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HBCSD Has Something to Sing About

By Gregory Haulk, Superintendent Huntington Beach City School District

It is hard to believe that it is May and the 2016-2017 school year is coming to an end. The Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has had an incredible school year, and we really do have something to sing about. HBCSD took a large step this year and increased the number of music teachers we have at both of our middle schools, added a keyboarding component for our elementary schools, and vocal teachers to all of our elementary schools as well. The song states that "the hills are alive with the sound of music," but thanks to these efforts, we can truly say that the beach, Huntington Beach City Schools, is alive with the sound of music as well. Each of our schools, including the Purple Perry Panthers, sang at the Annual Arts Show in downtown Huntington Beach, and many of our students, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, contributed to the incredible display of arts inside the gallery. This event, combined with incredible performances of "High School Musical" by Dwyer Middle School and "Alice in Wonderland" by Sowers Middle School continue to show that the arts are alive and well in HBCSD.

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OVSD Breathes New Life Into Lake View with STEAM



College View grade 5 students Khang Nguyen, Jennifer Love, and Andrew Gonzalez are making a model of the four chambers of the human heart using only balloons, tubing, cups, and liquid.

By Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent Ocean View School District

The Ocean View School District (OVSD) is launching a first of its kind
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) elementary
school in the district. A special team of administrators, teachers, maintenance
and operations crews, and technicians in OVSD is busy planning for the
reopening of Lake View Elementary School (K–5) this fall on the first day of
school, September 7, 2016. Lake View, the final school to reopen of the three
closed in late 2014 for abatement, is undergoing a major reconstruction and
reconfiguration since the decision was made to re-launch with a STEAM focus.

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WSD to Offer Spanish Dual Language Immersion



Dual immersion programs provide many benefits to children.

By Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps, Superintendent Westminster School District
Westminster School District made history last September when we opened the first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Academy in the state of California. Following the spectacular success of that program, we are proud to announce that the district will offer Spanish Dual Language Immersion preschool and kindergarten in the coming 2016–2017 school year. Dual language immersion programs are among the most impressive forms of education currently being offered in the United States. Students who participate in these programs exhibit grade-level academic mastery, well-developed language and literacy skills in two languages, and cross-cultural competence.

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Congratulations Class of 2016! Another school year is coming to a close. We wish the graduates well as they continue their journey to higher learner or joining the workforce. We look forward to many of them coming back to their alma mater as many have done before them.

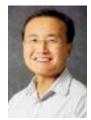
Thank you for continuing to include School News among your reading choices. Our next issue is September 14. Until then, have a fun summer!



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Traveling with Children



Kenneth Kim. M.D. Medical Director, Pediatric ICU

- Planning ahead for a family or holiday trip will help keep everyone healthy and happy. Bon voyage!
- Hopefully you've spoken with your doctor before you leave about any necessary vaccinations if you will be traveling outside the United States.
- Start adjusting your family's sleep schedule several days ahead if you are traveling to another time zone. Drink plenty of fluids during your trip - dehydration can contribute to the effects of
- Pack all medications and supplies, including prescription medications in original bottles, over-the-counter medications, hand sanitizer, antiseptic, antibiotic ointment and bandages. Include inhalers, insulin and allergy medications. Do not check this bag if traveling by plane or bury it in the trunk if going by car.
- Locate the closest hospital ahead of time. Bring a copy of your child's health history including blood type, immunizations, doctor's contact number, health insurance information, and lists of health problems, current medications and allergies.
- Make sure children carry an identification card in case they become separated from their family. Check the local emergency number; not all places use 9-1-1.
- To minimize ear discomfort during take-off or landing, encourage children to yawn, swallow or if they are old enough, chew gum. Infants can nurse, feed from a bottle or suck on a pacifier.
- Avoid diarrhea during travel by drinking only bottled water and practicing good hand-washing techniques. Also avoid ice cubes in drinks and food from street vendors, as well as eating only properly prepared foods.

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What is a Social Host Ordinance?

A Social Host Ordinance is a law that prohibits adults from hosting drinking parties for minors. Teen drinking parties are a nuisance and threat to public safety. Recognizing this, the City Council of Huntington Beach adopted a Social Host Ordinance on March 4, 2013.



Penalties and Enforcement

Violators will be cited and face a \$750 fine. If police are called out a second time within 12 months, violators face an additional \$1,500 fine. The third violation in 12 months carries a fine of up to \$3,000. The Huntington Beach Police Department is conducting party-focused patrols to monitor home parties and respond to community concerns regarding underage drinking.

Why Not Host Parties for Minors?

A recent study of over 6,000 youth found that teens who received alcohol from a parent or a friend's parent at a party consumed more drinks and were twice as likely to drink regularly and binge drink (Foley, et al.). Additionally, teens often have harmful experiences at parent-sanctioned drinking parties and young people may still get behind the wheel or get into a car with someone who has been drinking.

Huntington Beach Police Department is cracking down on underage drinking and enforcing the law.

What You Can Do

Report loud parties where persons under 21 appear to be drinking. If you are hosting a party where alcohol is being served, monitor your alcohol and make sure no minors are drinking. Call the police if minors refuse to cooperate or the party becomes unmanageable.

> You will not be cited if you request assistance before someone else files a complaint.

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School's Out for Summer!



Jim Katapodis

As another great school year comes to an end, it's time to get out the sunscreen and hit the beach!

Recently, I threw out the first pitch (a perfect strike) at the new Huntington Beach High School baseball field, and I cheered on Edison at their first home track meet.

Huntington Beach will host a number of great events again this summer. Our 4th of July Parade - "America the Beautiful" the City's 112th annual parade, will be featured on KABC, Channel 7. Next, the Vans US Open of Surfing comes to town July 23 to 30 where the top surfers, BMX riders and skateboarders compete for top prizes.

Save the date for October 22 and 23 as the Huntington Beach Airshow takes flight! Visit www.hbairshow.com for info.

I want to congratulate everyone on successful school year. See you at the beach!

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Be Responsible Bicycle Riders



Cheryl Brothers Mavor

As summer approaches, the Fountain Valley Police Department reminds bicycle riders of some important bicycle safety tips and information.

First, for your safety and protection, always remember to wear a helmet. Second, always remember to check traffic. When riding your bicycle, never ride against oncoming traffic. Riding against traffic is dangerous; drivers don't expect a bicycle to be coming towards them. Also, watch out for parked vehicles. Sometimes drivers do not see an oncoming bicycle and will suddenly pull away from the curb or will suddenly open their door. Finally,

never wear your headphones when riding your bicycle, they will prevent you from hearing all traffic sounds to be safe.

It's also encouraged that bicycle owners license their bicycle. If it is every lost or stolen, this I.D. can help in the recover. Fountain Valley residents can license their bicycle for free at the Fountain Valley Police Department.

The Fountain Valley Police Department will soon begin its "School Bicycle Safety Program." The Safety Program will educate children under the age of 12 on proper bicycle safety. Fountain Valley Police Bike Patrol Officers will partner with local elementary schools to educate students, teachers, and parents on the importance of bicycle safety within our community. At the conclusion of the course, each student will receive a participation certificate, along with a new bicycle safety helmet. Please check with your school regarding this schedule.

If you have any questions regarding bicycle safety, please contact the Fountain Valley Police Department at (714)593-4485.



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Traditionally, surgical procedures were performed through large incisions using "open" incision techniques. Whenever possible, surgical procedures are now being done through tiny incisions, often less than an inch long, using minimally invasive surgery, or "keyhole" techniques.

In most minimally invasive surgeries, a flexible camera and light-weight surgical instruments are introduced to the area requiring surgery through tiny incisions. Guided by greatly magnified images on a television monitor, surgeons may perform complex procedures less invasively.

The advantages of minimally invasive surgery are many, including:

- Less pain Shorter/eliminated overnight hospital stay
- Improved recovery times Minimized scarring

It also is important for your child undergoing surgery to understand what they will be experiencing. You can help by:

- Asking questions of your child's surgeon, anesthesiologist and nursing staff to better understand what your child will experience
- Speaking honestly about what will happen
- · Listening to your child's concerns about surgery
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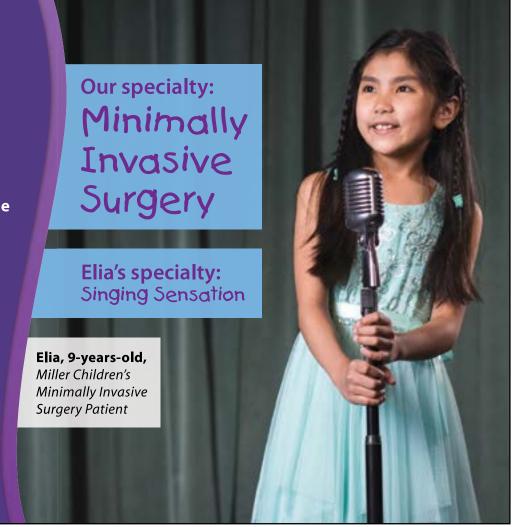
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Dr. Mark Johnson

Middle School Teams, Working Together in Meaningful Ways

"None of us are as smart as all of us." ~Ken Blanchard It is with great excitement that I share some of the recent professional enrichment opportunities that have been provided in FVSD. As Superintendent, I consider myself fortunate to work with people who truly appreciate the importance of collaboration and continuous learning. From teachers, to administrators, to classified staff, the teamwork that is demonstrated, daily, is simply extraordinary!



Middle School Math Team Collaborating on New Content Standards.

The latest example of this work can be seen by taking a closer look at our middle school content area teams. Throughout the school year, they have come together to continue implementing the new California Content Standards and further develop a well-constructed and consistent curriculum. Here's just a glimpse of some of the exciting work they are doing:

- Science teams have been examining the Next Generation Science Standards, sharing new units of study and lessons, as well as experimenting with innovative activities.
- History/Social Sciences teams have been working with TCI's History Alive and the Irvine History Project to further develop lessons using primary source documents.
- Math teams are working with the Irvine Math Project to build wellarticulated units that focus on the foundational and cumulative skills needed to allow our students to continue to thrive in higher-level math courses in high school and beyond.
- English Language Arts teams recently spent the day with Carol Jago, a national expert in literacy. Carol is also the former President of the National Teachers of English, Chair of the College Board's Advanced Placement English Course and author. Together, they are beginning a conversation on text complexity, rigor and writing.

I am extremely proud of the work that is taking place throughout the District, as our employees continue their commitment to providing all students with an extraordinary education!



Jim Cunneen Member

It has been a joy serving as one of the two new Fountain Valley School District Trustees elected in November 2014. My first year as a new Board Member has been a great learning and growth experience, as I gain an ever expanding understanding and awareness of the challenges facing our students, educators, staff, and surrounding community who expect only the best outcomes.

It would be helpful to share a little about my background. My wife, an amazing teacher at Marina High School, and I are proud parents of five students who have benefited from being educated in our District. Our two youngest still attend Cox Elementary and Masuda Middle schools. My engineering profession of

nearly 30 years involves public works, school facilities modernization and new construction. This is a particular area where I strive to contribute, as we finalize our updated Facilities Master Plan and evaluate key projects.

There are memorable experiences in my first year to highlight. I have witnessed student learning expand and ignite by the widest use of effective approaches; such as cognitively guided instruction (CGI) in math during small group sessions that have both students and teachers excited and successful. Lastly, our community is connecting with the District in engaging ways, such as the recent attendance of over 1,500 at the District Art Show and the recent Taste of Fountain Valley sponsored by our dynamic Schools Foundation. These are very exciting times to be active and focused on our schools and the people who make it work so well.

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Chris Christensen Principal

Classified Employee of the Year

Courreges Elementary School is proud to select Patty Larson-Coe as 2016 Classified Employee of the Year. Patty has been a valued

staff member at Courreges for three years. She currently serves as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant under the direction of our Speech Language Pathologist, Kerrie Kendzierski.



Patty Larson-Coe, Calssified Emplyeee of the Year and Kerrie Kendzierski, Speech Language Pathologist.

According to Ms. Kendzierski, "Patty is amazing at her job! Patty is a wonderful collaborator who is both dedicated and reliable. I am so thankful to have her on my team."

Courreges' principal, Chris Christensen, says, "I sincerely value Patty's positive spirit and love for children. She comes to work each day with a huge smile on her face and brightens the lives of every child and staff member with whom she interacts."

Courreges School is truly honored and privileged to name Patty Larson-Coe as their 2016 Classified Employee of the Year.



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Patrick Ham Principal

California Gold Ribbon School

James H. Cox Elementary School has successfully completed the California Gold Ribbon Schools Program application and site validation process and is being recognized as

a California Gold Ribbon School for 2016. The award reflects our success in creating a positive and academically challenging learning environment that targets the individual needs of our students through a balance of direct and differentiated instruction. This recognition is a result of the dedication, creativity, and talent of our staff as well as our amazing and supportive community and parents. What a great a wonderful way to complete another successful school year. Congratulations to the entire Cox Community!



Robert Gisler Elementary (K-5)

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Erin Bains *Principal*

Gold Ribbon Recognition

The California Department of Education recognizes outstanding educational programs and practices with the Gold Ribbon Award. For the past five years, Gisler Elementary School has been creating a signature practice with a strong, consistent reading program based in leveled reading for all students. Every classroom has a leveled library, and each student is assessed on phonics, fluency and comprehension. Teachers use this data to place appropriate books in their students' hands and to pull strategy and focus groups to increase the students' reading abilities.

We have provided professional development to help our staff members to continue learning and increase their knowledge in this area. It is beyond amazing to walk through our classrooms and see the obvious collaboration and consistency of instruction. It is even more amazing to see how much our student are benefitting from the hard work of our staff.

Congratulations to our staff, students, and community for being recognized with the Gold Ribbon Award!



Harry C. Fulton Middle School (6-8)

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Kevin Johnson *Principal*



Matt Ploski Assistant Principal

A Dedicated Employee

Fulton Middle School's Classified Employee of the Year is Brian Jones.

Brian consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of him on our campus day in and day out. He is an exemplary employee who approaches his craft with expertise and efficiency. Brian consistently makes decisions on campus based upon what is best for the students and teachers. Even when called upon for last-

minute changes, setups, or cleaning emergencies, Brian is always quick to jump right in and help resolve any issue on campus.

Brian exhibits a positive demeanor, and is loved by our staff and students alike. Having grown up in the FVSD, and being a Fulton alumnus as well, he considers it a privilege to be back at our school. Brian is dependable, knowledgeable, productive, and customer-service oriented. He continuously seeks new ways to improve both the workflow and overall cleanliness of the campus.

His dedication to the district and Fulton is obvious, and he is a pleasure to work with on a daily basis. Fulton Middle School appreciates Brian's dedication to both our site and the Fountain Valley community at large.



Kazuo Masuda Middle School(6-8)

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Jay Adams Principal



Jennifer Kajdasz Assistant Principal



Classified Employee of the Year

Masuda Middle School is proud to honor Mrs. Kelly Nguyen, Instructional Assistant, as our Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Nguyen's nominators have all used the same phrases to describe her—consistent, structured, and indispensible! She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that each student is successful in the classroom setting and beyond. Kelly truly cares about our Monarchs; she wants them to thrive as confident, strong, hardworking learners who believe in themselves.

We at Masuda are blessed by Mrs. Nguyen's optimism and tenacity. The entire Masuda community benefits from all that she has to offer! We are proud to present her as our Classified Employee of the Year on the basis of her outstanding contributions to the lives of the children (and adults) whose lives she touches daily.

Urbain H. Plavan Elementary (K-5)

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Julie Ballesteros Principal

Unconditional Support

Plavan School is proud to present Dayna Agbulos as our 2015–2016 Classified Employee of the Year. To summarize, Dayna is amazing! Her job title is Resource Specialist Program (RSP) instructional assistant. But, at Plavan, Dayna is our everything.

She is the definition of a team player. Dayna has a heart of gold and always has the students' best interests at heart. She is always willing to go above and beyond. She knows each student's personality, strengths, and weaknesses and truly cares about them. Dayna comes in early and stays late because she wants to

make sure that she is available whenever the students need her. She does her own research on topics at home that her students are studying, so that she is well prepared and able to help them.

Year after year she does an amazing job and always puts in 110 percent. She gently cares for every student at Plavan and performs all tasks in an exceptional manner. She always looks ahead to see what needs to be done so that the teachers, children, and administration are prepared. She's able to adapt and prioritize tasks so that everything gets done.

Dayna is truly a selfless person. There is never a time when you cannot go to her for help. We will never be able to express the gratitude we have for her unconditional love and support. Congratulations, Mrs. Dayna!

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Erik Miller *Principal*

We Love Learning!

In addition to enjoying learning opportunities within the classroom, Oka Elementary School's fourth- and fifth-grade Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) students participate in

a separate pullout program multiple times each month. Led by Principal Miller, this class helps students to explore and grow deeper in their understanding of various topics. So far this school year, students have worked both independently and in collaborative groups, in order to experience various challenges that promote problem solving, creativity, and application of knowledge. Also, students have identified their own preferred learning styles.

Recently, GATE students went to the Aquarium of the Pacific and had the opportunity to explore and observe hundreds of creatures, with a specific focus on colors. Students were able to see living creatures in their habitats and identified how and why color influenced each particular environment. Every minute our eyes see so much, yet we're not able to pause often enough to study how and why colors are so impactful and important.



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Chris Mullin Principal

Proud of Our Gold Ribbon!

Newland is thrilled to have recently been awarded the California Gold Ribbon Award. The award reflects the hard work Newland has done with differentiated instruction (DI). DI applies an approach to teaching and learning so that students have multiple options for receiving information and making sense of ideas and content. It is a teaching theory based on the premise that instructional approaches should vary and be adapted in relation to individual and diverse students in classrooms. Such success is a direct result of Newland's dedicated, creative and

talented staff and our supportive school community.

Having won the National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School award in recent years, Newland staff and students have a long-standing history of making educational excellence a habit. Newland's teachers have always valued student success and place a high priority on meeting all students' needs. This award truly spotlights the hard work Newland's teachers, staff and community put in every day.



Samuel E. Talbert Middle School (6-8)

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Jennifer Morgan Principal



Mark Holman Assistant Principal

STEAM Enrichment

Since its inception, the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Academy at Talbert Middle School has been providing many enrichment opportunities for students. The goal has always been to prepare our students for the rigors of high school and ultimately for a career in one of the many STEAM fields. We have had guest speakers, field trips, and projects that are geared toward

> connecting students to professionals outside of the school.

On April 29, the seventhgrade STEAM cohort was able to team up with Explor Ocean of Newport Beach on a field trip to Avalon. While there, students tested water samples, worked with iron ore, and saw sand close up in order to think about the origins of the island. They also had fun exploring the island as well as the water by kayaking around the bay.

One of the STEAM students summed up the day by stating, "That was the best field trip ever!"



Hisamatsu Tamura Elementary (K-5)

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Kathy Davis

Robotics Engineers

Technology is a necessary tool for students to have in order to meet the new Common Core State Standards and acquire the 21st-century skills

of communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. This valuable technology is part of Tamura Elementary School's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) education.

Robotics provides constant opportunities for students to solve problems. The combination of engineering and software problems and solutions creates a dynamic environment that helps students develop problem-solving skills in math, engineering, physics, and logic as they work

together toward tangible goals. After school, third-through fifth-grade students build robots and learn how to program them robots using a hands-on curriculum. They create projects to solve imaginary real-life problems. They also improve their written communication while working on their daily logs. In



addition, they collaborate with each other to complete their work on time. Most important, they learn how to collaborate and communicate verbally by helping each other to solve problems while designing their projects.

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Something to Sing About • From Page 1

However, music is not the only place where Huntington Beach continues to shine. This year, six of our seven elementary schools are being honored as California Gold Ribbon Schools. This, combined with both of our middle schools receiving the award last year, means that eight of our nine schools have received the Gold Ribbon honor from the state. The process to become a Gold Ribbon School includes a visit from a team of educators from outside the district to learn about each of the school's signature

practices and how all students are benefiting from the educational programs. HBCSD is also very proud of our Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test scores, the new test from the state of California. The results of these assessments show that HBCSD is one of the top-performing school



districts both in Orange County and in the state of California. All of these honors and awards are due to the hard work of all of our staff members. Each of our staff members is dedicated to the students in our schools and not only meets but exceeds their needs each and every day.

Yes, as the 2016-2017 school year comes to a close and we plan for the next school year, HBCSD indeed has a lot to be proud of and a lot of great things to sing about.

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Jenn Kinkel Director Early Childhood

Curriculum for Early Learners

Consider for a moment all that is happening deep within the brains of our youngest learners. As we know, in the earliest years neural pathways are being developed as the foundation for all later learning experiences. This is happening at the rate of around 700 neural connections every single second!

High-quality early learning experiences with intentionally designed learning environments, along with rich, meaningful

adult-child interactions, can accelerate the development of these pathways. So "loose parts" are an incredible impetus for these neural connections as children discover, manipulate, explore, and investigate.

A child beams as he discusses his thought process for his work. The sense of pride and intrinsic motivation to innovate are palpable. If these are the complex structures being designed through the use of loose parts in early childhood, I can hardly wait to see what this brings to fruition as an adult!



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Bridget Kaub President

Much to Celebrate

As we near the end of this school year, all of us have much to celebrate. We celebrate our students: those who will continue to move through our district and those who will promote to high school. We also celebrate the very hard work our district staff delivers all year long for the benefit of our students and community. We celebrate the milestones we've reached in refining the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), Common Core State Standards adoption, professional development, transitioning to Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) assessments, advancement in Science, Technology,

Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum, and increased opportunity district-wide in arts education. These are just a few of the many things we have to celebrate.

One celebration to highlight is the final phase completion and installation of sustainable, energy-efficient technology. With the first solar-powered systems to be located in an elementary school district in Orange County, this program will save Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) \$16.3 million over the life of the program and cut the district's electrical utility usage by more than 30 percent. These savings allow HBCSD to redirect the funds originally earmarked for energy costs to be used for academic programs and initiatives that directly impact our students and prepare them for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and sustainability careers in the future. Through our partnership. HBCSD was able to enhance curriculum centered on STEM and sustainability, teach our students how it correlates to the infrastructure improvements, and provide hands-on learning for students with the creation of solar living laboratories for our middle-school students, along with professional development for our teachers.

With partnerships, progressive programs, and the forward-looking work of everyone in HBCSD, we continue to strive for efficient, cost-effective ways to use every dollar we can in the classroom. I wish all students and staff members a positive end of this school year and a relaxing and enjoyable summer, as we have much to celebrate.



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Ethel R. Dwyer Middle School

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Darrenn Platt Principal

Teacher Appreciation Week

There are a number of pivotal points in our lives, such as special times, moments, and conversations that end up giving us direction and helping us to see the unique talents and gifts that will guide us for our lifetimes.

One of mine came from a conversation with Ms. Chandler, my seventh-grade PE teacher at Bancroft Jr. High. ASB elections were coming up and she urged me to run for one of the offices. I never ran for office, but a comment she said has remained with me. She said, "You've got something in you. You're a leader. You

can't run from it. It's who you are." That one statement from one teacher helped create who I am today.

We are now in the middle of Teacher Appreciation Week: a special week where we pause and reflect on how the school has made a unique imprint on our students' lives. Where the PTSA and parents can let our school know how thankful they are for what our educators do for their students.

Educators help them to dream and uncover possibilities. They help them to see that through failure we learn, and they imprint on their hearts the untapped potential that each student holds.

In the spirit of gratitude and appreciation, I propose that we begin the new practice of a more frequent appreciation of teachers; perhaps just a note, an email, or a call. I know first-hand the amount of thought, time and energy that teachers devote to their classrooms, parents, and students. Teachers are teachers 24/7; their career is more like a lifestyle, or a calling.

And one last thing: Ms. Chandler, thank you for the impact you had on my life. Every student that walks through our doors will have your imprint on them.

Dr. Ralph E. Hawes Elementary

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Julie Jennings Principal

A Full Circle of Learning

On April 13, State Superintendent of Instruction Tom Torlakson officially recognized Dr. Ralph E Hawes Elementary as a California Gold Ribbon School, a distinction bestowed on 772 out of 6,000 eligible schools throughout the state.

With its implementation of the Common Core State Standards, and the earning of a California Distinguished School Award in 2014 for integrating the "4C's" of Creativity, Collaboration, Critical thinking, and Communication across the curriculum, Team Hawes embraces the importance of going beyond the

regular teaching standards. It focuses on applying complex knowledge, solving problems, collaborating, communicating, inquiring, learning independently, and being resourceful and resilient.

Our goal towards the attainment and mastery of these 21st-century skills means that we hone our own abilities in these areas. Through this learning journey, Team Hawes not only views its work as facilitators of learning, but also as learners. Our desire to improve practices is a catalyst for embarking on individual and team-learning in pursuit of the best strategies that can help deepen student learning and, in turn, develop 21st-century skills in ourselves and our children.

We grapple with best practices, and constantly reflect on our work as we strive to improve understanding of 21st-century skills, how these skills improve work, and how we can better develop them in our students. We do this in both ourselves and our students, thus creating a full circle of learning for all!

We have seen student learning take off in amazing directions as we also grow as learners. We have watched our students embrace Google Classroom, work through Google Slides with Digibuddies, cite evidence and defend positions using text and other resources, solve mathematical problems using academic vocabulary and multiple strategies, and apply their learning to many other areas.

Full circle learning for all is "beyond golden" at Hawes!

John H. Eader Elementary

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Debbi Randall Principal

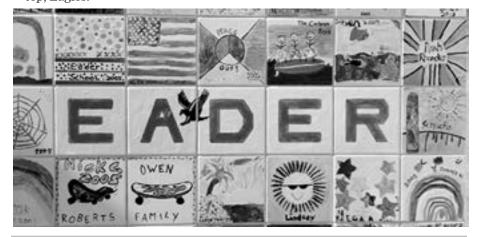
An Excellent Year!

I am so appreciative of all of our Eagles flock who have made this year so extraordinary. We are excited to have been recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School for academic achievement, and to have earned recognition as one of only six schools in the state to earn the California Civic Learning Award

This year we added more music classes for all of our students, and more extracurricular activities like Spanish, Chess Masters, Brix for Kids, intramural sports, theater, Comic Creators, and

computer code writing. Our fifth-grade students are attending Outdoor Science Camp again this year, with double the participants, and over 200 students joined our new 100 Mile Club!

Our Recycling Eco Heroes program was a great success too, and our philanthropy projects helped hundreds in our community. Keep soaring to the top, Eagles!



Huntington Seacliff Elementary

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Dr. Monique Huibregtse Principal

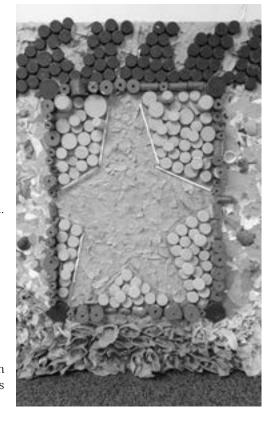
Upcycling Artists

Thanks to our very environmentally aware and creative parent volunteers, our second- and third-grade students had the opportunity to make amazing pieces of art by "upcycling"

other materials. Upcycling is the process of converting old or discarded materials into something useful

and often beautiful. When the younger students saw what was going on with the upper-grade students during the lunchtime Green Team sessions, they wanted to be part of it. And so the Upcycle Art Project was born.

This new program was added to bring the younger students into the Green Team. Parents have planned activities and volunteered their time to make this project a reality. Students used recycled items, including newspaper, postcards, and old puzzle pieces, to make artistic pieces. They even collaborated on a project to represent our school's





Changing lives, one smile at a time!







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Dr. Renee **Polk Johnson** Principal

A Shining Beacon

We are proud to announce that Perry Elementary School is being recognized as a Gold Ribbon School for the State of California!

This award recognizes schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State

Board of Education for all students, including English learners. Out of nearly 6,000 schools that were eligible to apply, there were 772 elementary schools selected in California to be honored as Gold Ribbon Schools.

Perry's application focused on our exemplary implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards, and also highlighted our successful STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Perry is extremely proud to be recognized as a Gold Ribbon School. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said the following about the Gold Ribbon Schools recipients: "These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21st-century college and careers."



John R. Peterson Elementary

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Dr. Constance Polhemus Principal

Beach Clean-Up

In an ongoing effort to encourage students to participate in community service activities, Peterson Elementary School held its First Annual Beach Cleanup on April 21. The event was sponsored by the Peterson PTA and a local waste management company. More than 30 students and their families spent the

evening collecting 60 bags of trash from our beautiful Huntington Beach and becoming Recycle Rangers.

Volunteering promotes personal growth and self-esteem. Students who participate in community service tend to do better in school. Community service gives them a chance to apply what they've learned in the classroom to meet real human needs and to further their learning. Volunteering also strengthens our community and encourages civic responsibility and pride, letting our students know they can make a difference in their community and the world.

Thanks to Peterson's students, the beach is cleaner and ready for families to enjoy.



S. A. Moffett Elementary

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Michael Andrzejewski Principal

Run the OC

The Moffett Elementary School Run the OC program began two years ago as part of our effort to support our students' need for movement and to provide another engaging life activity opportunity. Under the guidance of parent volunteer Rhonda Douglas, 130 students experienced a variety of activities that equated to running the first 25 miles of the OC Marathon. Those activities include running and movement games geared toward developing balance and coordination.

For the final mile of the marathon, students met at the Orange County Fairgrounds and ran with the other OC Marathon

participants. Following the completion of the 26 miles, students were awarded medals for their efforts at one of our school's morning flag assemblies.

Twenty-three percent of Moffett's student participate in Run the OC. As evidenced by our participation numbers, there was great enthusiasm for this program amongst our students.



Moffett students prepare for running the final mile with an after-school practice session.

Agnes L. Smith Elementary

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Carolyn Beck Principal

California Gold Ribbon School

Smith School is very proud to be recognized as a 2016 California Gold Ribbon School. Many of our teachers have been working to implement the model practice Daily 5/Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expand Vocabulary (CAFÉ), which was developed by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser in 2006. This researched-based program is designed to teach reading and writing skills in a systematic and student-centered manner. CAFÉ represents: Comprehension—I understand what I read; Accuracy—I can read the words; Fluency—I can read

accurately and with expression, and I can understand what I read; and Expand vocabulary–I know, find, and use interesting words.

Teachers use a reading workshop model to focus on important components of teaching reading. Whole-group instruction in a mini lesson directly teaches skills and strategies to develop good readers. Independent reading activities follow the mini lesson. Teachers have the opportunity to meet individually with students to develop reading goals and monitor progress on goals.

The components of The Daily 5 include: reading to self, reading to others, listening to reading, working on words, and working on writing. An important emphasis from the academic content standards is incorporating writing in all subject areas. Another critical component of the Daily 5 is student choice. Students choose the order they will participate in Daily 5 activities and choose "good fit" books to read.

The Smith staff uses the Star Literacy Assessment from Accelerated Reader to determine a student's reading level. Once reading levels are determined, students are assigned a range of books from which to choose. Students are able to choose high-interest fiction and nonfiction texts to read and practice strategies taught in the mini lesson. The reading strategies are developed from the CAFÉ menu.

We appreciate being recognized for our work to develop high academic achievement in our students!

Isaac L. Sowers Middle School

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Dr. Cynthia Guerrero Principal

Alice in Wonderland

Sowers Middle School has fostered a performing arts program that stands out from the rest. Not only do we have a full instrumental program with bands, guitar classes, orchestras, and several competition choirs, but we have partnered with Huntington Beach High School's Academy for the Performing Arts (APA) to produce musicals, including this year's "Alice in Wonderland, The Musical," which was recently performed at the Rose Theater in Westminster.

Over 60 students auditioned and were selected to partake in the annual musical performance. Ms. Diane Makas, APA's artistic director, and Mr. Tim Nelson, APA's musical theater and dance instructor, not only directed and produced our show, but they also arranged to have APA students and alumni mentor, choreograph, and practice with our students.

Our students displayed such talent, enthusiasm, and passion for the performing arts, and their unique personalities were captured in the characters they portrayed. Their commitment and sense of pride were truly commendable!



Alice in Wonderland Ensemble

Ocean View School District

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Carol Hansen

School Modernization and Construction Funding are Hot Topics Statewide

We know that children learn and thrive when they are provided with a safe, positive learning environment. When the California Department of Education created the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for its public schools, it established eight state priorities for school districts to follow. Clearly stated in the first priority are school facilities in good repair. When our own Board of Trustees adopted the Ocean View School District (OVSD) long-term Strategic Plan nearly two years ago, they also

recognized that the physical places in which our students learn, explore, and grow play a profound role in lifelong success.

OVSD is currently developing an inclusive, long-range District Facilities Master Plan (FMP). This plan will enable us to responsibly and effectively plan and prioritize for modernization and construction projects to best accommodate and support student learning, our teachers, and innovative educational programs. Many of our schools are now 50 years old and in need of repairs, upgrades, and, in some cases, new construction. A District FMP is the next step as we continue to prepare our students for college and the careers of the 21st century.

What does all of this mean for OVSD? We have critical decisions to make. In November, California voters will vote for a new president, as well as a statewide school bond measure to provide \$9 billion in school facilities funding, which would be available to eligible school districts and community colleges statewide. OVSD can position itself to benefit from its fair share of these state funds by considering its own school improvement bond initiative for the November ballot. This is the primary way in which school modernization and construction projects are funded by districts.

After careful consideration of all of our options, we believe it is fiscally responsible to consider a school improvement bond measure at this critical moment. All funds from a potential measure would stay right here to support OVSD schools, and none of the funds would go to the state. This would ensure our deserving schools are in line, along with many other Orange County districts, for critical state facilities funds.

Ocean View Breathes New Life • From Page 1

The STEAM program means all returning Lake View students and their families, as well as new students enrolling for the fall, will experience an innovative learning program that teaches students in core subject areas using a variety of skills, especially collaboration, effective communication, critical thinking, creative problem-solving. These skills will serve them well as we prepare them for college and the careers of the 21st century. The STEAM program will immerse all students in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics as they engage in and learn the essential standards for their grade levels.

"OVSD has a strong tradition of innovation, and we want to reinvigorate that level of inspiration for the benefit of our students and staff," said Dr. Carol Hansen, the district's superintendent. "STEAM is more than just robotics, which is wonderful in itself. It's a different overarching learning experience that guides students to think critically and integrate their knowledge to explore real-world issues and problems."

At the helm will be Principal Jamie Goodwyn, currently at Star View Elementary School. Her expertise is proving to be incredibly useful as the new learning environment is designed and the program is developed. "We are energized by the initial response to the STEAM announcement," said Mrs. Goodwyn. "Current Lake View students, families, and teachers are excited to return in the fall, and the new program has added an even greater level of anticipation. We're getting questions from parents around the area, too. People are curious."

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Gina Clayton-Tarvin President

Making School Facilities Modernization/Construction a Priority in OVSD

This year, our Board of Trustees and the Ocean View School District (OVSD) leadership team have often discussed the idea and practice of rebuilding, as it refers to our academic focus, our professional relationships, our community ties, and our schools. In the 2015–2016 school year, we rebuilt and reopened Hope View and Oak View Elementary Schools, creating a renewed sense of school and community pride and strength. Now, we are looking forward to reopening Lake View Elementary School on the first day of school, September 7, 2016. Lake View will not only open

its doors with a newly reconstructed campus, but it will open with a brand-new academic focus—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Rebuilding is certainly an overarching theme in OVSD these days.

The theme also hits home as we begin the important process of creating a detailed, all-inclusive District Facilities Master Plan (FMP), with input from employees, parents, and community members. Our schools are aging, some 50 years of age or more, and we need a comprehensive facilities plan. First let me say how incredibly proud I am of our maintenance team and their tireless dedication, but there is only so much they can do with the resources they have. If you drive by or attend our schools, you will see aging blacktop surfaces and cracked walkways, play areas in need of new structures, worn-out fields, corroded chain-link fences—and this is the exterior. The interiors are, again, maintained as much as possible with our existing resources, but there are basic infrastructure needs that require attention: lighting, bathrooms, heating and air-conditioning systems, insulation, shade structures, and so on.

We strive to provide all of our students with safe, positive learning facilities to maximize their potential. In OVSD, we want to rebuild with innovation, not only in our programs and teaching techniques, but in our physical campuses. We envision schools that are hubs of the community, modern and welcoming academic and social centers for our children, staff, and community.

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Teachers at Lake View are being trained in curriculum development, technology, science, engineering, and more. Comprehensive trainings are underway and will continue throughout the year, since the STEAM focus requires ongoing learning and regular updates as the fields of science and technology continue to evolve. Current Lake View teachers, who have been working with their students on the Westmont campus in OVSD, are already well-versed in National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space training concepts, engineering, and robotics. Some of the district's Teachers On Special Assignment (TOSAs) focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and educational technology. These TOSAs will also be available to Lake View staff members for collaboration, demonstrations, and

The Lake View staff is committed to the program, and the school's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) is supporting the team's efforts with STEAM materials, resources, and equipment. With a strong history, support network, and industry partnerships, Lake View is a natural choice for the district's first STEAM-focused school.

Pleasant View Ocean View Preparatory Preschool Circle View Elementary

located at Pleasant View School, 16692 Landau Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/845-5000



Paul James Principal

Superstar Specialists Make a Daily Difference

Pleasant View/Ocean View Preparatory Preschool (OVPP) is a comprehensive preschool with a variety of educational programs. Within our school we have many specialists who spend countless hours assessing, teaching, planning, observing, researching, and providing additional support for our teachers, students and family members. Each specialist plays a vital role in providing input and insight into each child's program to help him or her become successful.

Throughout the day these highly dedicated individuals share their skills and knowledge with our students, staff and parents. We are fortunate to have Linda Still, Lynn Trittipo, Anne Lang, Melanie Fenger, Anh Mai, Vicki Kincaid, Kara Gehersky, Bryan Leipper, and Jen Hwang as part our staff. We thank them for their dedication and unwavering professional ethic as they work each day to help our students succeed.



Specialists Anne Lang, Lynn Trittipo, Linda Still, Vicki Kincaid, Anh Mai, and Melanie Fenger.

College View Elementary

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Katherine Smith Principal

Wildcats On the Move

April was a very busy month at College View Elementary School. Our first STEM Night was a big success, with approximately 300 people attending the two-hour event. Children of all ages enjoyed the interactive experiments and activities that focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Fifth-grade teachers Caryn Keller and Kathleen Young along with Sandi Lewis, OVSD's STEM TOSA (teacher on special assignment, designed and implemented the activities that included building a robotic hand, computer coding and

extracting DNA from strawberries.

In April, 61 College View students participated in Kids Run the OC, a marathon at the Orange County grounds. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Banuelos and College View parent Jennifer Covurrubias worked tirelessly with our students for three months every Monday after school. Over several months, the children accumulated 25 miles toward the marathon. On the day of the event, our students ran the final mile in front of cheering family members, friends and approximately 9,000 other Orange County children. It was a glorious event. The children had a blast, and everyone received a beautiful medal. Congratulations!

And last but never least, Efren Barrera, our beloved head custodian, was named California's Classified Employee of the Year for Maintenance Operations and Facilities. After winning the district and Orange County competitions, Mr. Barrera traveled to Sacramento to be honored by the state superintendent of education, Tom Torlakson. Mr. Barrera is being acknowledged for his dedication to his job and the children and staff of College View School. We salute you, Mr. Barrera!

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Circle View Students Bring 'Three Little Pigs' to Life

worked in collaborative teams to create wolves made out of

Third grade students in Mrs. Brasie and Mooradian's classes

decided to bring The Three Little Pigs fairy tale to life. Students

sandwich bags, straws, paper, and painter's tape, then conducted

experiments to see what would happen when their wolves tried to

blow down their three houses. Students recognized the challenge

of constructing the houses from the foundation up, using sticks,



Kristi Hickman Principal



straws, raffia, and linker blocks. Each team added a colorful background to the butcher paper, including front/backyards and things a "pig in a town" would enjoy, such as "PigDonald's" and "Pink Piggy Pastries. "



As the students used their wolves to try to blow down their houses they discovered: the closer the house was to the paper, the less it traveled; and the weight of the structure made it harder to move. Ultimately, they concluded that it took a lot of skill in the areas of math, science, language arts, social studies, patience and team work, to bring this familiar fairy tale to life!

Golden View Elementary

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Brett Hardy Principal

Our Amazing Golden View Staff

In the month of May, Golden View Elementary School celebrated "Staff Appreciation Week."

Our teachers always go above and beyond the call of duty for our students. They can often be seen at nighttime or even at weekend functions watching and supporting our students at Golden View.

You can see their commitment and dedication on display with the instruction they provide for their students. From kindergarten students learning about the life cycle of chicks

as they anxiously await for the eggs to hatch, to our fifth-graders spending the night on the tall ships in Dana Point with their teachers, our Golden View teachers really do it all.

So in May they were showered with thoughtful notes, sweet treats, flowers, school supplies, and pampering items! The teachers were also treated to a delicious Mexican fiesta. To top it all off, the students even created a special "Thank you" video.



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Harbour View Elementary

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Cindy Osterhout Principal

Summertime Fun Brainstorming Ideas

Wow...it does not seem possible that we are winding our way down to the end of another school year. As we enter the summer season, many parents are looking for ways to make the most of their children's summer. Here are a few ideas for helping to keep your children busy during summer break.

Brainstorm! Make a list of fun summertime activities that do not cost an arm and a leg. Great summer-break activities include biking at a local park, reading at the local library, or going for a walk in our local wetlands.

Find other parents with children on your block and enlist their help! Create your own "neighborhood summer camp" and host fun activities for children at different houses. If your neighbor has a pool, make one day a "pool day." You could host an arts-and-crafts session in your backyard. If someone has a big TV room, hold a children's movie day. Be innovative!

Keep them out of the house! Yes, it is tempting to sit the youngsters down in front of the big screen and let them go to town with their videogames, but the days will go by faster if they are outdoors.

Take them on a mini-trip on the road! Head down to the beach, or find a nearby campground to stake out for the weekend. You will feel like you went away even if you only drove down the block.

Enroll your children in summer camp! There are many affordable community camps that are not sleep-away camps. Day camp is incredibly popular, and many parks and school districts offer them, including ours!

Remember, the 2016–17 school year begins on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Classes will be posted on Tuesday, Sept. 6. See you in September!

Marine View Middle School

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William Lynch Principal

Our Biggest Resource: Parents!

As we reach June, final grades and eighth-grade promotion ceremonies, it's important to share appreciation for those who have made this school year such a success. One of the great joys of being at Marine View Middle School is working with our tremendous PTSA and parent community. Through their efforts, we have been able to provide a number of opportunities and resources for all students, and I know that it will impact their collective success in high school and beyond.

Our robust parent enthusiasm starts at the top with our PTSA Executive Board and continues throughout all of our parent volunteers. Through their efforts, Marine View enjoyed a wildly successful Fall Fundraiser and Spaghetti Night Dinner, teacher-appreciation lunches during spring and fall parent conference weeks, staffing for a student-supported store, and dances and roller skating nights. From all of us at Marine View, thank you, parents!



Marine View parent volunteers help our dance run smoothly.

Hope View Elementary

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Carrie Haskin Principal

Hope View Strong and Standing Tall

This has truly been an amazing year! All the hard work, active engagement, prioritizing our focus on learning, implementation of new technology, amazing activities, events and learning opportunities has added up to one incredible year.

It has been a year to come together and to appreciate our friends and surroundings. We are lucky and proud to participate in events such as monthly recognition assemblies, flag assemblies, the OC Marathon, our book fair, Open House, Night of the Arts, the district art show, Author's Day, Build a Buddy, Red

Ribbon Week, concerts, movie nights, Tiles for Technology, field trips, outdoor education, stars on stage, a talent show, our carnival, community partnership opportunities, cross-age tutoring support, and the jog-a-thon, just to name a few.

Together, our Hope View Elementary School students, staff, and families bring Hope View to life. We are committed to learning. Our passion and positivity are contagious. Each of you truly makes a difference each and every day. It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to work with the Hope View community of learners. No matter what we do or where we go, we'll always be Hope View Hawks at heart. We are Hope View Strong and Standing Tall!

Mesa View Middle School

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Randy Lempert Principal

Two Outstanding Students

Each year, the Huntington Beach Masonic Lodge honors selected middle school students for their exemplary qualities. This year, two of our own were so honored.

Jaxsiel Marin is an eighth-grader with a positive outlook and a determination to do his best. Ms. Avsaroglu, Jaxsiel's math teacher, describes him as trustworthy, reliable and good humored. Through hard work and determination, Jaxsiel achieved honor roll standing. Way to go, Jaxsiel!



Jaylyn Saldana has a bright smile and a positive attitude. Teachers rave about her extreme focus and dedication. Jaylyn's success goes beyond academics—she's the first student to help classmates with work, and her teachers call her a true role model who brings out the best in everyoneshe comes into contact with.

Thank you to Huntington Beach Masonic Lodge for honoring Jaxsiel and Jaylyn and for hosting a wonderful evening. All students honored at this event represent the best in our middle school scholars!

Oak View Elementary

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Rosa Mendieta Principal

Marathon Event

Oak View Elementary School is starting a new tradition! We participated as part of the OC Marathon's Kids Run the OC (KROC) marathon event in April. In order to prepare for this event, our students came to school at 7:15 a.m. every Tuesday, beginning in January, to run or exercise with Ms. Ligman, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Davis or Ms. Mendieta. They also ran on designated Saturday mornings with Ms. Mendieta. Many times, the whole family joined in the trainings!

We had 11 students accompany us to the event. Our students



ran a mile and a half at the KROC event, accompanied by either Ms. Davis or Ms. Mendieta. Our very own Ms. Arroyo and Ms. Henderson, along with a large number of parents, cheered us on! Our students received their medals and KROC T-shirts for participating. They were so excited and proud of themselves!

We plan to be a part of this event every year. There's no stopping us now!

Spring View Middle School

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Jason Blade Principal

Spring View is Celebrating Student Success

Spring View Middle School would like to congratulate our newly re-designated students. After hours of hard work and sustained commitment, 15 of our English learners are now re-designated and will no longer be considered "English learners." In order to receive this re-designation, students must demonstrate their English proficiency in the areas of listening and speaking, as well as in reading and writing. Spring View's re-designated students have a long tradition of success as they continue their education at Spring View and then move up into

high school. In fact, our re-designated students often outperform other student groups in the area of Language Arts. The spring View Staff is incredibly proud of these students and the hard work they put into doing their best.



Oak View Preschool & Education Resource Center

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Anna Dreifus *Principal*

Picking Up STEAM

Oak View Preschool students recently experienced a day of engaging Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) activities on their field trip to "Imaginology."

This special event at the Orange County Fairgrounds was the culminating celebration of "The Week of the Young Child." It was a free and family friendly event full of STEAM-related exhibits and hand-on activities for children of all ages.

All Oak View preschool students were in attendance,



accompanied by their parents. We were fortunate to move through the buildings, barn, and garden together. The students had a chance to build, create, imagine, learn, design, explore, and be entertained by the music, shows, and a multitude of hands-on experiences.

This field trip ties in perfectly with our STEAM efforts at Oak View Preschool. We can incorporate many of these activities in our STEM room, as well as in our classrooms and on the playground. We are looking forward to going again next year. What a great day!

Star View Elementary

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Jamie Goodwyn Principal

Bringing New Meaning to Character

Star View recently nominated two outstanding "Shining Stars" for the American Youth Character Award, given to children who live within the City of Huntington Beach. Raini White and Mackenzie Yoder, both fourth-grade students, excel in the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Raini is the ultimate STAR at Star View. She is a team player, achieves in academics, and is respectful and responsible. Raini is intellectually mature for her age, and understands the social

effects of behaviors. She respects others, her school, and nature. She is the first to always volunteer to befriend new students at the school. She is sensitive towards their needs, and will make sure that they are comfortable in their new situation.

Mackenzie Yoder is the epitome of an outstanding student. She takes pride in everything in which she competes and participates. Most notably, Mackenzie is a scholar and athlete. She is a team player within the classroom and on the field. She works with every classmate, whether they excel or struggle.

Mackenzie understands what it means to collaborate with others, and will continuously redirect group work to ensure that everyone is working toward a shared goal. She is a positive role model for her classmates; she serves on Student Council and is a leader among her peers. Overall, Mackenzie is talented, gifted, and most importantly, humble.

By continuously demonstrating good character, Raini and Mackenzie make Star View a better place for all of our students and staff members.

Covering the Districts of:

Sun View Elementary

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Elaine Burney Principal

Thankful for Tradition

For the last several years, Sun View Elementary School students have been fortunate to work in conjunction with the members of the Rotary Club of Huntington Beach. Luckily, this year is no different.

Rotarians recently provided two assemblies. Various Rotary members read interactive books with our students. Students enjoyed predicting what would happen next in the stories and joining in choral readings. After the assemblies, each student received two books and a bookmark, for which they were very

grateful. The fifth-grade students were especially thankful to also receive backpacks. We were all very grateful for the new books for our library and the class sets of books.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mary Kinkella, Jeff Snow, John Baley, Mary Baley, Dick Deaner, Doug Gahn Kaili Hawley, Margaret Nerio, Wally Buchanan, and camera man Matt Leiffring for their time and dedication to our students.



Village View Elementary

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Julie Alba Principal

Annual Special Olympics Event

Village View Elementary School is proud to host the 27th annual Special Olympics. This is a fun and prestigious opportunity for all students in general education and special education to come together. There will be amazing interactions and lifelong memories shared among all of our students at Village View and Lake View. During the event, our athletes will participate in games such as bowling, relay races, soccer and other sports activities. The fifth-grade students have the privilege

of being buddies for the special educations students and helping at the game stations.

The 27th annual Special Olympics will be held on June 10 from 10-11 a.m. We would like to invite the community, family and friends to come cheer our athletes on for their special day. There are also opportunities to volunteer. If interested, please contact Carla Stavroulakis by phone at 714-846-1068 or by e-mail at cstavroulakis@ovsd.org.



Jenna Hanson, 5th grader

Vista View Middle School

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Scott Mooney Principal

It Takes Hours of Work!

View Middle School recently hosted the growing Ocean View School District Robotics Competition. Students competed in various events which required robots to accomplish tasks independently from their operators. While the element of competition added to the excitement of the day, the most important outcome was the skill demonstrated by each student.

Prior to the competition, students built and tested multiple physical designs to accomplish multiple challenges. After determining the "best" build, the students then wrote various

programs to instruct the robots to pick up, move, push, or pull game pieces on a large game board. A separate and exciting event was "Sumo," in which robots competed head to head, trying to push each other out of the ring.

The Ocean View High School Robotics team demonstrated their own robot and also served as competition judges. The afternoon concluded with an engineer from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She discussed the career opportunities in STEM fields.



Westmont-Lake View Elementary

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Susan Broderson Principal

Sharing a Campus

What an unbelievable year it has been! Did you ever wonder what it is like sharing a campus with two schools at the same time? Well, Lake View and Westmont students can now join an elite group who can say they attended two schools at the same time. I asked the students what it was like this year. They had wise insights:

"Having two schools was an exciting rollercoaster! We had to be able to get along and get together." Raylene

"I'm going to be sad because Lake View is nice to me. Lake

View likes Westmont because we are teaching them new things." Allie "The advantages of being two schools together is you can get double the friends and double the fun." Anthony

"We are stronger together." Kevin

"My ELA teacher is funny and nice. I thought I wouldn't make friends with Lake View but I thought wrong." Jalyssa

"I like West and Lake together because we can work together as a team and we can learn new things from each other." Gabriele

"We were working as a team and I have new friends. It is like a shield in the school because we are one big family." Pauline

"Doesn't matter what school you come from, we all are friends." Alex Well said everyone. Thank you for making this an incredible year!

Westminster School District

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Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps

WSD to Offer Dual Immersion • From Page 1

The program will be located at Willmore Elementary School, which was recently named a California Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education. The Spanish Dual Language Immersion program will consist of a three-hour preschool class for three- and four-year-olds as well as all-day kindergarten classes. Like Westminster School District's Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program, the Spanish Dual Language Immersion teachers will conduct 50 percent of instruction in English and

50 percent of instruction in Spanish. The program is open to all preschool and kindergarten students in Southern California. Spanish is the second most commonly spoken language in the United States, and Spanish is second only to Mandarin as the most commonly spoken language in the world!

Why choose dual language immersion? Research has shown that dual language students experience increased cognitive benefits and improved academic growth compared to their monolingual peers. Students in our program will be bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural when they graduate from our district. Dual language immersion integrates native English speaking and English language learning students in the same classroom and provides academic instruction through two languages, one of which is the primary language of each group (for example Spanish and English). The preschool students in the Spanish Dual Language Immersion program will spend one day learning in English and one day learning in Spanish (50/50 model). The students in kindergarten will be engaged 50 percent of the day in English and 50 percent of the day in Spanish. The goals and benefits of our dual language immersion program are high academic achievement, bilingualism, biliteracy, cultural proficiency, global citizenship, 21st-century skills, leadership/selfconfidence, advantages for college admission and scholarships, and the Seal of Biliteracy Pathway Award attainment at third, fifth, and eighth grades.

If you have a child entering preschool or kindergarten in the fall and you are looking for a program that will give your child a competitive edge in the future, please consider enrolling your child in our Spanish Dual Language Immersion program. I encourage you to act now though, because classes are filling up quickly and space is limited. For more information on the Spanish Dual Language Immersion program, please visit our Web site at www.wsdk8. us or call (714) 894-7311, extension 1083 (kindergarten) or (714) 898-8389 (preschool).

Finley Elementary (K-5)

13521 Edwards St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/895-7764 • http://finley.wsdk8.us



Maria Gutiérrez-García Principal

Several GLAD Occasions!

Finley School had much to celebrate in May! Finley was awarded the California Gold Ribbon for the great teamwork of students, parents and staff to continue to raise the level of academic achievement for all its students. A total of 18 uppergrade student council members prepared and tried out for the six coveted student ambassador positions to guide the Orange County Department of Education Site Validation Team around the school in search of evidence of the schoolwide signature practice Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD). We are grateful to the entire student council, the six student

ambassadors and their teacher moderators, Lisa Tarkanian and Amy Nguyen, for all of their dedication, hard work and passion.

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Jamison Power President

WSD Schools Honored with California Gold Ribbon Award

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson recently announced the elementary schools that are being honored under the California Gold Ribbon Schools Award Program for 2016, and I am proud to report that nine of them are from Westminster School District (WSD)!



The Gold Ribbon Award was designed to recognize outstanding education programs and practices and reward schools for gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the state Board of Education. More than 6,000 schools throughout California were eligible for the Gold Ribbon Award this year, but only 722 ultimately earned this prestigious designation. As Mr. Torlakson noted, "These schools shine as bright beacons for others, putting forth an exemplary effort to ensure that every student is ready for 21st-century college and careers. California teachers are developing an education model for the nation, training the students of today to be the problem-solvers, inventors, and pioneers of tomorrow."

WSD's 2016 Gold Ribbon Schools are: Eastwood Elementary School; Finley Elementary School; Fryberger Elementary School; Hayden Elementary School; Meairs Elementary School; Schmitt Elementary School; Schroeder Elementary School; Sequoia Elementary School; and Willmore Elementary School. This year, the award program recognized only elementary schools. Next year, recognition will be dedicated to middle and high schools.

Under the shared vision of the WSD Board of Trustees and Superintendent Kim-Phelps, we have been working hard to implement 21st-century learning initiatives, including: increasing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)/Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) offerings, 1:1 Chromebooks for all students, blended learning, digital badging, building leadership capacity, and dual language immersion. These initiatives have given our teachers and students the tools they need to achieve excellence. We are so very proud of our schools, and we look forward to continuing to build on this success in the years to come.

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Finley kindergarten teacher Melanie Rafkin was recognized by the Orange County Department of Education in May as a recipient of the English Learner Success Award for the Westminster School District for her ongoing work to promote increased academic achievement for English learners and support for their teachers, as she is a GLAD Tier II teacher.

Also in May, a special assembly and celebration were held to recognize the efforts of 32 students who were reclassified in 2015–16. Each student was awarded a certificate as schoolmates, staff and family members celebrated their accomplishment. In addition, Ammar Alam was the first Finley student to receive the Orange County Department of Education Ribbon for Biliteracy for his skills in two languages, Arabic and English. Ammar was also recognized for this much needed 21st century skill.

Later in the month, Finley School honored its wonderful diversity through song, dance and dress during the annual International Day celebration in which students performed an assortment of dances from the various cultures represented at Finley School.

Anderson Elementary (K-6)

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Kim Breckenridge Principal

Supporting Student Success

Anderson Elementary School student success is enhanced by the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Potential, Responsibility, Determination, and Excellence (PRIDE) program. Funded through Proposition 49 and under the site leadership of Kenny Bridgewaters, 100 students participate in this daily, afterschool program.

ASES PRIDE helps students with academics as well as their physical, social, and emotional health. Students do their homework, eat nutritious food, and participate in clubs and activities. The clubs include: academics, such as the Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Club; enrichment, including the Performing Arts Club; and physical fitness, which includes organized sports. Organized sports build teamwork, self-confidence, and physical abilities.



Anderson Baseball Team

Throughout the year, students play on basketball, baseball, and soccer teams. Currently the baseball team is competing against other elementary schools.

The ASES PRIDE program is a great partner, connecting school, family, and fun. Go, Anderson Tigers!

Clegg School

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7218 • http://clegg.wsdk8.us



John Staggs Principal

Near and Dear to Our Hearts

Clegg Elementary School would like to congratulate Mrs. Michelle Manley, who was recognized as Clegg's Teacher of the Year and the Westminster School District Teacher of the Year!

Through differentiation, Mrs. Manley customizes her students' learning with depth and complexity, blended learning, and rotation stations. Her 21st-century classroom environment helps her students to learn in the best ways possible. She formed peer tutoring groups on campus, established a buddy bench to make recess more fun for everyone, and created an afterschool

intervention group for students who need specialized attention. She works tirelessly and teaches with love and her unique, infectious enthusiasm.

Mrs. Manley volunteers with her sons' sports teams and also runs a fundraiser that is near and dear to her heart, Change for Hearts, which raises money for children with congenital heart defects. She is well loved by all at Clegg, and she is most deserving of this honor.



DeMille Elementary (K-6)

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Shannon Villanueva Principal

DeMille Author's Day...Magic and Memories!!

Recently, DeMille welcomed Andrew Wheeler to our campus for Author's Day. This is an annual event at DeMille that gives students the opportunity to meet with a published author and learn about book writing. Mr. Wheeler has written several books that are funny and very appealing to children. As part of his presentation, he asks for volunteers from the audience. Thirdgrader Janeth Palafox was chosen to help onstage.

"When I came into the MP room, I saw the author doing magic tricks," Janeth said. "It was cool, and I couldn't wait to see what



Janeth Palafox is amazed by the magic of author/magician Andrew Wheeler.

he would do! I loved how he told the story about a monster under his bed and acted it out like it was happening right then. When he asked for help, I was picked, and I was so happy! I got to do a rope trick, and I was pretty good. He let me keep the hat and the rope. That was the best day of my life!"

Author visits leave lasting impressions with the students, and for Janeth, this will be a memory for life!

Eastwood Elementary (K-6)

13552 University St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7227 • http://eastwood.wsdk8.us



Dr. Jason Kuncewicki Principal

Celebrating 50 Years of Education! In April, Frank N. Eastwood School celebrated 50 years in the Westminster School District community with a PTA-sponsored carnival that was attended by over 800 students, families, the mayor, city dignitaries and alumni. The mayor and district office presented the school with commemorative awards. The carnival included games, bounce houses and obstacle courses, food, raffles and silent auctions. The school also provided a memory walk that showed the 50-year trajectory of Eastwood's students and families. All carnival activities were put on by Eastwood's amazing PTA and staff.

Bolsa Chica Ranch was the name given to the neighborhood around the school before the population boom of the 1960s. The school was originally called Bolsa Chica Elementary, but the name was changed to Frank N. Eastwood Elementary shortly after it opened in honor of a longtime member of the school board.



Fryberger Elementary (K-5)

6952 Hood Dr., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7237 • http://fryberger.wsdk8.us



Dr. Dena Kiouses Principal

A Healthy Attitude

By Jeff Nakano, Teacher – 5th Grade

The 12-week Kids Run the OC (KROC) program promotes an active and healthy lifestyle. During the program, the students are given health challenges ranging from reading nutrition labels to finding healthy alternatives for snacks. Students accumulate a total of 25.2 miles of exercise through games and fitness challenges during the school year, running the final mile to reach 26.2 miles at the end of the season.

Accompanied by teacher volunteers, 40 students, including five returning runners, participated this year. The returning runners promoted the program, getting other students excited to participate.

Jessica Madrid, a fifth-grader, said her favorite part is the culminating event at the Orange County Fairgrounds, where they complete the last mile. "I love the excitement!" she said.

All participants successfully completed the program and reached fitness levels they never thought they could achieve and becoming more conscious of how to lead a healthier lifestyle.

For more information, visit the KROC Web site at www.kidsruntheoc.org.



KROC participants and volunteer teacher coaches, Mr. Nakano, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Clarke, and Ms. Parker

Johnson Middle School (6–8)

13603 Edwards St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7244 • http://johnson.wsdk8.us



Daniel Owens Principal

Now Presenting—'Legally Blonde JR.'!

Johnson Middle School theater arts students had Westminster thinking pink when they presented their production of Legally Blonde JR. The fun and upbeat musical follows the adventures of a sorority girl named Elle Woods—a Gemini with a double Capricorn moon—who tries to win her ex-boyfriend back by earning a Harvard law degree.

Delta Nu sorority president Elle Woods seems to have it all: good looks, a relationship with the campus catch, and great taste in clothes. However, her life is turned upside down when

her boyfriend, Warner, dumps her in an attempt to start getting serious about his future and attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, Elle uses a lot of hard work and some charm to get into Harvard Law so she can prove to Warner that she's serious enough for him. Once at school, she is challenged by her peers, her professors and her ex, but with the help of some new friends, Elle realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Legally Blonde JR. is based on the major motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon, which was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture: Musical or Comedy. Legally Blonde JR. will showcase talented singers and actors such as Alexa Perez as Elle and Perla Nieto as Vivianne.

Johnson Middle School prides itself on providing its students with amazing and memorable experiences, like being in a theater production. Johnson Middle School Warriors continue to shine in the classroom as well as on stage. Bravo!

Hayden Elementary (K-5)

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Mark Murphy Principal

Everyone's Special

Last month, Hayden Elementary had their first Positive Post-It Day.

Hayden students and staff members took time throughout the day to write positive messages on Post-Its and distribute them all day. Each class was provided with over 300 Post-Its, and the time to write positive things about our school, students, teachers, classified workers, and parents.

We gave every student and staff member the sentence starter, "I like Hayden because..." We displayed over 840 positive notes



about why we like Hayden so much. It was great feeling to walk around our school and see positive notes in the library, classrooms, the office, computer lab, and lunch area.

The students and staff members had a terrific time giving out the positive notes all day. They realized how easy it is to make someone smile with just a note telling them why they are so special.

Land School

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Beverlee Mathenia Executive Director, Early Education & Expanded Learnina



Reagan Lopez Executive Director. Student Services



At Land School, we have many families

Cultivating Community Connections

attending our classes from around Westminster and various neighboring communities. Since preschool is often a family's first contact with community resources, we like to provide opportunities to bring the two together.

During our Open House event, many community resources were provided to our parents, including materials from the United Way Read Aloud program, the Dairy Council, Child Development Checklists, and the California Department of Public Health. Our Westminster

> School District school readiness nurses were on hand to answer questions and connect parents with community partners that can offer help. The Westminster Family Resource Center also partnered with our school that night to greet parents and distribute information about their parenting programs. Parents left with guidance and tip sheets on reading development, nutrition, child developmental milestones, car-seat safety, and effective parenting.

One of the important roles of a school site is to bring families and resources together.



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Kathy Kane Principal

CSUF Soccer Players Teach Tolerance and Courage

By Nicole Jacobson, Assistant Principal

On Monday, May 2, three Cal State Fullerton men's soccer players came to perform community outreach at Meairs School. We feel fortunate that these players, along with Head Coach George Kuntz and the director of operations, all volunteered their time to visit with us.

They spoke to our third-graders about the importance of character. The student-athletes then read two books to our students that portrayed the importance of "courage" and

"tolerance." Our students were fully engaged and interested as the studentathletes read and shared personal stories about having courage and tolerance in their lives. The excited third-graders learned that education is an integral part in becoming a successful college athlete.



Alex, Ruben and Mitch from CSUF Soccer read to 3rd graders.

These soccer players were positive role models for our students, explaining the importance of grit and perseverance in school. Our students were also able to ask questions, and they all left understanding that they need to work hard and get good grades beginning

now!

Schroeder Elementary (K-6)

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Carrie Hernandez Principal

The Schroeder Family Campout

This year we once again had an amazing time at our annual Schroeder Camp Out!

The purpose of the Camp Out is two-fold. Its mission statement, as stated every year at the top of the application, is that this event is "an overnight Camp Out, on campus, with the goal of building and strengthening relationships between Schroeder families, students, and faculty in a safe and fun environment." It is also an opportunity for our Schroeder dads to be involved in the school and plan a fun event for all.

The PTA supports the event by providing hot dogs, beans, and nachos for dinner. Our families provide side dishes that are delicious – and for breakfast we have pancakes and yummy donuts!

This year we had over 100 families pitch tents or sleep in their trailers. Over 380 adults and children attended the event. Thank you, Schroeder dads (and moms) for another awesome campout!



Schmitt Elementary (K-5)

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Orchid Rocha *Principal*

Fossil Museum at Schmitt School

Schmitt School's Second Grade Team: Iris Perez, Jody Jensen, Christina Cota and Tien Nguyen featured an interactive Fossil Museum for parents and students. Our second graders spent many weeks learning and researching information about prehistoric animals and fossils. As part of a Project Based Learning unit, students were expected to create an informative slideshow, a written report, a diorama and related crafts. All of the students' work was displayed in our school's multipurpose room for parents to visit and learn along with their children/

docents. Once our families had an opportunity to visit the interactive museum, all of the other Schmitt classrooms had an opportunity to visit Schmitt's Fossil Museum. Thank you second grade team for creating an interactive learning experience for all to enjoy!



Sequoia Elementary (K-6)

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Michelle Watkins *Principal*

It's Cool to Be Kind

Aesop once said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." At Sequoia, we are always striving to be scholars. One way we do this is by showing Eagle PRIDE and kindness.

Sequoia and WSD are partnering with the City in their Kindness Campaign to encourage community members to promote a kind and welcoming environment throughout the City of Westminster. Our student council started us off with our Caps for Kids fundraiser. As a school, we raised \$500 for children battling cancer.



We are excited to continue to promote kindness within the community. As a family, continue to discuss ways that you can show kindness.

Please login in your acts of kindness at the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/ WSDBeKind

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in giving creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu

Stacey Middle School

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Heidi DeBritton Principal

Art On the Grid!

Advanced Art recently completed its newest project: grid art! Students used graphite pencils, kneaded erasers and blending stumps to sketch a realistic 12 by 14 inch picture.

The first step was to choose a photo to use as a model. Most students selected a picture from the Internet, but some used their own personal photos. They then drew one-inch grids on the printed-out photo and the same number of boxes on a larger canvas, creating a scaled-up version of the original.



Now the process of copying the photo box by box on the larger paper, which took about two months, began. Using their sketching tools, students slowly re-created the photo during class and at home, perfecting details and blending various shades.

After several weeks, the pictures were completed and turned in to Ms. Karsh. They were glued onto black-construction-paper backgrounds and mounted in Ms. Karsh's classroom together for a stunning effect.

Webber Elementary (K-6)

14142 Hoover St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7288 • http://webber.wsdk8.us



Kevin Whitney Principal

Webber Community Garden

In June of 2015, the Webber Wolfpack joined together as a community to create plans to build a workable garden for all students. Today Webber Elementary has a planter bed for every grade level from preschool through sixth grade!

In February, Elijah Bess led a group of Webber students, teachers, and a sizeable number of his friends from the Boy Scouts to build and fill four 16-foot-long planter beds made from old railroad ties. In March, former student Pauline Dang also began work on a 30-by-10-foot garden mural.

In May we began holding painting parties for the garden stepping stones. These after-school parties have provided spaces for our students to come together with their families and friends to help paint a lasting memory. The students and teachers are also hosting a family friendly event to unveil the Webber Community Garden!



Webber Painting Party with garden in background.

Warner Middle School (6-8)

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Amy Pham Kwon *Principal*

Encouraging Students through Kid Conference By Tung Nguyen, Journalism

Kid Conference is a special day at Warner when students as well as Westminster High School volunteers and alumni encourage other students to be better individuals, show what opportunities are available to them in high school, and demonstrate how they can be successful for college futures.

Two of the volunteers were Billy Keleman and Andy Nguyen, members of a crew named Link. Mr. Keleman discussed the success of his online workout video business, which took

root after many previous ventures that failed because of quitting, thus demonstrating the fruits of perseverance. Andy Nguyen is a prominent businessman, with six businesses involving areas of culinary and fashion



interests. Together, they are starting a project known as Passion Chasers, combining community assistance and goalsetting skills. They both talked about their successes and failures to help inspire people who want to become great and successful.

Kid Conference yearly encourages and inspires!

Willmore Elementary (K-5)

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Rob McKane *Principal*

Thank You!

Every year at this time it is appropriate to reflect upon the past. We celebrate the many joys we have experienced, as well as review the things we can improve.

We also take time to thank those who have given support in the educational process. It is important to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers, support staff, community partners, parents, and, of course, our students.

After seven years as principal at Willmore, I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank anyone and everyone who

has supported the school. Our PTA board has been behind many of our school's endeavors throughout the years. Our current president, Adriana Bevacqua, has done a wonderful job in keeping our energy high, and making sure that our events are organized and that the burden is kept off of any one teacher or parent.

Our community liaisons have also been an important part of Willmore. We couldn't do our jobs as educators and support staff without Hannah and Aida liaising with community members in the office, or translating documents and teaching basic English and parenting skills to our families. Their work was integral to earning a California Gold Ribbon Award, Willmore's first state-level recognition ever.

There is still much to do at Willmore. We are excited about our Dual Language Immersion program for incoming preschool and kindergarten students. Our teachers are working hard to incorporate blended learning into their repertoire, and are seeking out the latest in technological tools to help support learning. They are even changing the way their rooms are set up to accommodate the different styles of student learning. There is much to do and be excited about here at Willmore.

So thank you to everyone who has supported Willmore and given either a little or a lot to make our school a great place.

Huntington Beach Union High School District

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Gregory S. Plutko

Pomp and Circumstance

"Pomp and Circumstance" is in the air...and proud families will be filling their cloud accounts everywhere with smiling photos of their graduates!

As we inch closer to June, it is always so exciting to see and hear the rapid preparations being made to honor our students and their four years of achievement. I am sure many a mom and dad remember so vividly these students' first August day as ninth-graders, filled with hope and enthusiasm for the high school journey. The deeper emotion will grab them as they fondly

reflect on the first day of kindergarten, bright clothes, superhero backpacks, and their favorite cartoon character lunchboxes. Wow! The time has passed so quickly! Hugs will abound—with those hugs will be that same twinges that surfaced just before ninth grade: What's next in this great adventure?

It is certainly time to heartily thank all of our teachers and support staff members! The journey has been lined with many great professionals who have devoted their lives to supporting young people. Support for their minds, their spirits, and their bodies has been at the forefront of the work of each staff member. They are servant leaders, who often create extra time after school, in the dark of winter evenings and certainly beating the sunrise, to meet just a few eager and nervous students for test prep before the big exam...a collaboration in excellence.

As our stadiums and school sites fill with family and friends to honor our amazing graduates, take just a moment to reflect on the journey leading to this special day. The late-night homework assignments (that they actually had three weeks to complete), the extra hours on the athletic field or performance stage, or the time spent just "growing-up" as high school students. Each moment or memory is special for a different reason, and together they combine to create a 21st-century high school graduate. Key the orchestra...and begin the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance!"



Kyle Bui Student Representative

Nostalgic Memories

Every person born into this world has a purpose. Growing up, every person I knew followed the same journey as I did and passed over certain milestones—saying your first words, walking for the first time, taking your driver's license test, and many more. Now, many of us are looking forward to the milestone of walking down the aisle at graduation as they call your nameand many exciting milestones to come in the future. With less than a month of school left, seniors are preparing to empty their lockers as they close the book on this chapter of their lives.

As seniors, we want to make the best of every situation and opportunity that comes our way. As we mature and learn from our experiences, we learn that life was never about trying to find yourself. Instead, we are creating ourselves as the people we want to be. We are making the most of every last minute as the clock ticks away, trying to leave our mark before that

The Fountain Valley High School (FVHS) Associated Student Body has inspired students with a special event in February called Share the Love. A group of FVHS students promoted kindness and love and inspired the same in future generations, all for the betterment of the future. This is just one of the many examples of students doing something beneficial and leaving something behind to continue on and on until time ends.

Many of us are ready to move on from this chapter of our lives. But what we do with the time we have left will make it even more special for those around us. Enjoy all those special senior events! And make the most of everything, so you and others will remember it in the future.

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Dr. Duane Dishno

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Our schools are known not only for their commitment to academic excellence, but for a myriad of specialized offerings that enhance our students' success and better prepare them for life as citizens in a global community.

Academy for Performing Arts (APA), is a magnet program offered at Huntington Beach High School that began in 1993. Its goal is to cultivate the discipline, dedication, and commitment necessary to achieve excellence in the arts and to inspire our youth by creating a scholarly atmosphere for talented young performers, writers,

composers and technicians. Pre-professional arts education is provided in a comprehensive high school setting as students are trained to focus simultaneously on both academic and artistic education. APA's visual and performing arts courses fulfill the requirements for college and university admission.

Center for International Business and Communications Studies (CIBACS), is a four-year magnet program offered at Edison High School. Begun in 1995, it offers students an enriched and integrated program that is enhanced through competitive projects, job shadowing, and internships with business partners. Students are prepared to progress to advanced applications of technology, learn to work effectively in a team and become sensitive to needs, problems, aspirations, and customs of other cultures. CIBACS produces high school graduates who will meet the employability requirements of tomorrow's high tech, international business environment. Its primary goal is to establish long-term relationships with Orange County businesses who provide realistic training and mentoring.

International Baccalaureate (IB), is a magnet program at Ocean View High School designed to meet the needs of highly motivated students and to promote international understanding. This two-year, comprehensive and rigorous pre-university program provides one of the most respected secondary educations available. Successful IB candidates are typically granted advanced placement credit at the finest universities and colleges in the United States. Motivated by a mission to create a better world through education, the International Baccalaureate is more than its three educational programs. IB values the hard-earned reputation for quality, for high standards, and for pedagogical leadership.

Model United Nations (MUN), a program with a rich tradition of excellence at conferences around the United States and around the world is offered at Edison, Huntington Beach, and Ocean View High Schools. MUN is an educational simulation and academic competition in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations. It involves and

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Dr. D'Liese Melendrez *Principal*

Proud to Be a Charger!

My 11 years as principal at Edison High School have gone by quickly. This closing school year is especially poignant for me, as I will be retiring at the end of June with almost 39 years in education. Together with the Charger staff and community, I'm celebrating the many accomplishments at Edison over the years.

We've increased our Advanced Placement and other college-readiness courses to allow access to more students. We've completed

major campus renovations that include installation of a state-of-the-art weight room, a synthetic-turf soccer field and scoreboards. We've received accolades that include being awarded a California Distinguished School twice in 10 years, a Golden Bell award from the California School Board Association for our SAC—SUCSESS program, and being named in the nation's top 100 high schools by *Newsweek* magazine.



Celebrating being named a California Distinguished School.

EHS is embarking on a STEAM adventure with the Academy for Sustainability starting with the next school year. The teaching staff and students have embraced the use of technology as this world keeps evolving. Our parents continue to volunteer and provide meaningful

workshops to support our families. Graduates continue to make their mark in college and beyond.

I will truly miss the magic of Edison High School and the family environment of our community. Thank you to the amazing staff I've



Graduating with the Class of 2016.

been privileged to work with these past 11 years and to the students and families who are truly special in my heart. Yes—Edison High School will always be my "high school heaven."



Varsity football team with Dr. M.

Coast High School

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Steve Curiel Principal

Extreme Partnerships

I am sometimes amazed at what people do to support their schools. Parents donate time to help out with school activities. Local business will give student and staff discounts. Community members will donate their time for tutoring or their money to help support special projects. We are always grateful for whatever support we receive and are inspired by the intent behind the support - to help our students succeed. Although we appreciate all of our supporters, sometimes you have to acknowledge one that gives in an extreme way.

For the last several years, Coast High School has had the good fortune to be partnered with a corporate youth foundation in the common goal of helping atrisk-students succeed and graduate high school. What the foundation does for our school goes far beyond what one might expect from a foundation associated with a property group that owns over 300 malls across the country. Their support of our schools continues to grow every year. So what exactly does the foundation do? Let me tell you.

A Friend in Need and Deed

Each year, the group offers scholarships for our graduating class. Our students do not have to compete with the thousands of students in our

district but are able to apply for a scholarship that recognizes the unique challenges they have faced just to stay in school. The foundation awarded three scholarships to Coast students last year that totaled more than \$70,000.

The foundation awards schools enhancement grants to help support the educational needs that might not be covered through the normal state funding that a school receives. This year, we have received more than \$4,000, which helps cover the costs for student field trips and other similar experiences for students that we could not provide were it not for the support.

Professional development can be an expensive budget item, especially when having to travel out of the area. In the case of alternative schools like Coast High School, out-of-state conferences such as the National Dropout Prevention Conference can be out of reach in terms of budget. Thankfully, the foundation has helped support two staff members each year to attend this valuable conference.

The foundation also provides other resources to schools through partnerships that they themselves develop. Last year, Coast received curriculum from the Dave Ramsey organization to help students better manage their money and stay out of debt. This year, the foundation is supporting our Social Sciences Department by paying for four students and an instructor to attend a civics learning experience in Washington, D.C., called Close Up.

If all this isn't astounding enough, the foundation supports three schools within the Huntington Beach Union High School District in all the abovementioned ways. They include Valley Vista High School and the Huntington Beach Adult School. Our district is certainly blessed to have an "extreme partner" like this foundation!

Fountain Valley High School

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Dr. Morgan Smith Principal

Beautification Day

Fountain Valley High School recently celebrated the success of its annual Beautification Day through the combined the efforts of our PTSA, Boy Scouts, Saturday School, and community volunteers. We had nearly 100 volunteers in total. With most able to work the entire four-hour shift, we totaled almost 400 hours of campus work!

Our campus center bowl, entrances, planter boxes, and garden center all received the royal treatment. The week before Beautification Day, Allie Trounce and Julie Carr led their capable

volunteers in organizing an Earth Day drive to collect drought-resistant plants and flowers, and PTSA provided tools, gloves, snacks, and water to keep our hard workers energized and hydrated. Jo An Verstraete, our resident green thumb volunteer, led the work force with a how-to and targeted the areas in most need. Our Eagle Scout project, led by junior Adam Trounce, completely revamped the bowl area planters with trimming, cleaning, planting, and layering in mulch to ensure our redesigned areas will stand the test of time.



Assistant Principal of Supervision Marc Trocchio worked tirelessly to coordinate the dates, times, volunteers, resources, and messaging for Beautification Day. Mr. Trocchio not only helped make this day happen, but he was there an hour before to help set up, along with his three children. It says a lot when everyone, from parents to students to administrators, are dedicated to the cause.

Huntington Beach Adult School

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Steve Curiel Principal

Your Input Needed!

By the time you receive this school update, we will be well into our summer class schedule and preparing for our fall start of school on September 6. There are a number of reasons to be excited about this new school year. We have a number of new staff that will help our school better prepare students for college and work. We will be opening a new campus in Newport Mesa where we will offer high school diploma, GED and English as a second language classes. We will be continuing our collaboration with local community colleges and improving the pipeline between our school and theirs. We will certainly be busy. But

one important task we will have on our hands is the task of our self-evaluation for the purpose of renewing our accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This is no small task and will involve the work and input of every staff member, many of our students, and community stakeholders. In our previous self-study, we determined that our school would work on three major goals: creating a formalized process to design and implement relevant courses and programs of study; improving student support services to also improve student achievement; and developing policies and procedures to facilitate communication.

So in preparation for the beginning of this process, I just want to let our community know that we will shortly be sending out a survey that will gather input about our school, including the three goals listed above. We will make sure it is as easy to fill out as possible. Please keep an eye out for it sometime in November. For now, please enjoy the remainder of summer, and we look forward to seeing you in fall.

Huntington Beach High School

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Daniel Morris *Principal*

College Commitment Signing Day

Huntington Beach High School celebrated its third annual College Commitment Ceremony in April. May was the national statement of intent to Register (SIR) deadline for seniors. There were over 150 posters along our gym walls representing four-year universities, community colleges and military branches. Our seniors proudly wore their college gear and enjoyed the opportunity for all of us to celebrate their college choices for the next pathway in their future by personally signing their new school posters

For many, it has been a busy, exciting yet stressful year of filling out college applications and financial-aid forms, anticipating acceptance offers, and making that final decision regarding where they will go. Huntington Beach High School in collaboration with the HBHS PTSA celebrated those decisions at our schoolwide celebration in the gym for seniors and their parents with balloons and college posters hand-painted by HBHS ASB.

HBHS PTSA, administrators, teachers, fellow students and community leaders came together to congratulate and celebrate our seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors. It is a day when all the hard work comes to fruition and it becomes all too real for our seniors that they are moving on to



the next phase in their life. A special moment is always shared when they are able to connect with other students that will be attending their same school.

We are so proud of our Oiler students and their families for 13 years of hard work! Way to go, Oilers.



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Dr. Courtney Robinson Principal

To Our Seniors

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of yet another school year. I would thus like to acknowledge Ocean View High School's Class of 2016. I am very proud of this group of seniors, and cannot wait to see all of the amazing things that they will do in their lives.

The Class of 2016 started off the year with a sunrise breakfast. They showed up to the football stadium early in the morning to watch the sunrise and eat their morning meal. Throughout the rest of the year I also watched our seniors help to make our school a place where students want to be. They took part

in Bullying Prevention Week, raised money and awareness during our "Pink Out" game for breast cancer, challenged themselves by taking rigorous courses (including AP and IB classes), and won the Clash of Classes Week in style.

Over the next few weeks our seniors will be taking their Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams, attend prom, walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, and head off to college, trade schools, careers, or the military. They have come a long way over the last four years, and have shown time and time again that "You can't spell "love" without OV"!

This Class has lived our motto every day. So keep on celebrating your wins, Class of 2016. You have had a lot of them this year!



Class of 2016 at the sunrise breakfast!

Marina High School

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Dr. Jessie Marion *Principal*

Cross-Curricular Collaboration

When Marina's staff members gathered together at the beginning of the school year to set their goals, one big aim was to increase our school's cross-curricular collaboration. So Minimum Days were scheduled throughout the year to provide our teachers with the time they needed to work together. From these discussions the idea for "Oceanic Totem Poles" was birthed!

Marine biology teacher Shannon Marcin and ceramics teacher Michelle Dziadkowicz wanted to give their students an opportunity to both teach and learn from each other. And so their

students began to meet during fourth period to create 3-dimensional sculptures inspired by marine biology ecosystems. The students were broken into six groups to create ecosystem "totem poles." The marine biology students brought their scientific expertise and the ceramics students brought their artistic expertise in to help create this final project.

Miya Marquis, Ryan Gueon, and Justin Pham are all marine biology students who have been working with other students like Nicole Kieva, Bryanna Hockman, and Noah Muta from the ceramics class. These students have all shared how much fun they are having with the project! They love the fact that they can teach each other and also share their knowledge with their fellow students

The students believe that this project has sparked an interest in learning about each other's subject matter. But the most exciting part is that they also get to leave something behind for our future students to enjoy.

In keeping with the Viking aquatic theme, these Oceanic Totem Poles will be displayed on Marina's Senior Lawn when they are completed.



Katie George, Amy Crowley, Elijah Slinkard, Brooke Boston

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teaches researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities. Students are placed in committees and assigned countries where they represent members of that body, conducting research and formulating positions that they then debate, staying true to the position of the member country they represent.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), is a college readiness program offered at Huntington Beach, Marina, Ocean View, and Westminster High Schools that is designed to give the necessary support and preparation to students, particularly those in the academic middle, so they may attend and succeed in college. Students enroll in college preparatory classes, including Honors and Advanced Placement, and participate in extracurricular activities. The premise is simple – raise expectations, and with AVID support, they will rise to the challenge.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP), is a career and technical education program that prepares students for a wide range of careers and

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Kerry Clitheroe Principal

It's That Time, Again

As the end of the school year is upon us, it is time to recognize the achievements of two special Class of 2016 seniors and a wonderful teacher.

Our two outstanding "Sweet 16" seniors, Kate VanLeer and David Perricone,

embody the qualities of integrity, reliability, kindness, a strong work ethic, and respect for others. Kate plans to attend college and become an R.N. In her spare time she enjoys reading and having fun with her friends and family. At the conclusion of high school, David will enlist in the U.S. Marines and plans on studying engineering. He also enjoys spending time with family and



Katherine Van Leer, David Perricone

friends, and is working hard to get in top physical shape before boot camp.

Kate and David are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to work with caring and supportive teachers in the non-judgmental VVHS community that gave them a second chance to graduate from high school and go on to accept even greater challenges.



Roger Holmes

Our other honoree is Mr.
Roger Holmes, a social studies
teacher and special education
co-coordinator. As a leader on
campus, he is organized, calm,
friendly, and approachable. He is
focused on enabling his students
to meet district graduation
requirements.

He also recently collaborated with our teachers to develop a credit tracking system unique to VVHS. His teaching philosophy is simple and powerful: "Put each student in the best position to succeed by recognizing their strengths and weaknesses: play to strengths, and work hard to improve weaknesses."

further educational opportunities. The course of study combines classroom instruction with hands-on learning. Courses and programs include those in agriculture and natural resources, arts, media and entertainment, building and construction trades, business and finance, health science and medical technology, manufacturing and product development, marketing, engineering and architecture, and public services. Many classes include internships at local businesses and industry sites.

Math Educational Resources Integrated with Technology and Science (MERITS), is a program offered at Westminster High School wherein students receive a rigorous and focused curriculum that prepares them for technical fields of employment while encouraging them to pursue higher education. It includes opportunities to enroll in college or university classes while still in high school. Students have university or corporate mentors and apprenticeships in grades eleven and twelve.

I encourage families to explore these and the many other special offerings available in our comprehensive high schools.

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Joe Fraser Principal

Drumline Strives for Excellence

Westminster High School's drumline has been on fire this year, and in April, it did not disappoint. The drumline earned a silver medal at the ADLA championship finals in the Scholastic Open Division. Despite being the second of six groups to perform, we impressed the judges by scoring 90.35 points, which is the first time we've surpassed 90 points!

This year was challenging for both staff and students, but the drumline has continued to work extremely hard and has been pushed to perform at levels that have never been achieved

before at Westminster High School. We've reached many milestones this year, including making our first finals appearance at the Southern California Percussion Alliance Championships and earning a silver medal at the American Drum Line Association finals.

The students have loved performing their show for such large audiences throughout Southern California, where the audiences, staff and judges have both laughed and cried with us. Our drumline has been both humbled and honored to have been able to connect with and go on such an emotional journey with so many people throughout this season. Even though our winter drumline season is over, we're looking forward to what we may accomplish next.

Many thanks to John Whatley, Kim Long Vo and our amazing students who dedicate countless hours to perfecting their craft and making us so proud to be Lions. It's a PRIDE thing!





Car Seat Safety

A New Law

By Heidi Heflin, MN, RN, CNS, CPSTI

A new law, affecting the way the youngest children ride in the car in California, is coming into force on January 1, 2017. Safety advocates are urging all parents to prepare now to meet the new requirements which will save lives.

From 1/1/17, all children must ride facing the back of the car until age 2 (unless they weigh 40 lbs. or are 40 inches tall or more).



Jesu was saved in a rollover after his mother took a class given by SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A.

Most children will need a convertible safety seat (a seat that can be used rear facing and forward facing in the vehicle) in order to meet the new requirements

Safety advocates have long recommended riding rear facing to at least age 2, longer if possible. This is 5 times safer for young children, whose relatively heavy heads and under-developed neck muscles mean they are likely to suffer much more serious injury in crashes when riding forward facing.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. provides telephone counseling (800)745-SAFE or Spanish (800)747-SANO and an interactive Web site (www.carseat.org) to help parents choose and use safety seats properly for their children's protection.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is the national non-profit organization dedicated solely to protecting children from death or injury in vehicle crashes through the correct, consistent use of safety seats and belts. Heidi Heflin, MN, RN, CNS, CPSTI is a Program Consultant with SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. She can be reached at CarSeatRN@gmail.com , 310/941-2322. www.SafetyBeltSafeUSA.org"







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Summer Reading Program



Mary Ann Hutton Branch Manaaer

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program starting June 20, 2016 this year. Children, Teens and Adults check out materials from the library, track the time spent reading and earn prize opportunities! The last day to pick up a prize is on August 6, 2016. Teens, age 13-17, are needed to help with the Summer Reading Program and events. Drop by the Library for an application and orientation dates (due early June).

Following is a sampling of events that the Library will be hosting throughout the summer: Monday Movies Rated G or PG@ 3:30 p.m. June 20-August 1. Every Tuesday, Performers @ 7 p.m. (June 21-July 26),

family friendly program for all ages. Plus, we have two Thursday programs June 23rd is a Puppet Craft Workshop and July 21st—David Boatman—Drawing Cartoons. Our Kick-Off is June 21st with real live animals. Visit the Library for a complete list, or go to our website: www.ocpl.org/Libraries/Fountain Valley. Join us for Wednesday storytimes @ 10:30 a.m. involving stories, songs & fun designed for 2-5 years old, but all children are welcome. Thursday Arts & Crafts @ 3-5 pm (June 23-July 28). Some of the Tuesday programs at 7 pm are: Magic & Magicians on June 28th and July 19th both at 7 pm.

We have a shelving program for teens ages 16 years and older, needing community service hours for graduation requirements, honor society hours or college preparation. The Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 20 to August 1st. Adults will have an opportunity to read for the fun of it and win a prize. The first day to sign up for the program is June 20. Details will be available at that time. Some adult programs to watch out for: Classical Adventure Music Program (CAMP) will be performing in July. The CAMP musicians will go through periods of classical music through musical pieces.

The Library will be a hopping, fun place this summer with all kinds of exciting activities. Drop by and see us and introduce yourself to Erik!

Huntington Beach Central Library

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Read for the Win With Summer Reading



Barbara Richardson Senior Librarian Programming and Youth Services

Our library's summer reading program is June 11 – July 30. Did you know that you can preregister now by going to our website, hbpl.org, and clicking on the Beanstack Banner? Once children are registered in Beanstack, they can preregister for our upcoming reading programs before the programs start. Never have to worry that you might forget to register for our fall, spring and summer programs. Beanstack lets you plan ahead.

Our summer fun starts with a kick-off carnival on Saturday, July 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. held in the circular driveup at the Central Library. This year's summer reading program theme is Read for the Win. Children 5 and under log the number of books they've read or listened to while children 6-12 log the minutes they spent reading. For every 10 books or 180 minutes

they log online through Beanstack, children will earn a prize. Prizes may be redeemed at any Huntington Beach Library Branch. Once children log 60 books or 1080 minutes (18 hours) they will earn a coupon good for a free children's book at our Used Book Sale. The program ends with a special free outdoor concert featuring Jazzy Ash and the Leaping Lizards on Saturday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Park Bandstand.

There's no reason to stop reading when the summer reading program is over. Children can register online for our August Reading Raffle. Starting August 1 through August 31 children can earn a virtual raffle ticket for every 10 books or 3 hours spent reading. Children will be entered to win our stuffed Froggy toy and skateboard along with other fun prizes. Raffle drawings will be held September 1.

Beanstack is a year round program. Children can read all year long and earn virtual badges and reading rewards.

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

Entries must be received by July 15, 2016

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

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Word Search by Gunnar Coop



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A Bit of History

Note Taking

By D.H. Coop

When I went through paramedic training I took pages of notes on yellow legal tablets and tape-recorded every lecture. The guy that sat in front of me took a one-letter size page of notes for each lecture. I passed tests with 94% and he passed with 99%. I looked at my note taking and saw that with my notes I was reviewing the whole lecture and not focusing on the central points. I decided it was not necessary to write notes in complete sentences. Notes should be key words that trigger memory for a quick review.

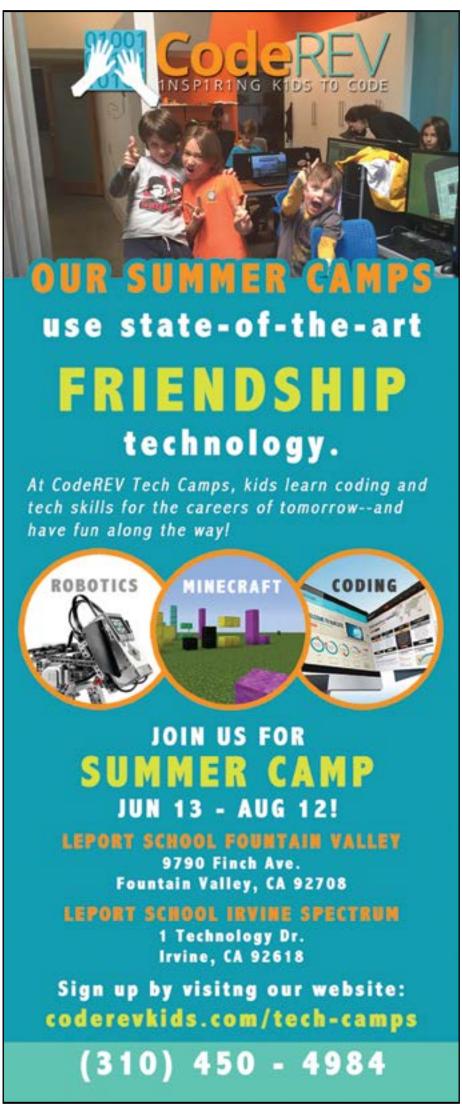
Later, when I continued my education at a university, everyone took notes as they read with a highlighter. Some of their highlighted pages had turned into a pages of pink, yellow or green color. That caused them to reread the complete pages once more taking valuable time. Rereading is good if one wants to have a better understanding of the subject; however, rereading is not good for review.

When I became a secondary teacher, I noticed my students would take notes in complete sentences with every "the," "and" and "a" in their notes. They also followed the same highlighting practice of coloring in whole paragraphs and pages. This not to say that all students made these mistakes and that they had not been told how to take notes. The fact was they had been told many different methods to take notes and given samples of note taking. The problem was the form became the grading standard instead of the understanding of material. For example, I told the students to highlight key words and that there should be no more that ten words highlighted per page. Being bright students, they randomly highlighted words to demonstrate that they had taken their notes. They miss calculated in that I did not look at the page and count the words highlighted. Instead I asked what the words triggered in their memory. Note taking should be for the recall of important points and to internalize information.

So here are my three suggestions for note taking. First, when listening or reading, write only key words related to the topic that will cause you to recall and connect to the topic. Second, review and rewrite notes at a later time and fill-in blank spots. If you cannot fill-in the blanks, write down your questions and reread that section or ask the instructor the next time you meet. Finally, talk to someone about what you have learned. This allows you to internalize the information and develop a better understand.

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Class Dismissed



Isabella A.

The book, Class Dismissed, by Allan Woodrow, is about a class that is teacher-free after Ms. Bryce quits and the class keeps it "secret." They plan to play all day, write and throw spitwads! Soon, the class misbehaves. Class 507 learns that school without a teacher is

impossible because no one is working together. The principal gets concerned because nobody is going to detention and the students fake being the teacher. Maggie, the class know-it-all gives out homework, tests and classwork, but finds it hard. She also grades tests and holds detention drawings. Maggie wanted a teacher but learns that she could be it. Some kids

mean to tell, but something always stops them. Will this class survive without a teacher or will the year end in disaster?

I give this book 4 stars, because while it is funny and interesting, it shows kids lying and keeping a bad secret.

Isabella is a fourth grader who loves to write based on her experiences fictionalizing them into stories that relate to young readers. Isabella wants to be an author of realistic fiction when she grows up. She will rate the books 1 to 5 with 5 being the best

Lucy's Book Review

The Green Bicycle

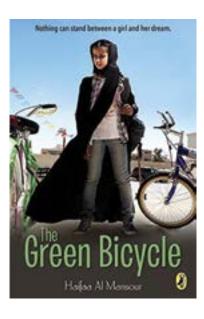


Lucy Davis

Author: Haifaa Al Mansour

Wadjda lives in Saudi Arabia, where women don't have equal rights. Her parents seem to always be in an argument, and Wadjda constantly getting into trouble doesn't help.

Wadjda has a secret business of selling mix-tapes, snacks, and bracelets, all which is forbidden at her all-girls school. On her way home from school one day, she sees something outstanding: a green bicycle. Even though girls aren't supposed to ride bikes, she is determined to save money for it. She joins the religious club, which has a competition at the end of the school year, with a grand prize of \$1,000.



This is a story about one girl's determination to focus her energy on earning money to buy a bicycle instead of causing trouble.

I give this book three and a half bookworms. I didn't enjoy it as much as other books that I have reviewed, but it was still fun to read.

 $Lucy\ Davis\ is\ a\ 4th\ grade\ student.\ Besides\ reading,\ she\ enjoys\ riding\ her\ bike,\ theatre,\ and$ playing guitar. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

Alana's Book Review

Spirit Animals Fire and Ice



By: Shannon Hale Follow the team of Meilin, Abeke, Conor, Maya, Tarik, and Rollan as they travel across Arctica to find Suka the polar bear in hopes of retrieving her talisman. After losing one of the teammate's family members, the team thought they had received their fair share of

broken families but they seem to have thought wrong. What will happen when a close relative to one of the team members shows up in Arctica as a minion of the Devourer?

I won't spoil who this story is mostly about (although you can probably just look at the cover and tell) so that you will be surprised at who the

relative is. I'd probably give this book four stars because while this is a fantastic story, it outlines one of the main character's confusion and depression so it makes me depressed.

Alana F. is a student at Las Flores Educational Center. Alana is a columnist invited to review her favorite books for our readers. She rates the books on a scale of 1—5 with 5 being the highest.

Keira's Book Nook

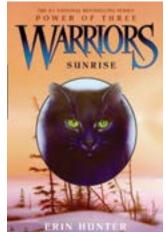
An Emotional Adventure



Power of Three Warriors Series: Sunrise by Erin Hunter I really recommend reading the Warriors series. This amazing adventure filled book is about three cats, Lionblaze, Jayfeather and Hollyleaf who want to learn who their real parents are.

However when they do, the lies being unfolded is not good news!

One or more warriors may be lost forever in the drama of battle. Hollyleaf is so frustrated she strikes out at someone she used to admire. Jayfeather and Lionblaze have their parents to worry about and worry if they are still the three from the prophecy. Yet one question has not been answered, and the answer may destroy the clans altogether. This is a great book in the series! I rate it 5 out of 5 apples.



Keira Fukuwa is a fourth grader. Besides reading, she enjoys soccer, jazz dance, crafts and cooking. Keira rates books 1-5 apples with 5 the best.

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Summer Reading



Cathy S. DeLeon Regional Branch Manager

The **Summer Library Challenge** begins on June 20th with programs for children, teens, and adults.

Special Events for Kids (Mondays at 3pm):

6/20: California Joe Magic Show

6/27: Swazzle Puppet Show "The Tortoise and the Hare"

7/11: Wild Wonders "Animal Athletes"

7/18: Annie Banannie, Balloon Storyteller

"The Tortoise and the Hare—in Space!"

7/25: Mad Science "Ready, Set, Go!"

8/1: Field Day Party

Special Events for Teens (Wednesdays at 3pm):

6/22: SLC Kickoff Teen Movie; 6/29: Henna Tattoos

7/6: Robotics Challenge; 7/13: Xbox Game Day

7/20: Teen Movie; 7/27: SLC Picnic

8/1-8/5 at 1:00pm: Harry Potter Movie Marathon!

Our weekly storytimes will start again in July! Help encourage early literacy skills in your children with stories, songs, crafts, and play.

Book Babies (0-2 years old) every Tuesday at 10:30am

Preschool Storytime (2-4 years old) every Wednesday at 10:30am

Family Storytime (all ages) every Saturday at 10:30am

VolunTEENs—If you need volunteer hours for school, church, boy/girl scouts, or just to look good on your college application, come to the library! You must be at least 12 years old to volunteer.

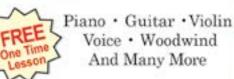
Teen Advisory Board—The TAB is a group of teens who meet once a month to plan programs and give valuable input about what books and magazines to order for the teen section. A fun way to have a say about what goes on at your library (and get volunteer hours)!

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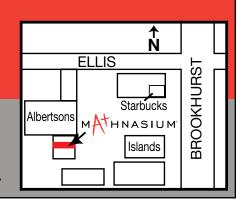




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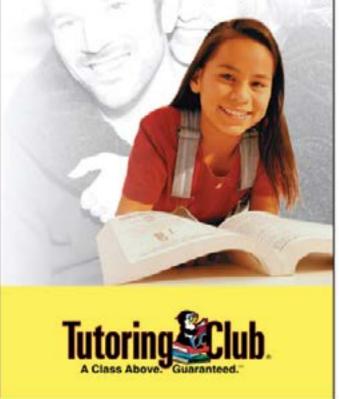
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Elementary School

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

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

4th & 5th - Extremely important years for future academic success. Students should understand fractions and decimals, and be able to interpret word problems. Students need to draw conclusions when reading and be comfortable writing structured paragraphs.

Middle School

6th - Come October, we will have more 6th graders than any other age. The jump from the friendly confines of an elementary classroom to having more than one teacher leaves many preteens shell- shocked. Most of our sixth graders are overwhelmed with the amount of math covered, and lack the study skills for the transition to middle school. If your student has struggled with any area during elementary school, these deficiencies will become amplified in middle school. 7th & 8th - Writing and Algebra are the two areas 7th and 8th graders tend to struggle with the most. If your child passes into Algebra 1 for 8th grade, it is important to master all core math concepts, as there will be no time for review. **High School**

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

especially in math and science courses.

11th - Junior year is the most stressful for students planning to go to a four year college. Unfortunately, many 11th graders try to cram for the numerous standardized tests at the end of the year when their classes are the most difficult. The Tutoring Club has individualized test prep for both the ACT and SAT standardized tests. Students who take our classes during the summer can devote all their attention to the tests, and not worry about sports and academic obligations. 12th - If students have not taken any of their standardized tests they have until November of their senior year to complete them. Students should use the summer to prepare for the exams so they can focus on college applications in the fall.

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