012-2013 school year and looking forward to a great year.

We begin with a new mission statement, our "New Year's resolution," that better reflects the unique nature of our school and students and our collective aspirations. It displays our positive attitude and indicates our desire to do better and our attitude of accepting challenges as opportunities: "Our mission is to maximize learning for all students in a supportive alternative environment that promotes personal responsibility and mutual respect, leading to completion of high school and acquisition of college and career readiness skills."

Successfully accomplishing our mission begins with committed, caring teachers and staff who are sensitive and responsive to the needs of our unique, at-risk student population. Even though we're a small community of 350 students, our population is made up of both regular and Special Education students, a high proportion of second-language speakers, teen parents, credit-deficient students, reluctant learners, and low-achieving students. Engaging and supporting these students in ways that will enable them to complete courses and earn credits requires individualized and cooperative learning instructional approaches, flexible teaching methods, creative curriculum, and close cooperation between teachers and staff. The key to students accepting personal responsibility for their educational success is to get them to see the big picture: to adopt challenging and realistic academic and personal goals; to attend every day; and to actively participate in each class.

The excitement builds as graduation, the end of the school year, approaches. Students who have been acquiring real-world life skills begin to get internships and job offers and make plans for community college and private school vocational courses. Students who are close to graduating work hard to make up deficient credits. Teachers and staff get as excited as the students as the number of student successes grows. Graduation takes on the feel of a small town celebration, with proud parents, exuberant students, pleased teachers and staff, and supportive family and friends. And then the summer...when we plan to do it all again, review our goals, re-tool our staff, curriculum and facilities, and prepare for another exciting new year.

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### Mayor's View



**John J. Collins**  
Mayor

I received favorable comments regarding my barking dog article and thought I would discuss other “disturbing the peace” issues, such as loud parties, stereos, and radio and television. It is important we understand everyone has the right to the enjoyment of their homes, and we should be aware that some of the noise we generate is disturbing to our neighbors.

Fountain Valley Municipal Code 6.28.145, in general, states that it is unlawful for any person to willfully make, or permit, any loud noises which disturb the peace or quiet of any residential neighborhood or which cause discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity residing nearby.

Like most laws, it is subject to interpretation. However, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., the law is more black and white. If a radio or television can be heard 50 feet or more from the property line of the noise source, the law is being violated.

Fountain Valley enjoys the reputation of being “a nice place to live,” because of regulations adopted by city council to ensure residents maintain a good quality of life. Noise ordinances in Fountain Valley are tough and allow our police officers to cite the offending party under certain circumstances at night.

As with barking dogs, the best resolution to a noise problem is to talk to your neighbors. If personal contact doesn't solve the problem, call our police department at (714) 593-4485. They have a wonderful track record for resolving these problems and have been so effective in handling these calls that complaints in our city have declined in recent years.

## The City of Huntington Beach Office of the Mayor

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### Fall Festivities



**Don Hansen**  
Mayor

Once again, it's time for students and teachers to go back to school. Teachers have prepared their classrooms, students have bought all their new notebooks and other school supplies, and everyone is prepared to go back to school.

Hopefully, all those purchases were made in the city of Huntington Beach, supporting local businesses and contributing to the overall health of our local economy.

So now that the children are taken care of, it's time to take care of the dogs in the family. There are many events this fall for dog owners and dog lovers alike. If you have never checked out the Dachshund Races at Old World Village, it is time you did. There is nothing like the roar of the crowd as those wiener dogs head for the finish line to get you in the mood for Oktoberfest. Just check out [www.oldworldvillage.ws](http://www.oldworldvillage.ws) for a complete schedule.

On September 28–30, the Fourth Annual Surf City Surf Dog festival and surf competition takes place. Check out the Web site for the complete schedule of events at [www.surfcitysurfdog.com](http://www.surfcitysurfdog.com).

And on September 23, the Orange County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) will be holding the annual Walk for the Animals from 9 a.m. to noon in Central Park. The Web site, [www.orangecountyspca.org](http://www.orangecountyspca.org), has the details.

Enjoy the fall and all the activities in Huntington Beach, and don't forget the Green Expo at the pier on September 15.

## The City of Westminster Office of the Mayor

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### New Beginnings



**Margie Rice**  
Mayor

As the new school year begins, I appreciate this opportunity to provide information about some Westminster activities.

First, an after-school parks program is being offered Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at several parks. This program provides elementary school children with free, supervised activities in a positive environment. The fall program is designed to offer quality recreational experiences. Participants do not sign in and may come and go freely. This program will be available at: Bolsa Chica Park, located at 13660 University Street; Liberty Park, located at 13900 Monroe Street; and Sigler Park located at 7200 Plaza Street.

In October, I hope to see you at Mayor Rice's Ball to Remember. Again this year, the Mayor's Ball will be held at the Westminster Rose Center on Saturday, October 6, 2012, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is the 11th and final Mayor's Ball that I will host. Since I decided not to run for re-election in November, this evening will also be my retirement celebration. Tickets are \$40, which includes a wonderful dinner, entertainment, dancing, door prizes, and more. Please consider joining us for a special evening. For more information about the after-school parks program or this event, please call (714) 895-2860.

After serving on the Westminster City Council for 18 years, I look forward to serving the community that I have lived in and loved for more than 50 years as a private citizen. My plans include continuing to contribute my time and energy to improving our community.

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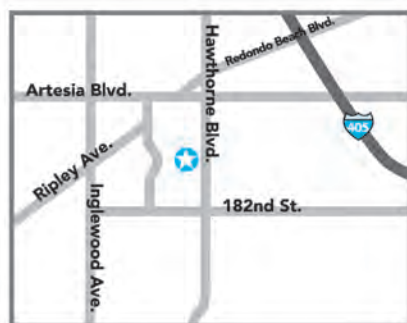
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