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FVSD's Hat Trick: Three Administrators Receive Top Honors from ACSA

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School District*

According to one Internet source, "[The term] hat trick originated from the English game of cricket. In fact, it originally referred to a bowler retiring three consecutive batsmen with three consecutive balls. This is roughly equivalent to a pitcher in baseball striking out three consecutive batters using only three pitches to each! This was considered quite an accomplishment and was traditionally rewarded with a hat."

In Fountain Valley School District (FVSD), our hat trick, the recent recognition of three of our administrators as Administrators of the Year, by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 17, is not just an accomplishment worthy of a hat; it is so much more than that. This honor recognizes the amazing leadership present in our district. On May 8, ACSA Region 17 named Assistant Superintendent, Business Chris Fullerton; Director, Educational Services Dr. Julianne Hoefer; and Gisler Elementary Principal Erin Bains as Administrators of the Year. These three women represent some of the best in not only our field, but in leadership in general.

Chris Fullerton, ACSA Business Services Administrator of the Year, joined the FVSD family in 2013 as the assistant superintendent of business services. Prior to arriving here, she was an assistant superintendent of business services, an assistant superintendent of human resources, an administrator in charge of pupil personnel and special projects, a middle school principal, an assistant principal, and a teacher with Westminster School District. At each step of her career, Chris has performed at an extraordinary level. In addition, it is quite rare to find any executive leader who has experience



FVSD Administrators of the Year, Dr. Julianne Hoefer, Erin Bains and Chris Fullerton recently honored by ACSA Region 17.

in all three divisions: personnel, educational services, and business services. Moreover, Chris inspires not only the business services team, but our district as a whole, as she builds cohesive teams, orchestrates our efforts to improve communications and efficiency, and leads the district's commitment to improve facilities.

Chris has worked tirelessly on behalf of the students and the staff of our district to improve facilities, including: convening a Facilities Committee; coordinating a Facilities Master Plan; leading the School Facilities Engagement Committee; and providing ongoing education and support to our Board of Trustees, which eventually resulted in the adoption of a Board Resolution to place a general obligation bond on the November 2016 ballot. And, while there are many districts in Orange County and in the state that could argue they have accomplished similar work, this was a first for FVSD, as the bond measure was passed with a 64.2-percent "yes" vote last fall. Chris' work in this area was nothing short of remarkable!

Dr. Julianne Hoefer, ACSA Curriculum and Instruction Administrator of the Year, joined the FVSD family in 2009 as a site principal and was quickly recognized for her talents and gifts. In 2011, Julianne was promoted to the position of director of assessment and accountability, a position recently modified to director of educational services. Julianne leads and/or supports: the administration of local and state assessments; state and federal program mandates; information and educational technology; our Local Control Accountability Plan; the School Accountability Report Cards; Single Plans for Student Achievement; and interventions. She also handles many of the district's professional development efforts, including: Cognitively Guided Instruction; Thinking Maps; technology; academic vocabulary; small-group, differentiated instruction, and the prompts of depth and complexity.

She is well respected and admired by all district stakeholders, including our Board of Trustees. In addition, Julianne has committed herself to being a good teammate. She exemplifies collaboration through her work within the Educational Services Department to provide all professional development activities, and she inspires others to follow her lead. She is a valued member of the district's leadership team, and her expertise is often relied upon in making decisions.

Erin Bains, ACSA Elementary Principal of the Year, joined the FVSD family in 2006, serving two years as a middle school assistant principal before being promoted to principal in 2008. For the last five years, Erin has served as the principal of Gisler Elementary School and has led the school through transformational change in a very short period of time. Because of Erin's efforts, as well as her ability to balance the pressure to improve with the instructional support needed for sustainable change, the staff at Gisler is fully engaged and works with her collaboratively to make decisions, lead initiatives, and provide students with an exceptional education.

In addition, it is Erin's commitment to learning and growing that truly sets her apart. She has committed her energies to the development of a well-articulated and rigorous reading program. It is through the consistent use of reading assessment data and small-group, differentiated instruction that the teachers at Gisler are able to provide students with a comprehensive reading program that is nothing short of exceptional!

As a district, we have committed to collaboration, being good teammates, and lifelong learning—and we are committed for ALL students. As Chris Fullerton, Dr. Julianne Hoefer, and Erin Bains exemplify these commitments in their best form, it is no surprise that they have been honored by ACSA Region 17 as Administrators of the Year. Moreover, their dedication to our students, staff, and community serves to inspire us all and leads us beyond hat tricks and efforts worthy of mere prizes to the greater reward of impacting all students in the district as we prepare them for the future!

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Keeping Kids Safe in the Summer

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*Medical Director,
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Kids start looking forward to summer well before the last school bell rings. From pool parties to long days at the beach, and backyard barbeques to long bike rides, children can hardly wait to have fun in the sun. Here are some steps to keep kids safe and out of the hospital emergency room (ER).

- Be safe in the water.** Drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children ages 1 to 4. That is why it is always important to have an adult watching, whether kids are swimming in a pool, lake or beach. A fence and self-locking gate should be installed around backyard pools to keep kids out when it's not in use.
- Always wear a helmet.** Approximately 300,000 children go to the ER for bike-related injuries. Children must always wear a properly-fitted helmet, and the straps should always be fastened.
- Go for a safe ride.** The leading cause of death among children between the ages of 5 and 19 is motor vehicle-related accidents. Injury or death of a child may be prevented with a properly fitted car seat. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
- Watch where children play.** More than 200,000 children in the U.S. aged 14 and younger visit the ER for playground-related injuries. Be sure to watch children closely as they play.
- Keep children away from heat.** To avoid burns to a child's chest, legs and face, adults should not let children play with fireworks and keep them away from the grill, campfires and fire pits.

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We are at the end of another successful school year. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Everyone is a stakeholder in public education and a community is only as strong as its school district and we are pleased to publish the excellence from these districts. It is an exciting time to be a student.

Our next issue is September 13 just in time for the new school year. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer. Be sure to include the library in your activities.

Congratulations to the class of 2017!

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Causes of Sore Throats



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At some point in your child's life, they will experience a sore throat. While allergies and irritations can contribute to a sore throat, viral or bacterial infections are the main causes of a sore throat.

It's important to learn the difference between viral and bacterial infections to ensure your child receives the correct treatment. Because viral illnesses, like a cold or flu, are the most common cause of a sore throat, it's best not to use antibiotics to treat them. Antibiotics are not effective in treating viral infections and the overuse of antibiotics may kill good bacteria and possibly lead to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in your child.

Viral causes of sore throat can include:

- Common cold or flu
- Infection of the voice box (laryngitis)
- Mononucleosis (mono, "the kissing disease")

Bacterial causes of sore throat can include:

- Strep throat
- An inflammation or infection of the tonsils (tonsillitis) or the adenoids (adenoiditis)
- An infection of the tissues around the tonsils (peritonsillar abscess)

If your child's sore throat is severe, lasts more than five to seven days and is not associated with an allergy or irritation, seek medical attention for your child.

There are several other symptoms that may indicate a more serious illness. If your child experiences any of the following symptoms, consult your child's doctor:

- Difficulty breathing or swallowing
- Difficulty opening the mouth
- Blood in saliva or phlegm
- Earache
- Rash
- Fever (over 101°)
- Joint pain
- Frequently recurring sore throat
- Lump in neck
- Hoarseness lasting more than two weeks



Orthodontics Matters

Retainers – Preserve Your Perfect Smile



Dr. Andrew Harner
Orthodontist

Imagine you just got your braces off or finished Invisalign treatment. Now that your teeth are straight, you love showing off your perfect smile and want to keep doing so for years to come. So what is the surefire way to make sure your teeth stay straight over time? Well, it is wearing retainers as instructed by your orthodontist of course!! Retainers are a critical aspect of a patient's treatment, as they hold or 'retain' teeth in their straight position and prevent the tendency for the teeth to shift over time.

There are many different styles of retainers each has their own unique benefits:

Hawley retainer - the most popular retainer. It has a wire that sits horizontally across all the front teeth and has an acrylic portion that sits in behind the teeth. They are very useful to help stabilize the dental arch and can last a very long time.

Clear retainer – the most esthetic retainer available. They are made of clear plastic and cover the entire tooth surface. It is for this reason they are a good option for patients that may grind their teeth.

Permanent bonded lower retainer – Bonded retainers consists of a short wire that is affixed to the backs of the lower incisors and canine. It's great because you never have to remember to wear it - it's always there! Bonded retainers necessitate a bit more care when cleaning and flossing your lower teeth.

Vivera Invisalign retainer – These retainers are similar to the clear retainers listed above, but they are made by Invisalign. I use this type of retainer for nearly all of my Invisalign patients.

So, talk to your orthodontist about the different retainers styles. And, most importantly, once you get your retainer, wear it! :)

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Happy Summer, HB!



Barbara Delgleize
Mayor

With the school year coming to a rapid close, I'm excited for all the fun activities we have planned for this summer. As you may know, the city's first Citizens Academy begins Wednesday, June 21 from 6 to 8pm! I'm thrilled to have championed this nine-week class with community leaders. If you are interested, (and if there is still room) visit our city's website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov as the class is limited to 20 people. Another project I'm working on involves YOU. I will be working hard this summer on a special project that involves brining kindness into our daily lives – and I will kick this off in September at the beginning of the school year. More to come on that later this fall! Summer is always fun in HB! Hope to see you at the 113th Annual 4th of July Parade, the US Open of Surfing and more. Be safe and have a great summer!



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Mayor’s View



John J. Collins
Mayor

On **June 13**, the City of Fountain Valley celebrated its 60th anniversary. I am extremely proud to be Mayor of this fantastic city and applaud the founding families whose incredible foresight shaped the character of our community. Reflecting on our city's rich history, I discovered many interesting facts. Some **“firsts”** and noteworthy events include:

- Fountain Valley's first Mayor, Jim Kanno, was the first Japanese-American Mayor elected in the Continental United States.
- First Orange County city to adopt a Master Plan to guide the area's conversion from farmland to homes, schools, churches, parks and businesses.
- First Orange County city to adopt a “10-year budget”. (This concept generated world wide inquiries and lead then City Manager James Neal to present the concept to the International Union of Local Authorities in Vienna, Austria.)
- California's first city to use picnic tables and park benches (made of plastic) as educational mediums. (One of my proudest moments as Mayor was accepting, on behalf of our City, a National Award from the National Conference of Mayors in Portland, Oregon, in 1994 for this significant accomplishment.)

Many dedicated men and women, have worked hard to ensure the residents of this city enjoy the best possible place to live and raise a family with its well-maintained parks and streets, excellent recreational facilities and a reputation for being a city whose environment is safe and aesthetically pleasing. It is the city in which we have chosen to live because it is, **“A Nice Place to Live.”**

On The Run

Foot Injuries at the Beach



Dr. Doug Richie

With summertime here again, it is appropriate to alert beach-goers about the potential for injury in the sand and in the ocean. For various reasons, there are reports of increased foot and leg injuries affecting unsuspecting visitors to the beaches of southern California. Walking in sand barefoot may be a unique and joyful experience, but some caution should be considered. Unfortunately, our beaches may be filled with debris, such as broken glass, torn aluminum cans, and even hypodermic needles. The use of sandals can minimize the risk of a laceration or puncture wound from a potential hazard buried beneath the sand. In the ocean, natural wildlife may pose a threat to your feet and legs. Jellyfish abound in the waters off California. A jellyfish sting can be annoying, if not painful, but can be quickly remedied by applying rubbing alcohol to the affected area. Sting ray injuries can be far more painful, and they seem to be on the rise along California beaches. To avoid these injuries, shuffle your feet in the sand as you walk slowly in and out of the water. If you have the misfortune of getting stung by one of these creatures, your best remedy is to soak the affected foot and leg in a bucket of very hot water (100–105 degrees F) for 30 minutes, then repeat once every hour until the pain subsides. Occasionally, antibiotic therapy will be needed as a follow-up treatment, so seek the advice of your physician.

Dr. Doug Richie is a sports podiatrist in Seal Beach.. He is Past President of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine and serves on the medical staff for Long Beach State Athletics.

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Dr. Mark Johnson

From Paintbrush to Violin Bow: Arts Continue to Thrive in FVSD

Over the last month, Fountain Valley School District (FVSD) has hosted two major events focused on the arts in our schools: the 15th Annual District Arts Show and the Monster Concert. Both of these signature events provide us with the opportunity to share and highlight how talented and gifted our students are in the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA).

The Annual District Arts Show places a large spotlight on the VAPA programs in our schools, with a strong focus on the visual arts. The event includes: the display of hundreds of pieces of student artwork, an awards program, food and dessert trucks, instrumental music from our middle school bands, and hands-on activities for children. Hosted in early April with over 2,000 in attendance, it was a terrific way to bring our community into our schools. And we were honored to have a number of residents without students in our schools join us for the festivities!

We continued our celebration of the arts with the Monster Concert, comprised of over 350 elementary and middle school students and more than 300 high school students performing at Fountain Valley High School in early May. The popularity of this event necessitates two performances, both to packed houses with more than 2,000 attendees, including staff, parents and community members. FVSD's Visual and Performing Arts coordinators, Ms. Terich and Ms. James, are to commended for organizing and leading these two events. And our site art representatives and maintenance and operations staff did a wonderful job preparing and executing the Annual District Art Show. In addition, our middle school music directors, Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Lamantia, and Mr. Covacevich, once again, are to be commended for the orchestration of an amazing Monster Concert. Moreover, I want to thank Mr. Irons and Mr. Matthews from Fountain Valley High School for their continued support of our programs. Lastly, I want to thank all of the staff and community members who supported our efforts at both events.

It is clear that the Visual and Performing Arts are flourishing in Fountain Valley School District. Our students are brilliant artists with stories to share. Whether through a paintbrush or violin bow, they tell the tale of students increasing their school connectedness through a passion for art, in its many forms, and that is more than music to our ears.

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Ian Collins
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Small but Mighty in FVSD

As this school year comes to a close, it occurred to me that many great things have been accomplished this year—and with limited resources. And it is through the dedication of a dynamic group of individuals that so much has been achieved. We are thankful to our community for their support of Measure O. A committee of approximately 10 people executed a campaign without outside professional help and at a minimum cost. And the impact of their efforts will continue well into the future, as funds from the passing of Measure O will address infrastructure needs necessary to modernize our campuses, address air quality and air climate issues, and provide a teaching and learning environment supportive of our students and staff. A big thank you goes to our amazing community for the successful passing of Measure O on behalf of our students, staff, and community.

In addition, our Fountain Valley Schools Foundation, under the exceptional leadership of Mrs. Judy Edwards, has flourished. What was once the commitment of a small group of individuals has now inspired the expansion of our foundation in support of our students, staff and community. We are grateful to our foundation for their celebration of the arts, including funding the Annual District Art Show and Monster Concert. Attendance has grown at our art show to over 2,000 attendees, and the Monster Concert must be held in two sessions in order to accommodate the parents and community members attending in support of our students. Moreover, the foundation's Taste of Fountain Valley saw double the attendance at an event that brought our community together to celebrate local restaurants while mingling with neighbors. And this summer, the Fountain Valley Schools Foundation will hold its second Summer Enrichment Academy, allowing our students the opportunity to participate in enrichment courses taught by a select group of teachers with special talents outside their school-year curriculum. Lastly, the Second Annual Marc Ecker Golf Tournament was a huge success and another example of our foundation's support for programs which bring more to our district and our students.

The Fountain Valley School District is a relatively small district, and, yet, we work toward continuous improvement in serving our students, staff, and community. With our PTOs and PTAs, our foundation, our certificated and classified staff, and the amazing community in which we serve, we are small but mighty, dedicated to impacting ALL students and providing so much more to ensure FVSD is a place to grow and learn.

As we head into summer break, it is gratifying to know that we are all part of a district that includes so many special people who are working together to support our children. As the old adage goes, it takes a village to raise a child, and I cannot think of any village that does it better than the FVSD community!

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Fountain Valley Schools Foundation



Judy Edwards
President

A Year of Accomplishments

As the school year draws to a close I begin to think about what the Fountain Valley Schools Foundation has done to enrich the academic experiences for the students of the Fountain Valley School District. I can say that I am proud of what we have accomplished, over the past year.

In December we sponsored and underwrote the Polar Day science event. The Polar Day gave the students the opportunity to hear great speeches on Artic exploration and participate in science experiments that related to the Polar region. In early April we again provided financial support for the District Arts Fair. This event allowed students to showcase their artistic abilities in both art and music. This also gave us our first opportunity to hear the new Honors Band. This band is another activity for students that the Foundation supports. It is our hope that the Honors Music program will in the future expand to include an orchestra and a jazz group. Besides these events the Foundation purchased musical instruments for the middle school music programs.

Robotics continues to be a focus for our efforts. This year we refreshed the robotic kits for the 3 middle schools as well as refresher materials for an elementary robotic program, and we purchased a 3D printer for one of the schools . As we look to the coming year we will again refresh the existing programs in robotics but plan to expand into the elementary schools. There is also interest in a competitive robotics, for the future.

The Foundation proudly supports the Summer Enrichment Academy that will hold its second year of programs in the month July. Registration is now available on line. The SEA is also looking forward to providing some classes in the fall.

To make these programs and event happen we must fund raise. That is done by the MARC ECKER GOLF TOURNAMENT, held in October and the TASTE OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY, held in April. These two events along with our GIVE 10 4 KIDS, a program of continuous giving. Help us help the kids in Fountain Valley, be a part of the Fountain Valley Schools Foundation. www.FVschools.org

James H. Cox *Elementary (K–5)*

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Patrick Ham
Principal

Teacher of the Year 2017

Nancy Raymond exemplifies excellence in the education profession, both instructionally in the classroom and in her collaborative efforts to build relationships with her colleagues and community members. Mrs. Raymond has been a true professional. She is intrinsically motivated to help each and every student succeed at the highest levels. Mrs. Raymond is willing to give new educational philosophies and programs a try with the wonderful and positive attitude of a true lifelong learner.

Mrs. Nancy Raymond has guided the student council for the past three years. With her support, the group has hosted many wonderful programs, including selling Halloween and Valentine grams, supporting our military, and collecting donations for local charities. She has taught our students the value of giving back and contributing to the community.

Parents have expressed their appreciation and respect for her relational work with their children. She understands that learning is all about building relationships, and Mrs. Raymond is incredibility gifted at building relationships with students, colleagues, and parents alike.



Roch Courreges *Elementary (K–5)*

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Chris Christensen
Principal

Classified Employee of the Year

Courreges Elementary School is proud to announce that Donna Lightbody has been selected as the 2017 Classified Employee of the Year! Donna is an integral member of the staff, helping to manage all aspects of the Courreges front office. In addition to her normal day-to-day duties of answering phone calls and greeting office visitors, Donna manages attendance data, inputs office referral data, and serves as the health assistant when the health clerk or nurse is not on campus.

According to teacher Venus Moeller, “Donna works like an ox!



Sandy O'Toole celebrates with Donna Lightbody.

She is efficient, flexible, and gets along well with our entire staff.”

Principal Chris Christensen said, “Donna is constantly thinking of ways to improve our school. Her creativity, dedication, and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated by all of us here at Courreges.”

Congratulations to Donna Lightbody for being named Courreges Elementary School's 2017 Classified Employee of the Year!

Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6–8)*

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Kevin Johnson
Principal



Matt Ploski
Assistant Principal

An Exceptional Leader

Fulton Middle School is proud to announce that Ms. Beth Fockler is not only our site Teacher of the Year, she is also the Fountain Valley School District's official Teacher of the Year as well!

Aside from her dedication to the classroom, Ms. Fockler has also served as chair of the English Department. She has guided the Department through the many challenges of the

new standards, and is also intimately involved with numerous on-campus clubs and projects.

Ms. Fockler also serves on our Fulton leadership teams, and is an indispensable member of our staff. She is the one who always has a smile on her face, and on whom many of us rely to guide and lead.

Her enthusiasm and energy is beyond contagious, and she always has her students' best interests at heart. Ms. Fockler is truly an expert in her field. She works well with everyone and is a constant source of professional support.

All of our Fulton teachers will also attest to the fact that Ms. Fockler is an exceptional teacher. She is absolutely revered by her students. Simply stated, she has both the “gift” for teaching and the kind of school spirit that is infectious to all.

Ms. Fockler's tireless efforts, deep professionalism, and strong commitment to her students will have a long-term impact on both the present and future student bodies of Fulton Middle School.



Robert Gisler *Elementary (K–5)*

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Erin Bains
Principal

Fantastic Open House!

In May, we had another successful Open House at Gisler Elementary. Students and teachers worked diligently to make sure their classrooms showcased all of the hard work, learning and teaching that has been occurring all year. Elements of CGI were on display, including 120 board-work, vocabulary and problem-solving items. Examples of writing came in many forms. Reader's notebooks, reports, narratives and poetry were just a few. Students were able to explain science concepts to their families through hands-on science experiments in their

classrooms.

Our teachers work hard inside and outside the classroom to create rich learning experiences for their students to push them in all academic areas. We are excited to have these opportunities to share them with our families, and our students are always so excited to show off their hard work. Thank you to everyone that attended, and we can't wait to see you next year!



A very busy 3rd Grade Classroom at Open House

William T. Newland *Elementary (K–5)*

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Christopher Mullin
Principal

Congratulations, Mrs. Kim!

Newland is proud to honor Melissa Kim as Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kim is Newland's SDC preschool teacher and has done an amazing job, as she seems to have the highest amount of energy when she is with her students.

Mrs. Kim has an infectious way with students. She goes far beyond to make sure every one of her students feels special and learns some of the most basic needs. Not only is Mrs. Kim an amazing teacher but an amazing leader as well. Over the years, she has been instrumental not only in SDC for the Fountain Valley School District but WCCSE as well. Countless teachers and aides from all over our consortium come to Mrs. Kim to have conversations about teaching and see a variety of innovative strategies she uses to improve her student's engagement.

Mrs. Kim is an exemplary teacher and one Newland is proud to have as our own!



Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6–8)*

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Jay Adams
Principal



Jennifer Kajdasz
Assistant Principal

Congratulations, Mrs. Garland!

Masuda is proud to honor Jennifer Garland, our library/media technician, as our Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Garland's peers laud the fact that she is the queen of finding solutions quickly and effectively! She consistently goes above and beyond, learning each student's name and keeping the library a thriving and lively learning center. Mrs. Garland truly cares about our Monarchs; she strives to demonstrate the



awesome value of a really good book to all.

We at Masuda are blessed by Mrs. Garland's optimism and work-ethic. The entire Masuda community benefits from all that she has to offer and the love of learning she cultivates! 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.

Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K–5)*

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Erik Miller
Principal

Oka Blue Is #1

In March, Oka Elementary School held its annual Jog-a-Thon, with dreams to help students have fun and raise money for numerous school instructional activities and projects. What started out as a very lofty goal of \$35,000 turned into a reality, as Oka families raised more than \$45,000! That's not a typo: over \$45,000 was raised by the Oka Wolfpack.

Since the goal was met, Principal Erik Miller kept his word, and in April got a new hairstyle and color, proudly sporting a blue mohawk! He had his hair cut in front of the entire school, as teachers and PTO President Alexis DeVries took turns helping to buzz down his formerly brown and grey hair and dye it a bright shade of blue. Students screamed and cheered at their principal's new hairdo!

This was a fantastic way to celebrate the collective teamwork of students, staff, and families, making sure that Oka Blue is #1.



Mr. Miller along with Mrs. Holmes and her students!

Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K–5)*

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Science Camp

Plavan Elementary School would like to say thank you to the families who made the dream of our fifth-grade students attending science camp a reality. In late April, our fifth-grade students were able to attend a week-long adventure to Arrowhead Ranch Science Camp.

The students departed early Monday morning and were on the go until Friday afternoon. They participated in daily hikes and learned about zoology, botany, astronomy, and more. The counselors and naturalists all held college degrees in various areas of science. They were professional, knowledgeable and made learning fun through games, storytelling, and discovery.



Plavan 5th grade students gather to listen to their guide while on a nature hike.

The students raved about conquering their fears on their night hike, and they especially loved learning about astronomy, including information about constellations, planets, and Greek mythology.

Most campers were sad to leave camp. They returned to school with new knowledge, new friendships, amazing memories, and a true feeling of accomplishment. We are extremely proud of our scientists and look forward to sending our fifth-grade students again next year.

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

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Jennifer Morgan
Principal



Mark Holman
Assistant Principal

A Leader on Campus

Congratulations to our 2016–2017 Talbert Middle School Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Linda Woo. Mrs. Woo is an amazing educator who spends countless hours working to deliver the best instruction possible for our students.

Linda has been in education for 23 years, of which 21 have been in the Fountain Valley School District. She now teaches primarily

sixth-grade math. Linda is also a leader on campus who constantly works with others to enrich instruction for our students at the site.

Linda is the consummate professional. She knows the educational needs and achievement levels of every student in her classroom. She also connects with everyone on a personal basis as well, and is a favorite of students, parents, and staff alike.

Linda also volunteers for everything on campus. She can be seen at family movie nights, pancake breakfasts, and dances, doing everything she can to promote positivity and student engagement. Congratulations, Mrs. Woo!



Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K–5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

Walk Through California

In April, Tamura's 4th grade had the opportunity to Walk Through California. This informative and interactive assembly is a Tamura tradition. It is packed with interesting facts and entertaining humor. The students were whisked back to the past to visit the early days of California. They even got a visit from explorer Juan Cabrillo and mission system architect

Father Junipero Serra! Students had a blast dressing up as their favorite landmark or historical figure. They also enjoyed building a room-sized map of our state. What an incredible way to culminate the 4th grade California Social Studies! The students are looking forward next year when they will get to Walk Through the Revolution



Walk Through California.

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Gregory Hauk

Thank You to Our Staff

Although Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has over a month of school left, we are beginning to think about the completion of yet another very successful school year in HBCSD. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special group of individuals in HBCSD, and those people are our teachers and classified support staff.

HBCSD recognizes March 8–12 as Staff Appreciation Week. Our PTSA volunteers do a wonderful job making this week special for our staff, which includes certificated and classified alike. This is our opportunity to recognize these individuals, who work the entire school year and make learning a priority for the 7,000 students who attend our nine school sites.

This year, our district piloted new materials for English language arts and English language development so that our students would have the very best materials available on a daily basis. This happened because of coordination by support staff at the district office and every school site. Many teachers volunteered to pilot these materials on top of preparing to teach students the full curriculum. The work they completed was amazing! Next year, our students will have all new materials to compliment the new math materials we purchased just two years ago.

During this year, our community supported us by passing a \$168-million bond, Measure Q. The passage of Measure Q will supply our students with the very best 21st-century classroom tools as well as new multi-purpose/gym areas and labs for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). All of our employees and PTSA groups worked together to inform, educate, and encourage our community to come out and vote to support the measure. Thanks to Measure Q, HBCSD will have the most innovative tools to expand what is available in each of our schools and classrooms.

Also during this year, HBCSD made a strong commitment to the arts by offering keyboarding and vocal coaches at each of our elementary schools. In addition, HBCSD expanded the Art Departments at each of our middle schools to keep up with the growing needs. The Sowers Middle School production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” our Arts Appreciation Night, and our first-ever multi-school performances near the end of the year were amazing and showed just how strong each of the programs in our schools have already become—and this is just the beginning.

HBCSD continued to perform as one of the top elementary school districts in Orange County and the state of California. Again, this is due in part to the hard work of our teachers, who continue to make learning rigorous, relevant, and fun. We also recognize our classified staff, which includes classroom support staff, maintenance/custodial staff, district office staff, and our food service staff. These groups are vital to the learning and success of our students. Without them, our schools could not operate to their full potential.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the wonderful employees who make HBCSD an amazing place for learning. Your work each and every day is amazing!

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What More Can I Say but THANKS!

What an amazing year it's been! So many great things are happening here in the HBCSD. I could name them all but I think this list really covers what's important, what makes the schools in the HBCSD great. For me, the exchange between child and adult is at the heart of it. The best learning occurs when both teacher and student are in pursuit of a deeper understanding. It is a quest that is based on love, one that is filled with authentic, joyful, challenging, and impactful experiences. A school is a place of respect and wonder and its something clear to see in the HBCSD.

1. Students Want to be There

Our schools have a warm climate. Students feel welcome and know that the staff cares about them, from teachers, to custodians to district maintenance staff. Although there is pressure to perform, it comes in a way that promotes learning, with an expectation that students will excel and the support is provided to make it happen.

2.Highest Expectations For the School, Teachers and Students

Only the best is good enough here in our district. Quality is expected, and nothing less is acceptable. Passion for excellence is a driving force each and every day. Our schools have involved staff who work together, pushing themselves and their students to be the best. Failure is not an option for the teachers or the students in the HBCSD.

3. Dedicated Teachers

The best teachers work to improve their ability to teach and our district is busting at the seams with them. They read and explore the techniques used by others in a never-ending effort to better themselves and their skill. Effective teaching demands that the teacher be knowledgeable in the subject area. Our teachers have a detailed understanding of what is being taught and love what they do.

4. Effective Discipline

Discipline in our district is reflective of what schools are all about, learning. It should not be an issue. Students in our schools respect others, understand school and class rules and expectations, and adhere to them. When discipline is necessary, here in the HBCSD it is not vindictive, but just a consequence when a student does not do what is required, its about growth and doing what's right.

5. There is a Variety of Instructional Techniques

No two classes, or two students are identical. Our schools have teachers that understand this and differ instruction to best help students be the successful. Key concepts are presented in ways to enable visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners grasp it. Students are actively involved in learning with a variety of opportunities to grasp key concepts.

6. Leadership

The principal's in the HBCSD have the respect of students, parents, and have both vision, high expectations, and the ability to help others succeed. They understand people, and motivate them, creating a positive attitude throughout the building. They have developed schools that have a sense of trust built on the back of an honest and caring leadership.

So, thanks! Thanks to our community, our teachers, our administrators, our classified staff and our parents and our students who, together, always push to move from Great to EPIC. Have an amazing summer, I can't wait to see what next year brings!

Have a fun summer!

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Carolyn Wertheim
Director
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Education

Summer Fun

Summer months are a perfect opportunity for families with young children to spend time together. Here are a few suggestions to make the most of these special months:

Get outside! Enjoy a walk together, visit your local park, or spend time gazing up at the clouds drifting by in our Southern California blue skies. Going outside can also provide a change of scenery to your usual routine. While you take advantage of the warm weather, remember to stay hydrated and use sunscreen.

Read together for 15 minutes a day. When you and your child snuggle up with a book, you create special nurturing time together. Reading stimulates your child's imagination and expands their understanding of the world.

Include children in your household activities. For example, if you start a summer garden, have the children help with watering the plants and harvesting the veggies. Encourage them to help set the table by counting the number of plates needed for family members. Children can also help with the laundry by sorting and matching socks.

Play a game! Simple games are fun, and help provide opportunities to build skills of turn taking, problem solving, and conflict resolution.

Take advantage of local events. Your local library, parks, and recreation department, including our beautiful beaches, offer ongoing opportunities for young children and their families. Special activities such as the O.C. Fair also offer unique local experiences.

Free time is important for young children. Research shows that brain development associated with executive function benefits from unstructured time. Enjoy the special days of summer by spending time with your children!

Visit hbcasd.us, or call 714-962-3348 extension 2335, for more information about the Huntington Beach City School District Early Childhood programs.

Dr. Ralph E. Hawes

Elementary

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Julie Jennings
Principal

Making a Difference

At Hawes Elementary School, we believe in developing a strong sense of social responsibility in all students. This belief is evident in a variety of ways.

One of our structured programs to develop social responsibility is our student council. Through the coordination by Christine Zeutzius and Jenn DeStefano, two of our Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) teachers, students in third through fifth grades can represent their classes in student council and, thus, have a voice in the creation and implementation of school-wide programs that not only teach our students about the importance of giving back but also extend beyond the boundaries of our school.

Our student council has their hands in many school-wide activities. In November, they organized our annual Veteran's Day program, which included inviting veterans and active military to our presentation. Each month, our student council shares information about our monthly traits from Wooden's Pyramid of Success. They perform small skits, sing songs, and share words of wisdom to inspire all. In February, they spearheaded our school's participation in The Great Kindness Challenge. All of our students were challenged to complete at least 50 acts of random kindness that week! Our student council created and hung posters throughout the school and made daily announcements about being kind.

At their monthly meetings, student council members brainstorm school issues and ways to tackle those challenges. Through these conversations, they lead class discussions to make a difference across our school. As the year comes to an end, this group of dedicated students will have an active role in our Class Act Bravo assembly.

We are excited by the ideas that our students generate and know that their contributions will make a difference at school and beyond! We can make a difference!

Ethel R. Dwyer

Middle School

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Christa Glembocki
Principal

A Grand Re-Opening

Dwyer is a school that prides itself on its history. Originally called Pacific City School in 1903, Ethel Dwyer Middle School has been through many changes and upgrades over the past 100+ years.

The original auditorium for instance was built in 1915. However, with the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake, it had to be rebuilt. In 1935 the school reopened as Central Elementary, and was renamed Ethel Dwyer Middle School in 1965. The last refurbishment of the auditorium was in 1998.

The community celebrated the recent grand opening of our newly upgraded auditorium on Saturday, May 20. This was in conjunction with the Dwyer Jr. Academy of the Performing Arts (APA) musical, *Once on this Island*. The day was packed with family fun, student performances, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and a wonderful display of allw of our talented Jr. Oilers.

We also showcased several elementary school and Huntington Beach High School performers as well. Dwyer's Jr. APA is growing and thriving!



The cast of *Once on this Island* rehearsing on the newly renovated stage

Huntington Seacliff

Elementary

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Dr. Monique Huibregtse
Principal

Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds

Seacliff students and families, as a community, have been living the motto "Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds" during their various running events this year.

This fall, the students started running to raise money for our library in a school-wide jog-a-thon. They ran as many times as they could around our track in an effort to raise funds to help re-invent the library into a 21st-century learning space for students and adults. We warmed up to Kid Bopz songs and ran with friends.

This winter, we started working with our coaches (our wonderful parent volunteers) every Thursday morning to prepare for the O.C. Kids Marathon. Students ran and played relay games to accumulate 25.2 miles. On May 6, we ran our final mile to complete a marathon distance of 26.2 miles. All of the students received a beautiful and official marathon completion medal.

On May 21, Seacliff families and students participated in our Family Fun Run. This event was not only fun, but it continued our quest for "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds." Participants ran an obstacle course that wound around the school campus. The day ended with a fiercely competitive parent race. Course highlights were the colored powder station and the water feature, so you can only imagine what everyone looked like by the end of the morning!

All of these activities take time, energy, and resources provided by our amazing PTA and staff volunteers. In the end, we get fit, have fun, raise a little money, make new friends, and most importantly, have a more Healthy Body and a Healthy Mind!

John H. Eader

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Debbi Randall
Principal

We Love Music!

Each grade level performs its own music show based on grade-level curricula, and all of these performances always entertain and delight their audiences. Students perform small solos, instrument highlights, dance moves, and gestures, throughout their selections, cementing their learning and having lots of fun!

The first-grade show was April 12, and it brought many smiles and proud moments to the standing-room-only crowd of spectators. Students performed songs in 16 languages and then



S. A. Moffett

Elementary

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Michael Andrzejewski
Principal

26 Miles!

The Moffett Run the OC program began three years ago as part of our effort to support students' need for movement and to provide another engaging life-activity opportunity. Coordinated through our parent volunteers Rhonda Douglas and Steve Kurtyka, 150 students experience a variety of activities that equate to running the first 25 miles of the OC Marathon. Those activities include running and movement games that are geared toward developing balance and coordination.

For the final mile of the marathon, students met at the OC Fairgrounds and ran with the other OC Marathon participants. Following the completion of the 26 miles, students were awarded a medal for their efforts with their peers' support and recognition. Twenty-seven percent of the students at Moffett participated in Run the OC. As is evidenced in our participation numbers, there was great enthusiasm for this program among our students!



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

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Dr. Renee Polk Johnson
Principal

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Gilbert has worked as a teacher at Perry Elementary for 18 years. She has taught first grade, second grade, third grade, and currently the fifth grade. In the classroom, Mrs. Gilbert is an excellent teacher, one who is able to employ a variety of effective teaching strategies and learning principles when planning lessons and delivering instruction.

Mrs. Gilbert also does an excellent job of differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all of the students in her classroom. Her philosophy of teaching revolves around building positive relationships with her students. This philosophy is evident from the time you first walk into her classroom. Mrs. Gilbert’s students love being at school, and in her classroom. She has excellent engagement



strategies, and is also able to use humor in order for her fifth-graders to engage in their learning across all content areas.

She also establishes a culture of high expectations early in the school year, and regularly collaborates with our other teachers in order to reflect on data and use it to drive instruction, especially individualized instruction.

We all agree at Perry Elementary that Mrs. Gilbert’s passion for teaching, and her compassion for her students and helping people in general, is an inspiration to us all. It is with great excitement that we celebrate Mrs. Heather Gilbert as our Perry Elementary Teacher of the Year!

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Carolyn Beck
Principal

Developing Leaders

Smith School is very proud of our Student Senate program. Here children from the fourth and fifth grades have an opportunity to represent their class through our Student Senate. The Student Senators meet monthly with Mrs. Spencer and Miss Murray to share ideas from their classrooms on how to improve our school and community.



During the holiday season, the Senators led a warm coat drive and collected over 200 coats for a local homeless shelter. They are also in charge of our weekly recycling program. They spend the first part of their recess collecting recycling baskets from each classroom and bringing them to the recycling bin.

The Senators also collect all of the leftover recess equipment on the playground. They even led a successful Pennies for Patients drive collecting money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Student Senate program is a great opportunity for our students to develop leadership skills while at the same time helping our school and community.

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Dr. Constance Polhemus
Principal

Buddy Benches Honor Preschooler

In 2013, a first-grader living in Pennsylvania knew there were some students at his school that could use a friend to play with at recess, so he created the Buddy Bench. A Buddy Bench is a safe place where students go when they are feeling lonely and want someone to play with. If a student is sitting on the bench, others see that he or she needs a friend to play with.

The Buddy Benches at Peterson honor Colin Earle, who attended Peterson Preschool. After a valiant battle, Colin passed away on July 30, 2016, from a rare form of cancer. Colin was a buddy to all, and to continue the legacy of Colin’s gentle and caring heart, the Peterson community received donations to purchase four Buddy Benches for each playground area. A schoolwide dedication ceremony was held for students and Colin’s family. Teachers received lesson materials to share with students describing the purpose of the Buddy Benches and encouraging their use.



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John Ashby
Principal

Springtime Success

Springtime has proved to be an exciting time here at Sowers Middle School. Our students have showcased their talents in the arts, athletics, and academics with a stellar production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” an eighth-grade girls soccer Coastal Athletic League championship, and experimenting with endothermic reactions. Some great staff members have also been recognized recently for their support of student learning, with Molly Karl being selected Teacher of the Year and Lisa Durie winning the Above and Beyond Award from the West Orange County Consortium of Special Education. We are so proud of our students and staff for their accomplishments.

If you would like to stay up to date with all the cool things happening at Sowers, please check us out on Instagram and Twitter @SowersVikingsHB. In the last two months, we have increased our followers from 20 to over 300 (322 at the time of writing), so become part of the movement that is gaining momentum to highlight the great students, staff members, and teachers who come to 9300 Indianapolis Avenue every day.

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Dr. Carol Hansen

Finding the Unexpected in the Visual Arts to Engage Students

Ocean View School District (OVSD) teacher Andrew Estrada is not new to teaching. In fact, he has taught sixth- through eighth-graders at Marine View Middle School since 2000. His creative focus, the visual arts, is not new either. Sketching and painting are centuries old. Yet Mr. Estrada is engaging students and filling up his arts classes. Mr. Estrada, recently named the 2017 Orange County Outstanding Arts Educator in Visual Arts for Middle School, strongly believes that providing an environment with the fewest restrictions will allow students to be themselves and

let the creative process flourish. I chose to write about Mr. Estrada because he exemplifies how OVSD uses innovation in all of its forms to support the success of all students.



Marine View 7th grader, Nicolette Peck, voluntarily helps Mr. Estrada organize art supplies during break. Mr. Estrada opens his classroom daily to students looking for a creative space to hang out and listen to music.

Students from Mr. Estrada’s art classes also helped to construct a “surprise” art piece this spring for the Huntington Beach Art Center’s Ocean View student art exhibit. The giant “mystery picture” was made using many smaller pieces which, when put together, made a huge, realistic likeness of Marine View’s principal, Mr. Lynch! Using his teaching philosophy of creating opportunities for success, Mr. Estrada provided each student with a manageable section of the picture to complete, which helped to promote his or her creative process. The final “mystery picture” was a big hit, and it was even featured in the region’s daily newspaper and online.

I applaud Mr. Estrada for his unique gifts of student engagement and learning innovation!

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Elementary Students Steal the Show at OVSD Robotics Competition

As the Board President of the Ocean View School District (OVSD), it is my responsibility to make important decisions on behalf of our students and employees; however, I am also fortunate to be invited to do a number of incredibly interesting and fun activities in our schools. Recently, I was honored to attend OVSD’s Third Annual Robotics Competition at Mesa View Middle School. This year’s event included two middle schools, Mesa View and Vista View Middle Schools, and three elementary schools—Lake View, Westmont, and new-to-the-scene Oak View Elementary Schools.

The middle school teams, which are highly skilled in the Green City Challenge, Obstacle Course, Moon Rover, and Sumo Bot competitions, prepare during their year-long elective courses. Their collaboration, intensity, and enthusiasm are infectious and inspiring. What caught my attention this year, however, were the elementary teams, especially our newest robotics teams from Oak View. These students ranged in age and experience, but their skills and spirit were impressive. They created their own LEGO Mindstorm robots, coded them, and then practiced week after week for the district competition. These Oak View students and their robotics team teachers took on a whole new challenge and succeeded. In the final competition, Sumo Bots, elementary students faced off against the middle school teams, sometimes winning their rounds. In the semifinal round, one Oak View team remained—girls, mind you. They did not win the round, but they returned to their seats in the bleachers with applause and cheers from fellow students and parents.



Board President Gina Clayton-Tarvin poses with the Westmont Elementary School robotics team, which took a “silly” break after serious focus in the District’s Third Annual Robotics Competition..

Throughout the event, the Ocean View High School Robotics Team, Hawkbots, was on hand to help judge the competition, serve lunch, and kick off the big day with a demonstration of its own robots. I noticed that these high school students often spoke with the younger students and shared stories about their own experiences. I am so grateful for these teens and appreciate their willingness to teach and encourage. I am also grateful to special guest speaker and Broadcom engineer Mark Castruita, who addressed students over a pizza lunch about the many career opportunities that exist in the field of engineering.

We watched the OVSD Robotics Competition grow in size this year, and I look forward to continued growth and possibilities in 2018!

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Principal

Sky-High Ending!

Each year, our Circle View fifth-graders spend three days in the mountains of Idyllwild attending an outdoor science camp. The camp is a unique outdoor-science program specializing in astronomy and the physical sciences. Classes include light and lasers, rocketry, electricity, magnetism and a sophisticated observational astronomy evening program for space exploration, among many others. There's a large pool for microgravity classes and a high-ropes course for team-building activities. The zip line



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Katherine Smith
Principal

Producing “Super” Results

Analysis of recent data at College View Elementary School indicates that our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program is working. The number of minor and major behavior incidents have declined this year because our entire staff continues to embrace the right balance of rewards and consequences.

Our students are encouraged to always follow the ROARS Rules, which are: Ready To Learn; On Time To School; and Always Be Kind, Respectful, and Safe. Students who exhibit



exemplary behavior and follow our ROARS Rules receive “Super You.” These precious documents can be redeemed for prizes in our Redemption Store. The students can visit the store one time per month, and they love it!

Kid Council representatives, seen in the photo, enjoy running the Redemption Store, which gives them additional leadership roles on campus. As you can see, Super You's are yielding Super Citizens!

and sky coaster were among this year's favorite activities.

Pauline Blumenkrantz, a student in Mrs. Fisler's class, described the sky coaster as “scary at first, but thrilling!”

“There's nothing like being attached to a rope and harness, suspended 70 feet in the air [after being pulled up by your team], and hear the word ‘Go!’” Paula said. “At which time, the team lets go of the rope. It's the ultimate swing in the sky.”

The entire experience is designed to awaken and sharpen students' interests in the scientific study of the universe as well as build self-esteem and problem-solving skills through safe, fun and challenging activities. It was definitely three days to remember!

Golden View *Elementary*

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Brett Hardy
Principal

Congratulations, Golden View!

Congratulations to Golden View Elementary School for being selected by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) to receive the title of 2016 Honor Roll School! Golden View is one of six schools in the Ocean View School District to be selected for this recognition. According to ERP, the Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction from leaders in the

California academic and business communities have demonstrated consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time, and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

“We are proud to recognize those schools and school districts who are succeeding in putting their students on a path of productivity that not only leads to success in the classroom, but also prepares them to contribute to and benefit from a more productive economy,” said Greg Jones, ERP and CBEE Board Chairman. According to Jim Lanich, ERP President and CEO, “These schools are clearly doing something right, and all schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success.”

At Golden View, we are very proud of all the hard work that is done by both our students and staff. I love being able to walk into a kindergarten class and see them learning how to code on our netbooks. It is also great to walk into a fifth-grade class and see the collaboration that is taking place during literature circles. Every day our students are working hard to learn new skills that will help to prepare them for a successful future.

Harbour View *Elementary*

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Cindy Osterhout
Principal

Farewell Fabulous Fifth Graders

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

George Khalil: I remember when I first came here and I was nervous to be at a new school. Now I know how friendly everyone is and I will miss my teachers, the staff, and all of the new challenges we faced.

Jillian deLachica: I will miss being at the same school as my mom and brother, all my fun teachers and friends, and the Harbour View Olympics!

Jack Hart: I will never forget when I cut my hair for Locks of Love. It was such a fun day.

Cady Carroll: I love all of the fun things we do, like Pelican Pride Award assemblies, the overnight Dana Point field trip, and the end of the year picnic!

Zachary Hofsaess: I will always remember how much I loved being able to take a nap in kindergarten...oh the good old days! I'll also miss my teachers and going to the Gold Ticket movie!

Miguel Herrera: I have been at Harbour View since I was in Kindergarten. I will miss the assemblies, like Pelican Pride, and all of the fun activities, like science projects and the overnight field trip.

Louie Carabini: I will miss how patriotic our school is, going on the beach field trip, and most importantly having almost my whole family on the same campus!

Alexa Wylde: I love how friendly, respectful, and patriotic everyone at Harbour View is. I will miss the jog-a-thon, cool assemblies like ReSup Challenge, and watching all of the musicals from other classrooms throughout the year.

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

Hope View *Elementary*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

Engaging Community Presentations

Hope View Elementary School is keeping busy as the school year comes to a close, with several engaging and informative activities for students and families.

As a culminating activity for their Famous American research reports, our second-grade classes hosted a Wax Museum event in which our second-graders dressed in character and shared details about their famous Americans to parents and family members. In the fifth grade, families attended the annual Walk through the American Revolution presentation performed by our students. Dressed in realistic 18th century colonial attire, fifth-graders performed skits and demonstrations depicting major events that occurred during the American Revolution. Both of these presentations were fun and engaging ways for students to demonstrate their learning.

Additionally, families and community members attended a parent-education night at our school on cybersafety. Detective Angie Bennett from the Huntington Beach Police Department gave an informative presentation on strategies and tips for parents to increase internet safety and awareness at home.



Fifth grade students in Mrs. Sjogren's class take us on a “Walk through the American Revolution.”

Lake View *Elementary*

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Jamie Goodwyn
Principal

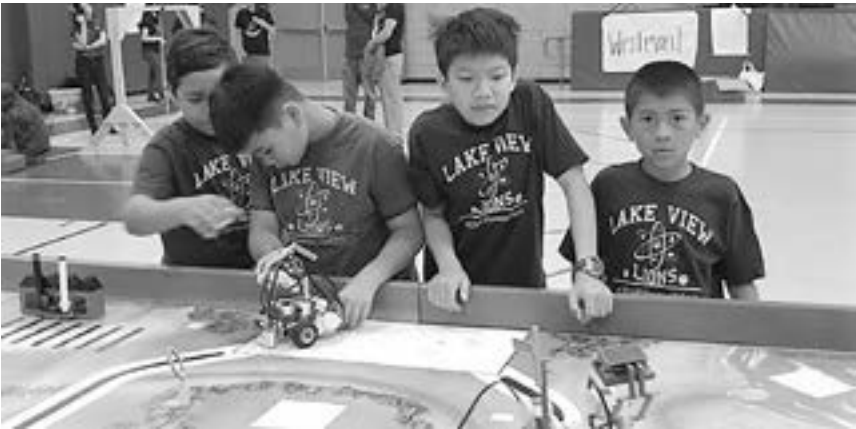
Robots Are Taking Over

The Lake View Robotics Team recently competed in the third annual Ocean View School District Robotics Competition. Not only did a few of our highly skilled fourth- and fifth-grade students get the opportunity to compete in the competition, our entire school (a STEAM school) also engaged in the wonderful world of robotics all year long.

Students from Transitional Kindergarten to the first grade had fun learning to code and manipulate Ozobots, which are tiny, age-appropriate robots. The teachers incorporate the Ozobots

into the learning process by teaching their students to code the robots, which can follow shapes, numbers, and letters.

Students in grades two to three have also learned how to build and program Lego WeDo robots. When working with these robots, the students learn about motion, sensors, engineering, and programming.



Eventually our students become skilled enough in the fourth and fifth grade to be on the Robotics Team and work with Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots. This year's group built and programmed their robots to go through obstacles and battle other teams. It is an amazing adventure!

Marine View *Middle School*

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William Lynch
Principal

Kindness Missions

The first week of May was Kindness Week at Marine View Middle School. Students prepared for the week by making T-shirts during lunch that promote random acts of kindness, positivity and a bully-free environment. There were also contests for the best poster depicting kindness and an essay describing how to make the school a better place. The winners of each category were presented with awards from our PTSA. The T-shirts and posters were displayed during our schoolwide Open House Night for parents to see.

Students' efforts were also seen in the classrooms and hallways as students participated in Kindness Challenges during the week. Students had to check off a variety of kindness missions, including complimenting five people, smiling at 25 people, learning something new about a friend, saying good morning to 15 people, helping out a teacher or a staff member, and leaving a positive note to brighten someone's day.

It was a wonderful week of positivity for students and teachers alike!



Mesa View *Middle School*

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Randy Lempert
Principal

'STEM-botics'!

Mesa View Middle School continues to offer an opportunity for students to be hands-on with robots. The robotics elective is designed to use the motivational effects of robotics to teach science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) concepts. Students are introduced to basic programming as well as problem-solving strategies. Students are involved in the development, building and programming of a LEGO Mindstorm robot. They collaborate and work in teams to design, build, program and document their progress. Topics include motor control, gear ratios, torque, friction, sensors, timing, program loops, decision making, timing sequences, propulsion systems and binary-number systems.

This year, Mesa View hosted the third annual Ocean View School District Robotics Competition. Guided by our robotics teacher, Jill Van Der Linden, Mesa View had a strong showing in this year's competition. Students demonstrated high-level skills in the Green City Challenge, Obstacle Course, Moon Rover and The Sumo Bot.

Oak View *Preschool & Education Resource Center*

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Anna Dreifus
Principal

Strong Finish!

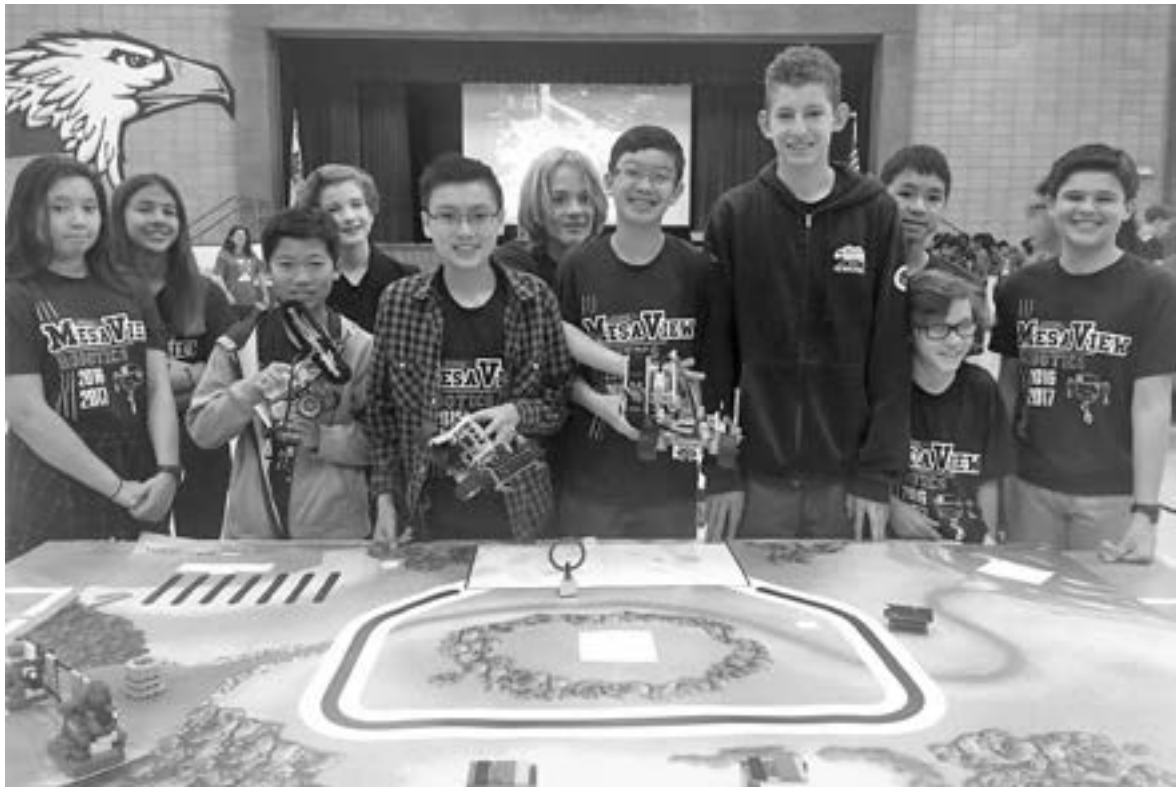
Both preschool staff and families have been working hard all year long to prepare our students for kindergarten. School readiness is our purpose; it is one that we take very

seriously. Our assessment data show that Oak View preschoolers have made substantial progress, mastering the skills that will lead to success in kindergarten. By using the Preschool Learning Foundations and Frameworks and our state-approved preschool curriculum, we have laid a firm foundation for next year's kindergarten teachers to build upon.

What we are especially proud of are the events and activities that we provide that truly make our preschool program fun and exciting for the students. Our Fall Literacy Picnic, Harvest Parade, Winter Program and many more events bring families and preschool staff together. The wide variety of visiting programs extends learning and brings the curriculum to life. Oak View Preschool students are ready! Kindergarten, here we come!



It was wonderful to be able to showcase our talented robotic students and be involved in some friendly competition with our fellow schools in the Ocean View School District.



Pleasant View *Ocean View Preparatory Preschool*

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



Paul James
Principal

Making Us Sparkle!

Sergio Laris and Raul Castro keep our school sparkling! Together, they have received the Ocean View School District's highest award, the Sparkle Award, on numerous occasions. This award is given for their commitment and dedication to providing our school with a clean, safe and attractive environment for our students and staff.

Spring View *Middle School*

16662 Trudy Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/846-2891 • www.ovsd.org



Jason Blade
Principal

2016 Honor Roll School

I am proud to announce that Spring View Middle School was chosen by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as a 2016 California Honor Roll recipient! The California Honor Roll is part of a national effort known for its extensive and rigorous analysis of student achievement in public schools. Our school stood above other schools in the state because of our success in getting students to grade-level achievement and beyond.

Honor Roll schools are recognized for demonstrating consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. The Honor Roll includes a measurement of improvement, takes into account equity and closing achievement gaps, and establishes a higher bar of performance than any other award. It is also the only award given in collaboration with business leaders.

We did not apply for this award (they found Spring View!), so it is a great honor to have been chosen. We will be featured on the Honor Roll Web site, and a banner has been designed for us to hang proudly at our school. Thanks to the hard work of the students and teachers here at Spring View, we are being recognized for our achievement. This is a testament to the school's relentless focus on results over the years and to the dedication of our entire school community.

Sun View *Elementary*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Celebrating Reading!

This year, Sun View Elementary School was fortunate to continue our valued partnership with members of the Huntington Beach Rotarians. This long-standing partnership has provided our school with many wonderful opportunities.

In April, the Rotarians provided assemblies in which various members read interactive books to our students, who enjoyed

Mr. Laris and Mr. Castro do their job with a smile and always go the extra mile to help everyone with all of their individual requests throughout the day and year. Together, they provide our staff and students with impeccable service, always asking what else they can do to help support our teachers, classroom and school. When coming to work, the staff at Pleasant View feels fortunate to have such outstanding and hardworking individuals who make sure that Pleasant View/OVPP is maintained and secure from the moment they arrive until they leave each day.

Star View *Elementary*

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Carrie Haskin
Principal

National Math Contest

We are proud to announce that four of the fourth-grade students in Mrs. Olquin's class scored in the top 10 percent of the National Math Contest. Having competed against thousands of other students throughout the nation, they will be receiving certificates and medals for their achievement.

In addition to these fourth-graders, three additional Star View students scored in the top 50 percent. They will receive Honorable Mention certificates. Three of the four students have attended Star View since kindergarten. We are extremely proud of these students and their teachers for this big accomplishment.

Additionally, Star View was selected by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as a 2016 California Honor Roll recipient. As part of a national effort of "extensive and rigorous analysis of student achievement in public schools," our school qualified for this special recognition.

The Honor Roll includes 1,866 public K-8 schools. Each of these schools demonstrates strong academic success in closing the achievement gap. We are grateful to our business partners for their role in helping Star View become a California Honor Roll recipient.

A huge thank-you also goes to all of our students and staff members for their hard work and effort throughout the year. Star View truly "Shines Together with Awesome Results"!

predicting what would happen next in the stories and joining in choral readings. After the assemblies, our students appreciated receiving a special set of books. Additionally, all of our students and staff were grateful to receive books for our library, as well as class sets of books.

The Rotarians have also helped Sun View acquire technology, and have added a "warm-welcome" feeling to our playground by painting both the walls of the handball court and the basketball backstops with our theme of "Respectful, Responsible and Safe."

We would like to extend a special thank-you to all of the Rotarians for their time, hard work, and dedication to our students and school.



Ms. Alvis' class celebrates literacy with the Huntington Beach Rotarians and OVSD Board President Clayton-Tarvin.

Oak View *Elementary*

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Dr. Rosa Guerra
Principal

Ambassador for Books!

Last summer, Ambassador Girl Scout Josilyn Grant picked Oak View Elementary as the focus of her Gold Award Project. The Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can receive, and it takes about a year to finish.

Josilyn's project focused on literacy and helping students have an easier time with becoming fluent in reading. She created a reading-incentive program to encourage the first- and second graders to read over the summer to maintain or advance their reading levels. Reading levels can drop over the summer if

students don't practice skills they've learned.

Josilyn picked first- and second-graders as her main focus group because it's in these grades that students transition from learning to read to reading to learn. She also organized a reading program at the Huntington Beach Oak View Branch Library during the summer and held a book drive, collecting about 300 books from friends, family and a local elementary school. These books were given to students who applied for a library card or attended her program. Books not given to students were donated to the library.

After collecting data concerning reading-level maintenance or gain, Josilyn held two assemblies, one for the second-graders and one for the third-graders, at the beginning of this school year. There were 135 students from both grades who received certificates and prizes such as a free book and coupons to use at Oak View! We are thankful to Josilyn and so very proud of her efforts on behalf of our students this school year!

Remember to encourage your children to keep reading over the summer! Summer is a great time to go to the library and take advantage of the many reading incentives offered as well as to jump into a brand-new adventure with the turn of every page!

Westmont *Elementary*

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Susan Broderson
Principal

A Dedicated Sub!

Would you like to find a hidden treasure? Well, we have one here at Westmont. Her name is Kim Munro!

Kim has been a substitute teacher in the Ocean View School District for 16 years, and has been working exclusively at Westmont for the past five. Kim is an exceptional sub. She teaches with enthusiasm and readily shares her extensive knowledge to make learning fun and interesting.

Since she has subbed so often at Westmont, our students think of her as a staff member, and they are always happy when she is their teacher for the day. Beyond her outstanding job as a substitute, Ms. Munro has given time, funds, and donated items to support our school.

We are so thankful that Ms. Munro has chosen to share her many talents and gifts with us. We recently honored Kim as one of Westmont's Volunteers of the Year at the May 24 school board meeting.



Village View *Elementary*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

Learning Real-Life Constructions Lessons

Third-graders at Village View Elementary School, tasked with the engineering challenge of constructing a suspension bridge model, recently presented their projects to our district STEM teacher.

The students had specific criteria for building the miniature prototype and staying within budget constraints. Aiming to win the bid to build the bridge, our students were extremely competitive. Costs, safety, and aesthetics were all factors taken into consideration by the judges, who were Mrs. Julianna, classroom teacher; and Mrs. Lewis; district STEM teacher.

The students proudly shared their suspension bridges in teams. In their presentations they had to describe the features of the bridges and calculate the projected costs. One team used various materials to build a safe and strong bridge that would withstand weather (a portable fan). They even argued that the extra costs were necessary. Another team focused on the aesthetics, and claimed that it would be a city attraction and thus deserved the bid.

This activity tapped into the highest level of thinking, creativity, and collaboration. It was truly difficult for the two judges to honor just one team. Overall, it was a valuable learning experience for our students.



Vista View *Middle School*

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Scott Mooney
Principal

Celebrating Student Success

Vista View Middle School was recently recognized by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as a leader in student achievement. For the second year in a row, our school has been named to the California Honor Roll. The 2016 Honor Roll recognizes schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. We have always worked hard to improve the learning outcomes for all of our students, and we appreciate this recognition. It is confirmation of our work on behalf of students and acknowledgement of significant increases in grade-level proficiency over time.

The ERP and CBEE identified a common set of success factors in higher-performing Honor Roll schools and districts. These include clear, specific learning objectives aligned to college and career readiness, along with evidence-based instructional practices; establishing a system-wide mission of college and career readiness for all students; investing in human capital; maintaining data and assessment systems to monitor school and student performance; and deploying resources and guidance to support schools' efforts to prepare all students for college and career. These factors are great descriptors of the work we do on behalf of students every day.

According to ERP President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Lanich, the award demonstrates that Vista is "clearly doing something right." What sets Vista apart is our community environment, where students can and will succeed academically, and we have a culture that celebrates student success.

Westminster School District

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INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT



Sheri Loewenstein

Orange County's First Computer Science Magnet School to Open This Fall

This fall, Westminster School District will be opening Orange County's first computer science magnet school at Finley Elementary School. The district has partnered with Code to the Future, the nation's leading computer science immersion program. At this new magnet school, all students, transitional kindergarten through fifth grade, will have the opportunity to develop computer programming and coding skills as part of their daily curriculum. When students are provided with computer science skills, they develop critical thinking, creativity, and confidence in an engaging and motivating way while also developing the tools and mindset to become contributing leaders in a global society.

A small but growing number of schools around the country are using computer science, coding language, and even video games to help students learn everything from math to language skills. In January, the White House recognized the Code to the Future program as the leader in computer science magnet schools. We are excited that this partnership will enable us to capitalize on computer science integration as a learning tool.

"Westminster School District is poised to become a leader in computer science education for the entire Orange County area and a key player nationally," said Andrew Svehaug, Chief Executive Officer of Code to the Future.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that, by 2020, there will be a job gap of one million jobs in the field of computer science. While students are typically unprepared for these skills that American companies demand, we are putting the programs in place to prepare our students for future needs in the workforce.

For more information about the new Finley Elementary Computer Science Magnet School, please contact Principal Raul Olivas at (714) 895-7764 or visit www.wsd.k12.ca.us.

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All Three WSD Middle Schools Honored with California Gold Ribbon Schools Awards

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced that Johnson, Stacey and Warner Middle Schools have been chosen as three of the 275 middle schools and high schools throughout California honored under the 2017 Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program.

"These terrific schools are leading the way in embracing our new rigorous academic standards and showing others how to help students succeed on their way to 21st-century careers and college," Torlakson said.

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment, accountability, and continuous improvement systems. Four hundred and seventy-seven middle schools and high schools applied this year.

Schools applied for the award based on model programs or practices their schools have adopted that include standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies.

The Gold Ribbon Awards recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the California State Board of Education. These include the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

Our three middle schools represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaborating, but also highly successful school climate efforts, ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention.

Additionally, Johnson, Stacey and Warner Middle Schools were recognized as Academic Achieving Schools. This additional recognition is given only to schools receiving federal Title I funds, which assist in meeting the educational needs of students living at or below the poverty line.

Our middle schools were honored with the Gold Ribbon Schools Awards and the Academic Achieving School Awards by the California Department of Education and the Orange County Department of Education in special ceremonies in May.

Clegg School

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On the Honor Roll!

Clegg has been named a 2016 Honor Roll school with special STEM designation for achievement in math and science by ERP and CBEE. On behalf of our entire school community, I want to say congratulations to our families and our students!

Clegg Elementary School was chosen by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as a 2016 California Honor Roll recipient. The California Honor Roll is part of a national effort known for its extensive and rigorous analysis of student achievement in public schools. Our school stood above other schools in the state because of our success in getting students to grade-level achievement and beyond.



John Staggs
Principal

Anderson *Elementary (K–6)*
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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

Special Olympics

On April 28, 2017, Anderson School hosted its 4th Annual Special Olympics. Under the leadership of teachers Christie Rogers and Erika Bradley, four schools joined together to honor and celebrate our special students. A special treat for the day was the participation of nine Garden Grove Police Officers. The ceremonies opened in a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of two students. The running of the torch and the parade of athletes followed. Each athlete participated in five different events with a live audience to encourage and cheer for the students. To close the event, each athlete received a medal that was presented by a Garden Grove Police Officer. The entire event was an amazing success to honor the spirit that we are all capable.



Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*
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Dr. Jason Kuncewicki
Principal

Open House and Science Fair Success

Eastwood School celebrated their annual Open House and Science Fair this past month. Students and teachers alike have worked hard this year and deserve this celebration of success. All work that was seen throughout the school revolves around our three goals of writing across the curriculum, implementation of our new math program, and creating blended learning opportunities. The evening began with families taking advantage of multiple food truck options. Later, our Dolphin Dads group sponsored their annual science fair. Students were given an option of science activities to complete and display in our multi-purpose room. Kindergarten through 6th grade students were proud to display their research techniques and technical skill. Eastwood believes that without parent support of programs like science fair and open house students would not be as successful.



DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*
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Shannon Villanueva
Principal

Egg-citement!

DeMille Elementary students had their annual egg drop contest in early April. Any fourth- through sixth-grader could enter a wrapped uncooked egg and see if it could survive a drop off of a fire truck ladder. The winner would be the lightest, packaged whole and undamaged egg. There were about 25 entries that were dropped from an approximately 50-foot ladder down onto the playground. Some students used insulated boxes, parachutes, balloons, plastic jars, and popcorn. Only about eight survived the first round. The surviving eggs were then dropped from a 75-foot ladder. Only four survived. Natalie Sy, a sixth-grader, was the winner. Her egg was the lightest, at two ounces. “My grandpa gave me the idea,” she said. Natalie used bubble wrap and tape to protect her egg. The first one deflated and she remade it the morning of the contest. Natalie’s advice for future egg drop contestants? “Try to make your egg drop protected and light.”



OC Fire Authority assists with DeMille’s annual Egg Drop”

Finley *Elementary (K–5)*
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Raul Olivas
Principal

School Smarts Program

Earlier this year, we were extremely excited to start a new program for our parents and our school community. The School Smarts program, sponsored by the California State Parent Teacher Association, was a seven-session, two-hour-per-week course that offered our parents the opportunity to become parent leaders. During that time, the parents obtained an understanding of the educational system while becoming advocates for their children’s education in the process. Along with the educational component of the program, there was an art activity during each session that promoted a sense of community and underscored the importance of a complete education that includes the arts. Recently, the School Smarts program culminated at Finley Elementary School and celebrated over 30 parents and their children. We are extremely proud of our parents and look forward to them making an impact in the educational system for years to come.



Fryberger *Elementary (K–5)*
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Dr. Dena Kiouses
Principal

Science Camp

By Silvana Moreno and Jesse Lezama, Fifth-Grade Students and Happy Campers
This year, fifth-graders participated in Science Camp. Many students said it was an exciting, learning experience and enjoyed the fun and educational activities. One morning, students learned about geology. They were able to polish calcite, open geodes, mine for coal, and pan for pyrite. At the farm, students were taught about beekeeping, and one hot day, they harvested lemons and strawberries to make pink lemonade.

Students also had time scheduled for fun. They could swim, rock-climb, go zip-lining, make tie-dye shirts, and participate in archery. Students enjoyed the night hike and campfire, and loved the songs and stories. One student compared zip-lining to flying. Students also appreciated the good food at camp and the wonderful staff. We all have such a great experience and want to thank our many sponsors, PTA, parents and school staff for helping us reach our fund-raising goals.



Johnson *Middle School (6–8)*
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Daniel Owens
Principal

Johnson Pride

Johnson Middle School has worked hard to ensure that all of its students are receiving the best educational experience possible. Our school has recently been honored with some amazing recognitions, which tells us that we are definitely going in the right direction. We were recently recognized as a Gold Ribbon School by the California Department of Education. This award was created to honor educational quality within a school. The announcement was made in early May, and our staff was presented with the award at a special ceremony hosted by the CDE and State Superintendent of Public Education Tom Torlakson. Johnson was also honored as a Title 1 Academic Achievement school. This award is given to those schools that are making progress towards closing the achievement gap and providing a high level of education to all students. The Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) also named Johnson Middle School as an Honor Roll School for 2016. This award recognizes those public schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvements in achievement over time, and reduction in the achievement gap. The staff and students at Johnson are so honored by these awards, because they show that all of their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Johnson Pride is as strong as ever!

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Hayden *Elementary (K–5)*
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Mark Murphy
Principal

International Night

Hayden Elementary School has a diverse population with many different cultures that contribute to our great school and community. These amazing cultures were on full display last month at our annual International Night. International Night gives our students and families an opportunity to share their traditions in the form of dance and music. We had many students and community members perform traditional dances, play instruments, and sing in their native languages. We also had families bring their favorite traditional dishes to share with the rest of the community. This great night could not have taken place without the help of some amazing people. Many thanks to our amazing afterschool program, led by Susan Lopez, and to our fabulous PTA for their support. I would also like to thank all of the families that came out to support our terrific community event. Looking forward to seeing everyone next year!



Land School
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Beverlee Mathenia
Executive Director, Early Education & Expanded Learning



Reagan Lopez
Executive Director, Student Services

Staff Earns State, County, and Local Recognition

This year, three of our team members were recognized for their dedication and commitment to quality early education. Preschool teacher Diana Dababneh was selected by the California Nutrition Association as an Outstanding Nutrition Educator. She has developed hands-on lessons for children to learn about exercise and nutrition and is an excellent role model for engaging children in health and fitness. Executive Director of Early Education Beverlee Mathenia was named Administrator of the Year by the Orange County School Nurse Organization for her dedication in supporting the early education teachers and nurses in preparing young children for kindergarten success and beyond.



Outstanding Nutrition Educator Diana Dababneh and Supervisor Michelle Miller

In addition, Executive Director of Student Services Reagan Lopez was recognized by the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education with the Above and Beyond Award for her excellent support of Special Education programs. We are proud of our award-winning staff!

Meairs *Elementarty (K–5)*

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Kathy Kane
Principal

Fifth-Grade Science Camp

By Olive Hernandez, Fifth-Grade Student

Most of the fifth-graders went to Science Camp at High Trails Camp Edwards in April. At Science Camp, we enjoyed archery, line dance, night hiking and learning about snakes. We played funny songs and put on skits by the campfire. Every day at meals, we'd try to not waste food and had a goal at every meal: zero food waste out of all the fifth-graders.

In my cabin, we danced to songs and listened to music. While

hiking, my group walked over a big fallen tree and saw a little waterfall. We did an adventure class with the field instructor and broke a camp record. We learned about where oil comes from and its products. We learned about the Four R's—*reduce, reuse, repair* and *recycle*—and also how to communicate without talking.

We had an amazing time at Science Camp! I'm grateful that I had the experience that some weren't able to have.



Archery at Science Camp

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Michelle Watkins
Principal

Teamwork Makes a Difference!

Mattie Stepanek states, “Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.” We want to give a huge, heartfelt “THANK YOU” to our Sequoia families, district, and staff who tirelessly voted each and every day for the ScholarShare Scholar Dollar grant. Thanks to our teamwork, Sequoia Academy will be receiving \$10,000 to go towards our Innovation Lab and STEAM Programs.

“[ScholarShare](#) is California's official 529 college savings plan and is dedicated to ensuring that our state's students are well-positioned to achieve great things. The ScholarShare Scholar Dollars grant helps fund public school programs that enrich students' experiences (ScholarShare).”

On May 16th, State Treasurer John Chiang and the ScholarShare program will be celebrating two schools in Westminster that won the Scholar Dollars grant- Sequoia Academy and Willmore. We are grateful for the continued support of our community and look forward to celebrating and using the grant to enhance our programs at Sequoia Academy.



Schmitt *Elementary (K–5)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

Free Books and Family Involvement

Literacy begins with parental involvement! Because we know that every child deserves an opportunity to own books, learn how to read, and obtain the fundamental building blocks to achieve their highest potential, Schmitt School has invested in the “Reading is Fundamental Program” in which students in Pre-K through the third grade can select books three times a year.

Each trimester we host a book give-away activity that is tied to a literacy event which involves our parents joining in with the joy of reading. Our first event was tied to our Author's Festival,

and the second book event revolved around our Imagination Machine Assembly (creative writing).



This was followed by the best part: our “Reading on the Lawn with Parents” event! Many Schmitt parents and teachers joined with the students to read on our field. It was certainly a beautiful sight to see so many readers enjoying the weather with a good book and great company.

Schroeder *Elementary (K–6)*

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Carrie Hernandez
Principal

Parent Involvement

Research supporting the positive effect that parent involvement at school has on students is plentiful. Experts agree that being involved in your children's learning will have a strong impact on their achievement and is a strong predictor of student success later in school.

Here at Schroeder, we have many wonderful volunteers. Thank you, volunteers, for all that you do to help support our many wonderful programs and for all of the things you do to support our staff and students!

Like me, you may not have the time to serve as PTA president or be at your children's school during school hours; however, you can still be an involved parent in many ways! One great way to be engaged is to maintain regular communication with your children's teachers and the school via education-communication apps, for example, Classroom Dojo, Remind, Blooms, Haiku, Google Classroom and the school's website. You can also join important decision-making groups that meet only a few times a year, such as School Site Council. You can participate in Schroeder's many family activities, such as the school's Carnival/Rodeo, Family Nights, Lunch on the Lawn and the Color Run.

Parent involvement should not be a daunting task. Schroeder strives to provide its families with many different ways to be involved and engaged with their children and the school. We welcome all levels of parent engagement because the ones who benefit the most are the most important people on our campus—your children!

Stacey *Middle School*

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Heidi DeBritton
Principal

An Evening of Culture

By Jordyn Russell (Student Author)

Stacey Middle School's tenth annual Multicultural Night was a big success. The event was held on April 12, and featured student-created booths representing countries from around the world. Along with an interesting facts handout, each booth also served a tasty treat and provided a traditional game, such as balloon pop or ball toss, that was related to their country.

As the founder and director of this event, Ms. Valverde, said, “It's like my baby. It shows off so many cultures and attributes of those cultures. I created it 10 years ago, so it's my baby.”

Additionally, many traditional musical and dance performances from a variety of cultures filled the evening. One performance featured Chinese dragon dancers wandering throughout the crowd that filled the school's multipurpose room. This grand dragon dance enthralled the audience.

Stacey's PTSA donated \$100 worth of five-dollar gift cards, and our families also donated prizes that were raffled off throughout the evening.



Webber *Elementary (K–6)*

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Kevin Whitney
Principal

Wolf Pack Fun

The Webber Wolf Pack recently celebrated Mexico's 1862 victory over the French army during the Battle of Puebla. They gathered together on May 5 in one of our “outside dens” to partake in music and dancing!

Students, staff, and families joined in the fun by clapping along to the music. Our Webber staff is proud of these students for taking on the task of performing in front of the entire school. After the students strutted about in traditional outfits creating merriment, the audience was then entertained by students from the Espanol Club of Westminster High School. These young men and women expertly twirled and swayed about the stage as they allowed their bodies to tell a musical story. Our students were captivated by these high school performers, and many were inspired to continue dancing.

We thank Mrs. Jocelin, Mrs. Lopez, and all of the students for creating a captivating Cinco de Mayo celebration.



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Warner *Middle School (6–8)*

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Amy Pham Kwon
Principal

Mentors of Mathematics and Music

By Andy Vasconcelos. Video by Henry Booth and Andy Vasconcelos. WMS Journalism

This year, Warner pays tribute to two amazing retiring teachers.

Mrs. Rhonda Brownell has been teaching for 32 years and has taught in Texas, Alaska, and California, and has spent 22 years teaching at Warner. She graduated from the University of Texas in Arlington. Mrs.Brownell, who teaches math, loves being a teacher, and was originally a P.E teacher! She plans for

retirement going back to Texas and taking care of her father.

Mr. Dave Arrollado has taught not only at our school, but in the military as well. He has several degrees in music, and eventually became our music teacher. He plans to continue playing music when he retires. In addition to being our band teacher, he's also an accomplished musician. He has played saxophone and flute in many bands including a historic show at the House of Blues.

Thank you, Mr. Arrollado and Mrs. Brownell, for helping Warner rock!



Willmore *Elementary (K–5)*

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Dr. Nicole Jacobson
Principal

Creative Minds at Work

Willmore Elementary School is excited to announce that we received a grant award in the amount of \$10,000! This grant was sponsored through MyScholarDollars and the California Treasury Department. It would not have been possible without the hard work and team effort of our staff, students, community, and school district.

Our mission is to create an innovation lab, where students can apply their knowledge of computer science, which will prepare them for the careers that await them. With the grant money, we will purchase LEGO educational kits to make Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and coding come to life. Students will learn Next Generation Science Standards and computational thinking as they build, program, and modify projects. Because projects are collaborative, students will use their communication skills as they share their reasoning and revise their work.

This will be no ordinary classroom; this will be the place of engineers and scientists, of creative minds!



Coffee with the Principal on April 27th to celebrate with the community!

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Clint Harwick

HBUHSD Inaugural STEAM Fair

It is because of our vision—empowering minds and building futures through innovative learning—that district leaders decided to showcase Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) learning to all. On Saturday, June 3, 2017, the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) hosted the district's inaugural STEAM Fair.

The STEAM Fair, held at the Ocean View High School campus, was a free, fun, and educational event that was filled with all things STEAM. Families, students, and community members of all ages were in attendance for HBUHSD's STEAM Fair. Participants had the opportunity to take part in engaging STEAM-based activities, learn about unique HBUHSD programs, listen to top industry speakers, and much more. As feeding the body aids in feeding the brain, there were a variety of food trucks on hand to meet the needs of the hungry attendees.

We look forward to the STEAM Fair being an annual event that will grow with the ever-evolving ingenuity of our teachers and students. Stay tuned for next year's STEAM-filled day.



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Spring Celebrations

With the month of May comes a bittersweet feeling of school ending and summer approaching! However, the high schools in our district have been focusing on the “sweet” aspects of April and May with various activities to celebrate the great journey of this school year.

Some of the high schools have been sending off their seniors with exciting and emotional events. Westminster High School had their senior panoramic picture and college signing day on April 25, where seniors signed to further their education at four-year universities, community colleges, and in specialty fields and schools. Similarly, Valley Vista High School recently had senior

pictures taken, along with their final orders of caps and gowns! Huntington Beach High School hosted a Senior College Signing Day Commitment celebration on April 28, where they had an extended tutorial for their seniors. Lastly, Ocean View High School held their biggest celebration of the year on May 6, the infamous Beauty and the Beast prom at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club!

But, let's not forget about our wonderful staff members because Marina High School surely did not forget theirs! The school celebrated staff appreciation week featuring free massages to recognize the staff's hard work throughout the year. Edison High School also showed their appreciation with a breakfast for all staff members along with individualized cards expressing appreciation!

The end is coming but no one is slowing down!

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A Very Special Employee

As a “Top Places to Work” employer, the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) feels that our employees are special. They are committed to taking care of student needs in and out of the classroom. I wanted to highlight a very special, behind-the-scenes, employee named Kay Nakauchi. Kay has worked in HBUHSD for 60 years! Yes, 60 years!

Kay welcomes every certificated person into the district, and she makes them feel like family members! She is always ready and willing to help with a smile and a kind heart.

Kay and her family started their humble beginnings as gardeners. They owned a nursery in the city of Westminster. During World War II, the whole Nakauchi family, including Kay, were sent to the Manzanar internment camp as a result of Executive Order 9066.

Eventually, the Nakauchi family settled back home in Westminster and then Huntington Beach, where Kay graduated from our own Huntington Beach High School (HBHS). Kay is a proud HBHS Oiler!

As a lifelong learner, she has spent countless hours learning all details related to credentialing and the laws and requirements behind every rule. Her historical references on personnel, traditions, contract language, and processes are an imperative part of the district's everyday workings.

She is a role model and an example to all around her. Each and every day, Kay is at work early and is the last to leave. All the while, she maintains an uplifting attitude full of respect and genuine delight for the people she serves daily. She continues to exemplify a high level of enthusiasm and love for her job, which always derives from her passion and desire to serve our students and community.

I recently had the privilege of attending the Association of California School Administrators Celebration of Excellence, where Kay received an award as Classified Champion. It was impressive to see that all in the room recognized Kay's exceptional impact in education with a standing ovation.

Kay, thank you for your service!



Dr. Angela Harding
Principal

STEAM: Project-Based Learning

On the weekend of May 19, Coast High School students and staff traveled to Lake Skinner in Temecula Valley to compete in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 15th annual Solar Cup competition. Students and staff have spent nearly the entire school year meticulously architecting a solar-powered electric watercraft to compete in multiple categories over the three-day competition. These categories include technical reports, qualifying times, endurance distance, and sprints.

The project provides the perfect opportunity to learn



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about both mechanical and electrical engineering as well as environmental conservation, problem solving, and teamwork. The project has been led by Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) teacher Ms. Darla Merrill and mathematics teacher Ms. Betty Tran.

In addition to building the solar-powered electrical boat from the ground up, students are also responsible for designing the artistic look of the boat. This year, students chose to paint the boat pink as a sentimental tribute to the late Ms. Diana Levers, a former instructional aide who passed away from cancer earlier this school year. The boat features a guardian angel in her loving memory. Not only did the students participate in a phenomenal project-based learning opportunity, but they also found peace in celebrating the life of a very special staff member who positively impacted them.

Edison *High School*

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Jennifer Graves
Principal

The Invisible Line

Most of us have personally seen or felt the invisible line that divides students on school campuses. Edison High School has a long history of blurring that line, which separates special-education students from their general-education peers. The Special Abilities Cluster (SAC) is a magnet program at Edison for 225 students with unique needs. In addition to providing an academic and a functional education, Edison promotes opportunities to integrate the school.

The line at Edison is blurred in numerous ways. Many of the students in SAC take general-education classes such as art, ceramics, computers, foods, PE, chorus and American Sign Language. General-education students receive elective credit for working as student aides in a host of SAC classes. Edison Football has sponsored the SAC BBQ for over 25 years. This event brings the football players together with SAC students each summer. In the past five years baseball, soccer, track, lacrosse, softball and swim have all sponsored amazing integrated events. The Pep Squad, SAC's cheer team now in its eighth year, practices weekly with Edison Cheer and performs alongside them at sporting events.

Best Buddies, with 150 members, organizes weekly lunch activities to bring SAC students together with their “typical” peers. In March, they organized their third Best Buddies Prom, which was a huge success and fun for all.

At Edison, blurred lines have brought clarity, understanding and friendship to many.



Fountain Valley *High School*

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Dr. Morgan Smith
Principal

First-Ever Gala

Fountain Valley High School hosted its inaugural Academia and Arts Gala in June, in the Fountain Valley High School Cafeteria. This event was the first-ever of its kind here at FVHS to promote and support the many groups on campus that compete academically and artistically. Often, high schools provide the opportunity for student groups to compete locally and nationally against other high schools. These groups often have strict limits on the number of students that are able to participate, which in turn means that it's difficult for the groups to fund-raise on their

own. Teacher coordinators receive little or no support but are committed to providing these opportunities because of the tremendous value they provide the high school experience.

Our represented groups at the Academia and Arts Gala were the Academic

Decathlon Team, Math Olympiad, Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, Model United Nations (MUN) and the Virtual Enterprise Team. From the Competitive Performing Arts, the Vocal Music Program, the FVHS Royal Regiment Music program and the Theater program also contributed to the gala and were supported through fund-raising efforts.

Community organizations and businesses donated gift baskets for silent auction, which were auctioned off to benefit each specific group. The gala also facilitated auctioning off donated baskets, services and resources donated to benefit all participating groups.

The Academia and Arts Gala was a family event, featuring food trucks, live entertainment and a fun opportunity to bid on some amazing items. All proceeds benefitted the programs that would otherwise not have had the available resources and support to participate and compete at the next level. We welcomed the entire Fountain Valley Community to this historic event!

Huntington Beach *Adult School*

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Steve Curiel
Principal

Career Readiness Class

This spring, we were pleased to welcome over 20 community partners to our Career Tech Advisory Committee Luncheon. Our career tech instructors met with employers from the occupational fields in which we provide education and training. Those fields include medical assistant, pharmacy technician, medical billing and coding, administrative assistant, and network technician. These meetings provide our instructors an opportunity to gauge the rigor and relevance of their instructional program. Employers in turn got a chance to learn about our programs and the quality education we provide.



Local doctors and health clinic human resource staff meet with the HBAS Medical Assistant instructor and students to discuss education and training practices.

We always appreciate when employers point out missing topics or skills in our educational programs. As experts in their fields, we take their recommendations with the highest regard. Last year, it was pointed out to us that students, although well prepared for the technical aspects of their jobs, were lacking in more of the employment-readiness skills, more often referred to as *soft skills*. These skills can include working well in teams, communicating effectively, using technology appropriately and managing personal time, i.e., getting to work on time. The last thing we wanted was for our students to get a job for their technical skills but soon lose it for their soft skills. So what did we do? We created a new class called Career Readiness that all of our career tech students must go through. In this class, we discuss and practice these skills, and students must pass the class in order to get our recommendation for employment. The class is challenging, but we believe necessary to ensure success for our students.

Valley Vista *High School*

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Kerry Clitheroe
Principal

What a Year!

It's time to recognize the accomplishments of our students and staff.

The VvHS class of 2017 is truly outstanding and inspirational. Alicia Ayres and Jose de Jesus Arriaga Herrera are our class graduates with distinction. Both came to us severely credit deficient and discouraged about school in general. Our supportive and encouraging teachers and staff gave them the information, the tools, the instructional options, and the consistent feedback they needed to achieve their goal of graduating on time. They

have now set challenging goals for life after high school, and we know they will achieve these as well.

Two members of our staff deserve special recognition. Norm Dobrofsky has been honored as the California Classified Employee of the Year for Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities. For the last eight years Norm's top priorities have been campus safety and the needs of our students and staff in building

relationships and supporting school-wide projects and events.

Shaun Lopez is our VvHS Teacher of the Year. Shaun teaches both math and music courses. He started a beginning guitar class two years ago, and now students who never played an instrument before are performing at lunchtime concerts.

Two important members of our team are retiring this year. Carol Longshore has been our guidance specialist/registrar since 1995. Carol goes beyond evaluating transcripts and scheduling classes to positively affect every aspect of our school. Nancy Isnali has worked in the NEST, our on-site child development center, since 2007. Nancy is a calm and reassuring presence, a true team player who has made a wonderful contribution to giving her small charges a good start on life.

VvHS has made an important contribution to the Huntington Beach Union High School District for 25 years. We are eager to continue the tradition of excellence in alternative education that has been established. The talented and committed teachers and staff members, and hard-working, creative students of our community, will ensure that this tradition continues.

Huntington Beach *High School*

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Daniel Morris
Principal

Meet the Athletes!

Huntington Beach High proudly presents the two incredible students representing the Sunset League as the Athletes of the Year! Hagen and Rachel are stellar athletes and embody Oiler pride inside and outside the classroom everywhere. Join us in congratulating two tremendous young adults!

Senior Hagen Danner is Male Athlete of the Year. Hagen is committed to go to UCLA on a baseball scholarship. He's a four-year baseball athlete and is an amazing role model for the baseball program and community youth. At the end of every game, win or lose, you'll see Hagen taking time out to sign baseballs for our young fans. His sportsmanship and passion for the game have earned him his title, and his future is bright.

Rachel Harris is Female Athlete of the Year in both soccer and basketball and is committed to go to Arkansas on a soccer scholarship. Rachel is a four-year athlete on *two* highly ranked OC teams! What sets her apart from other athletes is that she competed at the highest level in her sports at the same time! One of her goals when she arrived at HBHS was to play both, and she sure did! She's helped the soccer team make school history by reaching CIF semifinals and regional finals! You'd often find Rachel running from the conclusion of the soccer game to get into the gym to compete in basketball. Her dedication to athletics has earned her this title among the schools in the Sunset League. And Rachel, too, has a bright future!

Go Oilers!



Marina *High School*

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Dr. Jessie Marion
Principal

WASC at Marina

Every six years, California secondary schools must undergo an accreditation process through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Staff members complete a self-study, write a report, and host a Visiting Committee (VC) of educators, who validate the information provided in the report. The self-study report consists of school information and data, an analysis of the school's organization, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and culture, and an action plan with goals and action steps for the next six years.

After receiving Marina High School's self-study, the VC arrived on campus on Sunday, March 12. The committee members were enthusiastically greeted

by our Associated Student Body leaders and a large reception of staff and community members. During the next four days, the VC analyzed our data, observed classes, and met with stakeholder groups. The final day of the visit culminated with the VC sharing feedback about our school.

We were very proud of the WASC process and the feedback we received! The VC raved about the positive culture on campus and the many opportunities provided to our students. They felt that the students and staff love to be part of the school community, and they commended us for the many ways we support our students for success. The VC also left us with goals, which aligned with the work we have been doing to make our school the very best place for our students.

Overall, Marina's WASC process was a great experience!



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Dr. Courtney Robinson
Principal

Our Seniors

The 2016–2017 school year is quickly coming to an end. Like last year, I would like to dedicate my final article of the year to Ocean View’s Class of 2017.

The Class of 2017 is special. They are the first class that participated in our school’s College Application Day. All of our seniors applied for college together, and on May 10 they signed our “College Board” with the post-secondary option they have selected. This year’s seniors have been accepted into many colleges, including Yale, and have a lot of opportunities ahead of them. I cannot wait to see all of the accomplishments that they will have in their lives.



Class of 2017 Photo!

Westminster *High School*

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Joe Fraser
Principal

We are Golden!

Westminster High School (WHS) has been selected as a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School. Biennially, the state recognizes those California secondary schools that have made strong advances in implementing academic content and performance standards in English

Language Arts and mathematics, along with the California English Language Development Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Westminster High School is among 29 schools in Orange County, and 275 in the state, to receive the matching distinction. The school was also one of two Orange County high schools to be identified as a Title I Academic Achieving School.

“These terrific schools are leading the way in embracing our new rigorous academic standards, and showing others how to help students succeed on their way to 21st-century

As the year comes to an end, the Class of 2017 will be attending Prom, taking their Advanced Placement and IB exams, competing in their final athletic contests, and continuing to represent our school in a positive way. These seniors are a special group. They are kind to one another, they are focused and determined, and they have made a positive impact on the culture of our school.

Class of 2017, you never lost sight of who you are and what you want to become. For that, I am proud to have been your principal for the last two years! Good luck to all of you, and keep on celebrating your wins.

careers and college,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson in a recent press release. The California Department of Education (CDE) honored the 2017 Gold Ribbon awardees, including Westminster High School, during a regional ceremony in May.

It has been amazing to see our staff come together to promote the wonderful things we have going on here at Westminster High. We also continue to be humbled by our success and recognition with the recent WASC visit, distinction as an AVID Demonstration School (1/150 out of 5,600 schools nationwide), and now this Gold Ribbon/Title 1 Achievement School award.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, staff, and community for a remarkable 2016–2017 school year. It’s a “PRIDE” thing!



Book Review by Abbas

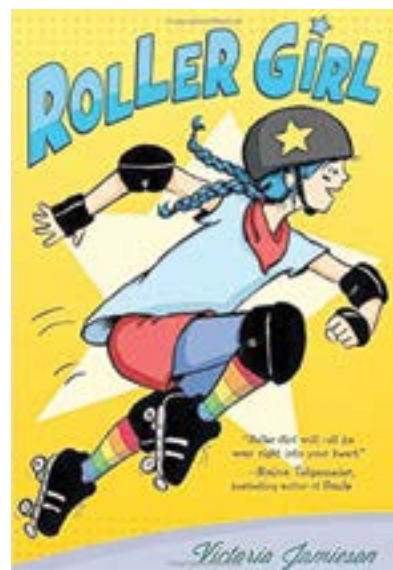
Amazing Graphic Novel



Abbas D.

Roller Girl is a graphic novel by Victoria Jamieson. This book is about a girl named Astrid and her best friend Nicole. One day the girls go to a roller derby. Astrid later on begs her mom to go to roller derby camp and her mother agrees

by signing her up. Astrid is elated and hopes her best friend will sign up too. Nicole signs up for dance class instead. This turns her summer upside down. Astrid’s nemesis Rachel is now friends with Astrid because they’re taking the same dance class. Rachel is a mean girl who keeps pressuring Nicole to stop being friends with Astrid. How will Astrid survive the summer without Nicole? This book is an amazing novel because it made me feel like branching out and trying new things can lead to new friendships. This book is great for people who love graphic novels and skating. Will Astrid continue her roller derby fame? I rate this book 5 out of 5 smiley faces.



Abbas D. is a fifth grade student who enjoys cooking in his free time, swimming and loves roasted marshmallows. Abbas will rate the books 1 to 5 smiley faces with 5 being the best.



Courtney’s Book Review

A Real Adventure Book



Courtney M.


The Lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan

If you want adventure, you should really think about reading this book. Have you ever been the new kid at a school or camp? Percy Jackson knows how that feels. Percy Jackson goes on a very interesting quest with his two friends just so he can save his mom from Hades, the God of the underworld.


I’m rating this book a big 5.



Courtney likes to play softball, football, and volleyball. She also draws, sews and sings on the worship team at her church. She will rate the books 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest.




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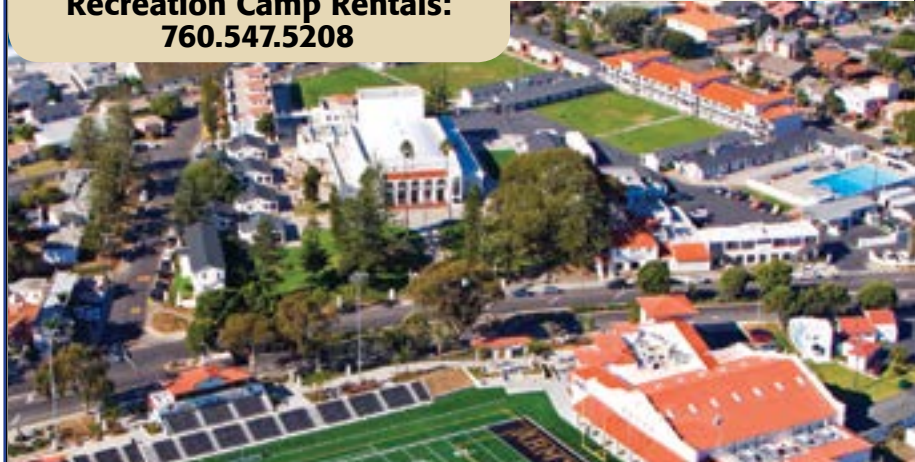

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- Summer Craft Day July 6th 4-6pm
- TAB Movie: July 8th 1:30-4:45
- Let's Lego! July 11, 18, 25 4:30-6pm
- Storytime July 12th and 26th 10:30 and 11:30am
- *Dave Boatman 4-5pm July 13th
- BARK 3:30pm July 15th
- *Richard Woloski Puppet Show July 19th 10:30am
- *David Cousin (Juggling) July 20th 4pm
- Game Time: 1-4:45 July 22nd
- *Animal Magic Show John Abrams July 27th 4-5pm

AUGUST:

- Let's Lego! August 1st and 29th 4:30-6pm
- *Flights of Fantasy 10:30am August 2nd
- Crafts 4-6pm August 3rd
- TAB Movie: 1:30-4:45 August 5th
- *David Skale (magician for teen party) 3:30-5:30 (party) 4-5 (magic show) August 10th
- *Javier Hernandez teen cartoon program August 12th 2-3pm
- *Annie Banannie balloon program for kids 4-5pm August 17th (up to 100 kids)
- BARK 3:30pm August 19th
- Game Time: 1-4:45pm August 26th
- Fall Storytime Session runs from September 6th- November 15th and Returns January 3rd 2018

*Programs paid by the Library

By Erik Oviedo, Children's Librarian
Summer Reading "Reading by Design": June 19th- July 31st
Summer Storytime Session: May 3rd- August 2nd
MAY:

- *Ina Buckner Barnette Storytime May 3rd 10:30am
- TAB Movie: 1:30-4:45 pm May 6th
- Drop in Mother's Day craft 4-6pm May 11th
- TAB Board Meeting 3:45-4:45 May 12th
- *TAB Balloon Making Workshop May 13th 2-3:30pm (teens only)
- SRP Orientation 1: 10-12pm May 20th
- BARK: May 20th 3:30-4:30pm
- Seasonal Crafts 4-6pm May 25th
- Game Time: 1-4:45 May 27th
- Let's LEGO! May 30th 4:30- 6:30pm

JUNE:

- *Star Wars Crafts June 1st 4pm
- SRP Orientation 2: 10-12pm June 3rd
- TAB Movie: 1:30-4:45 pm June 3rd
- *Annie Banannie Storytime June 7th 10:30am
- *Ina Buckner Barnette Storytime June 8th 4pm (family)
- TAB Board Meeting 3:45-4:45 June 9th
- Drop in Father's Day Craft: June 15th 4-6pm
- *Wildlife Wendy 2pm June 17th
- BARK: 3:30pm June 17th
- Let's LEGO! June 20th and 27th 4:30- 6pm
- *Leaf/Stamp Art Program June 22nd 4pm
- Game Time: 1-4:45 June 24th
- *Luce Puppet Co Storytime June 28th 10:30am
- *Buster Balloon show June 29th 4pm

Summer Fun Word Search Contest

Rules!

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

Entries must be received by July 15, 2017
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Wave

You still have time to enter the May Word Search and this one before July 15

If you missed the May issue, go on our web site www.schoolnewsrollcall.com or email me and I'll email you a digital copy kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com



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Summer Reading Program June 19-July 31 Read books this summer to earn prizes and prevent the dreaded "summer slide!" We offer separate programs for children, teens, and adults. There will also be weekly performances and activities for children and teens.
Children's events are every Monday at 3:00pm
Teen events are every Wednesday at 3:00pm
Get a flyer at the library, or check our online calendar for more details!

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Summertime = Traveltime

By Catharine Marroquin, CPSTI

If you are planning on traveling with your family this summer, make sure all passengers are safely restrained at all times, no matter if you are going by car, RV, or airplane. Did you know that most harnessed car seats are certified for use on airplanes? While it might seem bothersome at first, taking the car seat on board not only helps in keeping the youngsters contained, but provides them with more protection than the lap belt alone. When using your child's car seat on the plane, you can also rest assured that the seat will be available to use at your destination as it won't be lost or damaged in transit. For instructions on how to install the seat on an airplane, refer to the car seat's instruction manual!

Please note that booster seats can NOT be used on airplanes and have to be stowed in the overhead compartment instead.



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Growing Up—Summer Vacation



Jodie Lynn

Q: We are hoping to possibly go on a vacation this summer where there are activities just for the kids. Our children are both girls ages 10 and 12. The oldest has begun to pull away from her younger sister and we are afraid she will not want her hanging around her on the trip, particularly during the activities. How much should we allow the oldest to do on her own?

A: It sounds like your oldest daughter is perhaps striving to become a little more independent from not only her younger sister, but also from you and your husband. This is a perfectly normal development that most kids her age go through, especially if she is close to turning 13. Before deciding on your summer vacation destination, read as much material as possible about the activities offered for kids. It should have a breakdown pertaining to age and gender, an in-depth description and where it takes place, including a specific schedule for each. Depending on the oldest girl's maturity level and what grade she will be in for the fall, she could meet the criteria of activities geared for the middle-school age range. It is important that you and the kids are satisfied and that the activities are fun for each one. For example, if somewhere you are considering for your vacation sounds great for one but not so much for the other, keep looking until you can find a more balanced plan for both. This way, they will both feel appreciated and comfortable with what is being offered for them individually. If the brochure or online information does not answer all of your questions, there may be a toll-free number to call to ask more questions or an online form you can use to contact customer service.

Jodie Lynn is an award winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best selling author. Her column Parent to Parent™ (www.ParentToParent.com) has been successful for more than 20 years. She has authored several books including *Mom CEO (Chief Everything Officer)*, *Having Doing*, and *Surviving it All!* and *Syndication Secret—What No One Will Tell You!* Check www.ParentToParent.com

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