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Amazing Students Honored at Every Student Succeeding Breakfast



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By Mark Johnson, Ed.D. Superintendent
Fountain Valley School District

One of the best things about working in education is getting to know the students and families we serve. Recently, we had the opportunity to meet some of the most courageous and perseverant students and families at our Every Student Succeeding Breakfast!

In partnership with the Fountain Valley Rotary Club, we have the privilege of honoring one student from each of our ten schools at the Every Student Succeeding breakfast in April. The Every Student Succeeding Award is given to students who display great character, passion and resilience in the face of difficult challenges. Joined by their family and friends, each student is

celebrated by their school's principal and his or her unique story is shared with a room full of administrators, Trustees and community members. In addition to this distinct recognition and honor, each student receives a \$500 scholarship from the Kelly Osborn Memorial Foundation. The Kelly Osborn Memorial Foundation founder and Rotarian, Dave Osborn, is commended for his ongoing support of this program and our students for the last decade.

The challenges met and overcome by these students may be physical, emotional, family-related or the result of an unfortunate accident. Despite their individual stories, their ability to overcome adversity and remain committed to school is remarkable. These students represent the very best that our District has to offer and, collectively, they serve as an inspiration to us all!

Great Things are Happening in Fountain Valley



Cheryl Brothers
Mayor City of
Fountain Valley

On Thursday nights throughout the summer from 4:30-8:00 the Market in the Park will be back at the Recreation Center on Brookhurst. Produce direct from the growers, food trucks, crafts and entertainment. Come for dinner and enjoy the atmosphere of this truly hometown event.

Our concert series returns again every Thursday night in July. Family, friends and food will make a perfect evening while you enjoy a great line up of entertainment. Look for the list of bands on our web site.

The city celebrates its birthday with our 8th SummerFest event, June 23-26. Food, games, rides, great entertainment, the Fountain Valley Car Show — just loads of fun at this free family event. Check the SummerFest web site for information.

I will continue hosting a monthly 'Coffee with the Mayor' for the remainder of the year. Days and times will change so everyone may have a chance to come by the History Center at Heritage Park (next to the FV library) and let me know what's on your mind. There is no set topic, I want to hear from you. I have one on Wednesday, May 11 from 10:00-Noon then Wednesday, June 8 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Stop by for a cuppa coffee and chat.

Lots of Fun Events in Huntington Beach



Jim Katapodis
Mayor City of
Huntington Beach

Thank you to all the high school students who recently participated in the City's Youth in Government Day! This is such a special event for our future leaders, and I was so pleased with the more than 150 students that came to learn about city government.

The weekend of May 13-15 is the 24th Annual Duck-A-thon. Join us as vendors line Huntington Beach Pier Plaza to sell their goods including food, arts, crafts, wellness festival, free health screenings, good food, home décor, jewelry and much more. Here you will find the Kid Zone where your kids will want to spend the day. Visit www.duckathon.org for schedule of events.

I am thrilled to announce Huntington Beach Community/Business Expo, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and City, Thursday, June 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall. The event is free and open to the public. This will be a great opportunity for the community to check out local businesses, hear from various city departments and do a little shopping and enjoy good food from gourmet food trucks. Visit www.hbchamber.org for information.

In addition, check out the new Pacific City located along PCH — a collection of unique shops and restaurants. The new, 250-room Paséa Hotel should open early summer as well!



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Kay Coop
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The end of this school year is in sight. In this issue, several of the schools acknowledge their Teacher of the Year, arts are alive in the classroom, the importance of parent and community involvement, our syndicated columnists write on topics from swimming safety for children, the need for wearing a helmet when riding a bike, and much more....enjoy.

Be sure to enter our Word Search in this issue.

Our next issue is June 1st and then we take a break until the September issue.



Social Host Ordinance

A New Law to Prevent Underage Drinking in Huntington Beach

What is a Social Host Ordinance?

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



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

Why Not Host Parties for Minors?

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

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

What You Can Do

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

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The Importance of Bike/Helmet Safety



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At Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, pedestrian-automobile incidents are the number one reason kids are rushed into the trauma center. This ranking could be lowered, and accidents prevented, if individuals follow proper safety protocols when walking or riding their bike.

California law requires anyone under 18-years-old wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle. Many children ride bicycles, skateboards or scooters without the appropriate helmet, and something as simple as a fall to the ground can be life changing.

The Kohl's Cares Injury Prevention Program at Miller Children's recommends important pedestrian, bike and helmet safety tips, including:

- Wear a helmet that is buckled and fits
- Helmets should bear a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) label certifying that it meets or exceeds the safety standards
- Ride on the sidewalk
- Obey all traffic signals
- Wear bright colors and reflectors
- Avoid riding at night or in the rain
- Check brakes and ensure your tires have air
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street
- Cross streets only at traffic lights, stop signs or cross walks
- Stop, look both ways, and listen before crossing the street



Although some tips might seem obvious to you as a parent, they may not be obvious to your child. Making sure your child knows proper helmet and bike safety is important, and can help prevent a major fatality in an accident.

Kohl's Cares and Miller Children's care about the children in our community. For more information on pedestrian, bike and helmet safety, visit MillerChildrens.org/Kohls-Cares.

Orthodontics Matters

Crooked Teeth and Bad Bites



Dr. Andrew Harner
Orthodontist

Many parents wonder why their child's teeth don't come in perfectly straight. While genetics certainly plays a role in the size and position of the teeth and jaws, there are environmental factors that also affect tooth and jaw alignment. Below are some of the most common environmental factors.

- Thumb-sucking – to prevent thumb-sucking, I recommend parents use a pacifier for their infants if necessary. Remember, at least a pacifier can be taken away once the child is a bit older (and of course, thumbs can't)! However, if your child already has a thumb-sucking habit, there are several strategies that can help them quit. Most success comes when habit reminders are used and when the child is motivated to quit themselves.
- Tongue thrusting or improper use of the tongue during speaking and swallowing – speech therapy and/or myofunctional therapy may be necessary in combination with orthodontic treatment to help address and correct poor tongue posture/function.
- Premature loss of baby teeth or loss of tooth structure due to cavities. Baby teeth are like placeholders for the permanent teeth. If baby teeth are lost early, then the space for the permanent teeth may be lost and crowding results.
- Airway problems causing mouth-breathing. Mouth-breathing as a result of allergies, enlarged tonsils and adenoids, or other nasal issues, can negatively affect the size of the upper jaw. If you notice that your child cannot close his or her mouth for more than two minutes without gasping for air, then strategies to establish normal breathing should be undertaken.

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Dr. Shari Sweetnam

The way we choose to spend our time and the activities in which we engage help form our value system. With a wide array of possibilities and opportunities, volunteering is a positive and vastly beneficial way of helping young people develop a strong sense of self.

Volunteering offers benefits spanning from the intellectual and spiritual to the educational and professional. As young people give of themselves and their time, they can learn about being selfless. In a busy world of “pursuit of personal happiness,” too often the intrinsic values of empathy and giving are the lessons that are overlooked. Helping others via a structured volunteer program is a positive and safe way to develop oneself in this regard.

Additional Benefits of Volunteerism:

- **Learning:** Acquiring a new trade or skill can help teens see the world in a bigger picture and be inspired to continue to expand intellectually.
- **Networking:** Volunteering brings people of like minds, interests and values together. This will inevitably lead to positive interaction and healthy relationships.
- **Building the Résumé:** Engaging in service to others and taking the initiative to learn new trades or skills is a brilliant way to expand your portfolio. This is especially beneficial for students and young professionals.
- **Personal Growth:** As Mahatma Gandhi said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Teens who experience growth at an early age are likely to continue cultivating positive behavior and friendships.

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Swimming Safety for Children



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With summer near, children will be naturally drawn to water. They can splash in it, float on it and dive through it. Water can also be dangerous. Approximately 1,000 children drown each year, most often in the home swimming pool.

Parents can help keep their children safe around water by following these recommendations to avoid health risks while still having fun.

- Teach children how to swim. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends children begin swim lessons at age four.
- Supervise children at all times when they are in the water. Knowing how to swim does not mean children are safe in the water.
- Remove toys from the water so children are not tempted to retrieve a toy.
- Use waterproof diapers for babies and change them often. Babies can spread the parasite cryptosporidium through fecal matter.
- Surround your pool at home with a fence that is at least four feet tall and has a self-closing and self-latching gate (latches should be out of the reach of children).
- Empty blow-up pools after each use.
- Watch out for currents and tides at lakes or beaches. Check with local authorities to determine whether they have posted warnings for dangerous tides.
- Don't let children dive into a body of water without first checking the water depth.
- Don't allow children to swim with an open sore, cut or scrape.
- Don't allow children to run around a pool, roughhouse, or push others into the water.
- Don't allow children to play near or sit on a pool drain.



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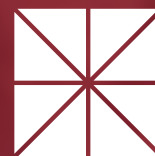
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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Mark Johnson

The Arts Continue to Thrive in FVSD!

Since joining the Fountain Valley School District family a little over a year ago, I have been impressed with the comprehensive programs and services that our schools provide to our students and families. While the district has widely been known and recognized for its academic success, we continue to make large gains in our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs! Recently, I had the distinct pleasure of attending and participating in our 14th Annual District Art Show, where over 1,200 people were in attendance. The event was coordinated and led by our VAPA coordinators: Mrs. Brooke James, a teacher at Talbert Middle School, and Mrs. Amelia Terich, a teacher at Plavan Elementary School. The event was supported by numerous other teachers, support staff, parents, and administrators.

Throughout the event, students were treated to a night like no other! The festivities included: interactive art stations with quick make-and-take projects; cookie and art decorating stations; numerous food trucks; a photo



Under the guidance of Marilynn Manderschied, an FVSD student explores music as a part of the District Art Show.

booth; the Music Mobile; a musical instrument station; performances by our middle school bands; and numerous displays of our students' artwork. In addition, there were various stations that allowed participants to paint school murals representing each site, which will be on display at our school sites.

We are extremely lucky to have such passionate and gifted students and teachers in our district, and it was a wonderful evening for our all! A special thank you goes out to all who gave of their time, energy, and talents to make this experience extraordinary.

I look forward to the joining our students, staff, parents, and community members at the district's Monster Concert at Fountain Valley High School on May 3, 2016, beginning at 5 p.m.

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Lisa Schultz
Clerk

FVSD Seeks to Engage the Community in Facilities Improvement Process

Approximately one year ago, our community addressed the Board of Trustees with a strong interest in improving our school facilities. Triggered by the increasing need for better classroom climate control and airflow, the concerns regarding our facilities had reached a critical point for our students, faculty, and community. In response to this request, the Fountain Valley School District (FVSD) and Board of Trustees requested and moved forward with a full evaluation of the facilities needs at each of the district's 10 school sites.



Members of the District's Facilities Committee discuss facilities needs as a part of the creation of the District's Facilities Master Plan.

This effort began with the formation of the Facilities Committee, a group of over 30 stakeholders representing our community. The group was tasked with studying, reviewing, and evaluating the current state of the district's facilities, all of which would be used to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees about what to do next. After a thorough process, the Facilities Committee made a recommendation to our Board to hire an architect and complete a full Facilities Master Plan. This plan would encompass every district facility and provide a long-term and complete assessment of our needs. Per their recommendation, the Board voted to proceed with hiring an architectural firm, LPA, Inc. LPA has been working diligently at each of our sites, carefully evaluating every nook and cranny and compiling input from stakeholders and the community in order to put together a Facilities Master Plan to present to the Board this June. This plan will help guide our district in making decisions regarding modernization efforts, both now and well into the future.

As with any improvement effort, we know that we cannot be successful without our community's support. Therefore, the next step in our journey will be to engage our community in the development of solutions to the district's facilities needs. To accomplish this, the district has formed the School Facilities Engagement Committee, which consists of an even more diverse stakeholder group. This group is learning about the district's process for studying our facilities and making future recommendations to our Board. The community's participation during the month of May will provide valuable input to the district as it continues its efforts to improve the facilities in our district. We are excited to continue this work and are working hard to engage the larger FVSD community.

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Judy Edwards
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United in Support of Education

Spring is the time when the Fountain Valley Schools Foundation looks ahead to the ways that we can help the students of the Fountain Valley School District. This year I am looking to the Vision Statement of the Foundation. “A community united in support of educational excellence to empower our next generation of creators, innovators and visionaries.” These are big words that say that we enrich the curriculum for our students. In a time when monies were “very tight,” the Foundation provided the music program for the district. Today the money is not quite as tight as in previous years and we use our funds to support in other ways.

In the past few years the Foundation has built the robotics programs for the three middle schools. We supplied the starter kits and have yearly replenished them. This year we helped buy a 3D printer for one of the schools. In this year alone we have helped supplement the music departments, by buying rhythm instruments for the primary grades and recorders for the 4th and 5th graders. We have recently purchased new music stands for the middle school bands.

To make these things happen for the students we must fundraise. We put on two major fundraisers each year: The Taste of Fountain Valley and the Marc Ecker Golf Tournament. The funds from these, and smaller events during the year, help “empower the next generations of creators, innovators and visionaries.” Beginning with this year’s Taste of Fountain Valley, all funds from that event will go to underwrite the new Summer Enrichment Academy. The Summer Enrichment Academy will offer robotics classes, music classes and a Jump-Start program for K-2. The Academy will be the first summer enrichment program to be offered in decades and we are all very excited.

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

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Patrick Ham
Principal

Triple Crown Winner!

We’re proud to announce Jessica O’Malley as our 2016 Teacher of the Year. Numerous colleagues describe her as a great classroom teacher, professional-development trainer, team planner, and parent and colleague—she knows how to be a staff member and a parent at the same school site.

Jessica O’Malley exemplifies the Triple Crown of educational excellence in our profession. First, she excels in the classroom. Her lessons are rich, fun, purposeful and strategically planned. Second, she’s a lifelong learner who implements best practices. She continually seeks to improve her expertise with a humble outlook that brings reluctant colleagues on board. Finally, she’s a terrific colleague that people can relate to and collaborate with.

This school year, Jessica O’Malley has helped establish and train our staff on a consistent writing program for all grade levels. She also played a vital role in our school’s leadership team, helping to make important instructional and administrative decisions. Mrs. O’Malley truly deserves this outstanding recognition for her efforts and accomplishments. Congratulations—Cox community and students are blessed to have you on our staff!



Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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Chris Christensen
Principal

Congratulations!

Courreges Elementary School is proud to select Becky Guess as its 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Becky is a dynamic teacher who is willing to take on any challenge. Her contributions both in and outside of the classroom are many. She encourages creativity and autonomy, and takes her students beyond what is expected. Her classroom speaks for itself as well, as she also encourages collaboration among her students and seeks to challenge them in a myriad of ways.

In addition to her teaching duties, Becky has also served on the FVEA negotiations team, which has been valued by her teacher colleagues at both Courreges and throughout the school district.

“There is no one more deserving than Becky,” says third-grade teacher Valarie Ruig. “She is a symbol of strength, grace, and creativity in this profession.”

We are honored and privileged to have Becky Guess as our Courreges Elementary School 2016 Teacher of the Year.



Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6–8)*

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Kevin Johnson
Principal



Matt Ploski
Assistant Principal

We Appreciate Ms. Rose!

We see Jenny Rose as the heart and soul of Fulton. She’s an exemplary math teacher who approaches her subject and her



craft with professionalism. She’s also Fulton’s activities director and an integral part of our leadership team. Her passion and advocacy for students, willingness to jump in and help resolve any issue, positive demeanor and personality are but some of the many reasons she’s one of the most beloved teachers on campus.

Despite all the work she puts into planning outstanding lessons and school events, she can still be found spending mornings, recesses, lunches and time after school tutoring her students.

Ms. Rose grew up in the FVSD and is a Fulton graduate. Her dedication to this district and school has never waned. She’s passionate about supporting students and helping them become the best that they can be. We appreciate Ms. Rose’s dedication to Fulton Middle School and the Fountain Valley community.

Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6–8)*

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Assistant Principal

Teacher of the Year

Masuda is proud to honor Mary Duggan, physical education teacher, as our Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Duggan’s nominating peers have all used the same phrases to describe her: energetic, loved, respected and hardworking! She is touted as a fabulous team player who freely shares ideas and works for improvement. Ms. Duggan is also a vocal student advocate! She helps students gain responsibility and is always on their sidelines to help them succeed.



We at Masuda are blessed by Mrs. Duggan’s positive energy and outlook. Not only the children but also the parent community and her teaching peers benefit immensely from all that she has to offer! We are proud to present her as our Teacher of the Year on the basis of her outstanding contributions to the lives of the children as well as adults whose lives she touches daily.

Congratulations Teachers of the Year!

Robert Gisler *Elementary (K–5)*

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Erin Bains
Principal

Congratulations, Mrs. Lopez!

Gisler is proud to nominate Penny Lopez as our 2015–16 Teacher of the Year. She has dedicated her life to the children and to the classroom.

Mrs. Lopez is an amazing teacher. According to a nominating peer, “Penny works to meet all of her students’ needs regardless of what level they are. She uses different instructional strategies and small groups. She has creative ideas that she uses in her classroom lesson plans that help students remember concepts in new and different ways. Mrs. Lopez is definitely not afraid to dive into something new and try it in her classroom. After attending trainings and observations, you will see her implementing strategies the very next day.”

Another nominating peer states, “Penny is very creative in her instruction. She will find multiple ways to meet the needs of her students, from exercise balls to preferential seating. She won’t stop until she has exhausted every resource she can think of. She is not afraid to respectfully speak her mind and say what we may be thinking but hesitant to say—she is a strong advocate for both staff and students.”

Mrs. Lopez is definitely one of those teachers who are dedicated to their school and community. She continually goes above and beyond to help students and staff at Gisler. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. Lopez participates in a number of committees and teams, such as Leadership Team, FVEA Representative and Disaster Committee. She also is the technology site coordinator and spends hours of her own time maintaining our computer lab and Chromebook Carts.

Mrs. Lopez is a committed, hard-working individual who is an asset to our school.

William T. Newland *Elementary (K–5)*

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Chris Mullin
Principal

Jim Tilka, A Newland Superstar

This year, Newland Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year is James Tilka. Mr. Tilka exemplifies the virtues of a wonderful teacher. He is passionate about educating his students and always seems to have the highest energy when he is with them.

Jim anchors Newland’s fifth-grade team and has done an amazing job. He has a way with students that is infectious. Watching Jim teach, one can’t help but be inspired—students and adults alike. He holds high standards and pushes his students to work beyond their potential. Wherever a student might fall academically in his class, Mr. Tilka is determined to make sure they succeed.

James Tilka is the teacher who comes early, leaves late, and always volunteers when needed. In other words, James Tilka is an exemplary teacher and one Newland is proud to recognize as Teacher of the Year.



Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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Erik Miller
Principal

Congratulations!

The Oka Wolfpack is very excited to announce that Mrs. Lisa Diecidue has been named as our 2015–2016 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Diecidue teaches a special day class of third- through fifth-grade students, but her presence is felt across both the entire Oka campus and the Fountain Valley School District.

Lisa has been an instrumental part of Oka's Leadership Team, as she is responsible for creating an atmosphere of collaboration, unification, and stability with our students and staff members.

She is an exceptional communicator who works tirelessly to ensure that the needs of our students are being met with a high level of instruction.



Lisa co-teaches social studies and science with a colleague, Ms. Angeles. Multiple times each week their students benefit from a classroom environment that focuses on engagement, collaboration, and student learning. In addition to Oka, Lisa was also recently named as the Fountain Valley School District Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations go to Mrs. Lisa Diecidue on this well-deserved recognition. Thank

you, Lisa, for making a significant difference in the lives of our Oka and FVSD students, and our staff members!

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

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Julie Ballesteros
Principal

Teacher of the Year: Miss Autumn Burza

Plavan Elementary School is proud to present Autumn Burza as the 2015–2016 Teacher of the Year. Miss Burza has been a member of the Plavan family since 2007 and has been an absolute blessing to our staff, her team, the children, and their families. She gives her heart and soul to make sure that each student who leaves her classroom has a solid educational foundation and a strong sense of self-worth.

One of her special skills is the ability to inspire her students to be confident and more than they ever thought they could be.

Each day she provides her kindergarten students with creative and meaningful lessons. Students are working independently and collaboratively, and they receive differentiated instruction. Every child matters in her classroom. She



immediately becomes familiar with their needs and personalities and adjusts her classroom and instruction for their success.

Autumn is a true educator who cares and has her students' best interests at heart. The sky is the limit in her classroom, and we are blessed to have her as a Plavan Panther.

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

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Jennifer Morgan
Principal



Mark Holman
Assistant Principal

Ultimate Team Player!

Congratulations to the Talbert Middle School teacher of the year, Colleen McNally! Mrs. McNally is an integral part of the Talbert staff, and her professionalism

and passion for student learning shine through in everything she does. Throughout her tenure, she has taught science and physical education but has recently taken on the role of activities director at the site. Under her leadership, the school's athletics programs, events and student-leadership opportunities have expanded and continue to flourish. She is the ultimate team player and always does whatever it takes to help students succeed both academically and emotionally.

As a true testament to her popularity and sincerity, students that promote into high school always come back to visit and speak of her as their favorite teacher not only because she is likable and humorous but also because of the high expectations that she holds for all students within her classroom.



Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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Kathy Davis
Principal

Shaping the Future

Tamura Elementary School is proud to announce Michelle Carr as the 2016 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Carr has taught at Tamura for the last 20 years and currently teaches second grade. All who know and work with Michelle realize that she is truly a master teacher with a wealth of experience and knowledge.

The impact a teacher has on students is remarkable and can inspire children to achieve greatness. Michelle exemplifies the best qualities a teacher can possess. She is committed to providing a high-quality instructional program. She immerses students in a rich learning environment and is a model for her colleagues.

Mrs. Carr loves building relationships with her students, and this has a dramatic impact on how they view themselves. Michelle appreciates the precious time she is afforded with the young children in her class and recognizes that she is an important part of molding their lives. She loves having a role in shaping the future of her students.



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Gregory Hauk

HBCSD Report to Our Community

For the first time in many years, the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has developed the 2016 State of the District Report to the Community. This report is available online at www.hbcسد.us or may be picked up at any of our school sites. Although the report is available now, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the great things going on in HBCSD.

HBCSD has continued to be one of the top performing districts in Orange County and in the state. On the recent Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) state assessments, HBCSD was one of the top five districts in Orange County and was far above the number of proficient students in our state. Recently, HBCSD found out that six of our seven elementary schools are in the final process to receive the California Gold Ribbon Award. This award is for those schools that demonstrate innovations in academic achievement as we transition to the new Common Core State Standards. We are also proud to report that 100 percent of our middle schools (two out of two) received the California Gold Ribbon Award last year.

All students are using the newly adopted mathematics instructional materials that align to the state standards. The district piloted many math programs to help us make the appropriate decision for HBCSD and then spent over \$1.5 million dollars on instructional materials, including a very strong online component. We are supporting this purchase with mathematics coaches at each school and our continued usage of Cognitively Guided Instruction, Early Childhood Math, and ST Math, which is more commonly referred to by our students as Jiji Math. HBCSD is again committed to piloting materials in English language arts/English language development during the next school year and then will purchase the newly adopted instructional materials to support our students' learning.

HBCSD is continuing forward with our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) focus with new courses at both middle schools, as well as computer programming and coding classes and robotics at many of our schools. HBCSD has really focused on the arts component of STEAM this year with a new position at the middle school level for vocal music and MIND music/keyboarding at all of our elementary schools. All of our students will be exposed to keyboarding, music theory, and music writing as they progress through their elementary school years.

All of this and more is part of our Report to the Community. I encourage each of you to go online and read this informative document. It shows that HBCSD continues to be a leader in Orange County and plans to remain there in the future.

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Bridget Kaub
President

Continued Growth and Learning

I am very proud of our district, our students, our parents, and our community. I am proud to live in this community and to represent it as a member of our Board of Trustees. As we move into the last weeks of this school year, I would like to touch on some points and accomplishments. I am quite sure I will not capture them all, as there are so many; however, celebrating our successes while always being mindful of the need to continue to grow and learn is important.

For the first time in many years, Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has published a concise and information-packed State of the District Report to the Community. We continue to strive to have multiple avenues of communication to our parents and community, with the understanding that time is always a consideration. This report provides pertinent information regarding: Common Core State Standards implementation; new assessments; Local Control Funding Formula; Local Control Area Plan (LCAP); new materials adoption; professional development; Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM); early childhood opportunities; technology; and the district as a whole. HBCSD test scores are among the best in Orange County, and that is clearly evident as you walk into classrooms throughout the district. Everyone in the district truly believes in our mission to support the academic and personal development of each student to become a responsible, well-rounded individual achieving success and fulfillment in a global environment.

We recently completed a district-wide parent survey and another LCAP community forum, which was not only very well attended by all stakeholders but was collaborative and full of robust thoughts and ideas on further refining our LCAP. Through LCAP and other methods, we continue to work toward clear and transparent communication with our community and to ensure that our community has ample opportunity to contribute.

I'll end my article this month with the same message I began with: I am very proud of HBCSD, our students, our parents, and our community. I am proud that all of us working together will continue to grow and learn for the educational excellence of our children.

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Jenn Kinkel
*Director
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STEM in the Early Years

A group of myrmecologists, small in stature yet large in curiosity, crouch around the bush outside the classroom. With magnifying glasses, safety goggles, clipboards, and "important thinking" pencils in hand, they begin to form hypotheses. "Look, they're making a wiggly line!" "I think they're making a line that way because they're looking for food." "No, I think they're looking for their mommies." "Maybe they're looking for water! There's that puddle over there." "What if we move the water closer?" They begin to replicate what they have seen in the ant formations with their clipboards and pencils.

This rich and engaging experience covers each of the components of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Using project-based facilitation strategies with intentionally designed interdisciplinary curriculum allows children to wonder and discover these systems in the world around them. And when we discuss 21st-century learning characteristics and skills, it is more important now than ever to include our youngest learners.

In our early learning programming, we offer engaging, developmentally appropriate STEM experiences that are aligned with the California Preschool Learning Foundations and the corresponding Curriculum Framework documents. That alignment results in a strong bridge connecting the standards in the early years through their transition into elementary school.

One day, they are a group of myrmecologists, and the next...kindergarteners!

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Darren Platt
Principal

Hearts of Compassion

Educating middle school students is more than just increasing and refining their academic skills. That's only one of the many parts of the job. Another piece is helping the students develop the character needed to be productive citizens in our community.

Acts of service and philanthropy develop more than hearts that are willing to give. They also help students to develop empathy for others and give them an understanding of the power they have as individuals and groups to effect change.

This past month at Dwyer Middle School, we participated in Jump Rope for Heart in our physical education classes to raise funds to fight heart disease. This program teaches students how to take care of their hearts while they experience the joy of giving back to their community. The jump-rope skills the students learned and the experience of being part of a larger program all across the country will serve our students for a lifetime.

Our students had a unique opportunity this year with this event. Not only were they helping a good cause, they were able to see, up close and personal, the effects of the research they were supporting. One of our own eighth-grade students, Jessica, was rushed to the hospital in sixth grade and was diagnosed with a rare heart disease. She was placed on a heart transplant list and waited with hope. She was able to get the transplant and is now back at school and thriving. In a packed assembly, Jessica shared her story with all of our students and helped them to realize that the acts of service they accomplish are more than just kind actions. They really can and do save lives.

Dr. Ralph E. Hawes *Elementary*

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Julie Jennings
Principal

Making a Difference

At Hawes, we believe in developing a strong sense of social responsibility in all of our students. This belief is made evident in a variety of organic ways: a student coordinating a Teens for Jeans clothing drive who collects over 500 pairs of pants; toy collections for the Spark of Love activity; and more.

One of the structured programs that help to develop a sense of social responsibility is our Student Council. Through the coordination of Christine Zeutzius and Jenn DeStefano, two of our GATE teachers, our students in grades three to five can both represent their class and have a voice in the creation and implementation of school-wide programs that teach the importance of giving back, and can extend beyond our school's boundaries.

With the theme of "We've Got Your Back," our Student Council is definitely involved in many school-wide activities. In November they hosted and organized our annual Veteran's Day program, which included inviting veterans and active military members to our presentation. They also share information about our monthly character trait at the awards assemblies. 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. Here our students were challenged to complete at least 50 acts of random kindness for the week. Our Student Council also created and hung posters throughout the school and made daily announcements about being kind.

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!

John H. Eader *Elementary*

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Debbi Randall
Principal

GLEE Performs at District Art Show!

In March, the phenomenal GLEE musical group led by Nelda Alvarez sang their hearts out and showed some of their additional talents, too!

The group has become more popular in the last several years, doubling in number from years past to 84 talented fifth-grade students! Students meet before school for this free extracurricular activity and learn to harmonize contemporary songs, play the ukulele, and use sign language for many of the pieces. Students also share their unique talents to embellish their shows, like the several who did an outstanding job of hula dancing to one of the selections!

Thanks also are extended to the advisors of the group: teacher Melissa Reichert and parent volunteer Erica Rowe. The group will present a show in June and an assembly for the student body as well as sing several selections at their promotion!



Huntington Seacliff *Elementary*

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Dr. Monique Huibregtse
Principal

Thank You to Our Families

Many schools have colorful tiles, that families have painted, located somewhere on their school site due to the need for extra funds. This beautiful wall was just completed over Spring Break and it was the result



of a fundraising effort. Our PTA and generous donors are a strong and positive force at our site and it is because of them we have ipads, Smart boards, computers, field trips, assemblies, extra support materials and programs for the classrooms. I know I speak on behalf of all schools, that in order to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students, we need this financial assistance from the community. A big thank you to our families for your contributions of time (getting children ready for school and ready to learn), energy (helping students with homework), and resources (donations to the school).

S. A. Moffett *Elementary*

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Michael Andrzejewski
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A Love of Reading

The week of March 2 was an exciting week at Moffett School, filled with fun and creative learning activities oriented toward the celebration of Dr. Theodore Geisel's (Dr. Seuss') birthday. Parent coordinator Mary McCalment created a week which celebrated both Dr. Seuss and our students' love of reading.

As part of the week's celebrations, students brought gently used books from home to share with their classmates through donation to our Best Foot Forward early reading program. They also committed to turning off the television and electronics for one night. In exchange for their efforts, students received Seuss-themed awards. Spirit was also created through activities including Stop, Drop, and Read, where each class took a portion of the morning to read some of their favorite literature individually or as a class.

After reading Oh, the Places You'll Go! all students created hot air balloons with their names and places they have traveled or would like to go. The balloons were then displayed in our gallery for all who visited to see. We also shared a theme for each day of the week, including Mismatched Clothing Day, Green Like a Grinch Day, and Read Me Day.

Our entire school community joined in on the celebration. Not only did we have a lot of fun, but we reinforced one our school goals: to build strong readers who share a passion for and love of reading.

Joseph R. Perry *Elementary*

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Dr. Renee Polk
Principal

Double-Decker Award!

In February, second-grade teacher Lisa Moloney was recognized as a semifinalist for California Teacher of the Year at an annual gala in Sacramento! State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson honored the top 19 teachers in the state.

Mrs. Moloney was also honored in April at the 27th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in Los Angeles, which recognizes and honors media for their fair, accurate and inclusive representations of the LGBT community and the issues that affect their lives. The award was for an outstanding Spanish-language television interview that was conducted with Mrs. Moloney, "Sexual Orientation and School Bullying." CNN en Espanol anchors Mercedes Soler and journalist Marcos Saldivar, a former student, accepted the award with Mrs. Moloney. The interview highlighted the fair, inclusive, and caring environment that Mrs. Moloney has created for students of all ethnicities, religion, gender and sexual orientation.

Mrs. Moloney is an inspiring educator and a star among stars at Perry!



Lisa Moloney, Dr. Renee Polk, Perry Principal and Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dr. Constance Polhemus
Principal

Ragnar Sailfish

The Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD), led by the Peterson Elementary School staff, began a new wellness program for district staff members. As a kickoff to our HBCSD Wellness Program, 12 staff members from Peterson, Seaclyff, Smith, and Moffett Elementary Schools participated in the 2016 Ragnar Relay from

Huntington Beach to San Diego as the Sailfish.

These staff members ran a collective 200 miles over a 36-hour period. Each runner, some very experienced and some newbies, ran three legs of the race through warm temperatures, hills, lack of sleep, blisters, and sore muscles. Just as these staff members do each day at their school sites, they supported each other, collaborated, and cheered on their colleagues on a quest for physical wellness.

This truly was a team effort, which no one runner could have completed without the motivation and support of our team, our district, our community, and our students.



Agnes L. Smith *Elementary*

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Carolyn Beck
Principal

A Focus On the Arts

Smith School is proud of a continued focus on the arts as a part of its goal of providing a well-rounded education.

Each day begins with an announcement over the PA system that focuses on a classical musician, followed by a musical excerpt from them. Our students and staff enjoy beginning their mornings listening to beautiful music. They appreciate this calm start to the day!

Our school provides music instruction in many ways. We have a credentialed vocal music teacher who instructs students weekly using National Music Standards. He also leads our strong chorus program that includes the fourth- and fifth-grade students. They practice weekly, and perform both at school and in a spring concert at the Huntington Beach Art Center.

We also provide weekly instruction in piano keyboarding for students in all grade levels. In addition, many of our students participate in the band and strings programs. Students in the kindergarten through fifth grades are learning to play the violin. The instrumental band program begins in the third grade.

The visual arts are taught through the Fibo Art program. The students learn about three different artists throughout the year. They also create an art project using the artistic style or medium of the featured artist. In February, the students also had an opportunity to learn about coding and participate in an after-school activity to code their own games.

Many students at Smith participate in the PTA's Art Reflections program in visual art, literature, music, and dance. We also hold an art show during Open House to share our students' entries and showcase their talents. We are very proud that two of our students have been chosen for honors by the Fourth District PTA.

Smith feels that the arts are an important part of our students' education. We will continue to focus on them!

Isaac L. Sowers *Middle School*

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Dr. Cynthia Guerrero
Principal

Library Re-Design

Libraries are no longer quiet places to just read a book. At Sowers Middle School, the library is going through a 21st-century re-design to help deliver the "wow" factor. The new design will incorporate flexible spaces, inspire creativity, and serve different purposes for both student and adult learners, while also incorporating technology to become a more learner-centered space.

On March 17, the entire Sowers community of students, staff, parents, and community members all came together for our first "Color Run" to help support this effort to create a new and



Lillian, Madison, and Mia enjoy a refreshing drink after the Color Run.

exciting space. The group ended up raising \$50,000!

Students, staff, and parents ran an obstacle course with scooter boards, inflatable climbing structures, hula hoops, limbo, Frisbee golf, bear crawls, log rolls, high jump, and short sprint. A celebration of color also greeted everyone at the finish line.

The community also enjoyed various activities and food, and all marked by dancing, face painting, and balloon art.

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Dr. Carol Hansen

Building for the Future

The theme of rebuilding is threaded throughout my first year as superintendent of the Ocean View School District (OVSD). I often speak and write about the efforts we are making to assess our priorities, establish clear goals, and work as a healthy organization as we continue to move OVSD toward a positive future. In my last article, I mentioned that we still have work to do to stabilize our finances and to support and improve our facilities, communication, engagement, and employee benefits and compensation. I am pleased to report that we are making progress in each of these areas, including ratified agreements with the Ocean View Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 375, to improve benefits and compensation.

In March, our Board of Trustees approved the hiring of DLR Group to coordinate with OVSD for the development of a solid, long-range District Facilities Master Plan (FMP). This blueprint will serve as the guide for all facilities projects across the district. The purpose of the Facilities Master Plan is to develop and communicate an efficient process to modernize, update, repair or change OVSD's school facilities, so they can better accommodate and support our educational programs and provide a 21st-century learning environment for our students. Along with Deputy Superintendent Michael Conroy, I believe the FMP is a necessary tool for a healthy organization. It helps us accomplish our goals related to district finances, communication, and engagement.

We are currently in the process of seeking community and parent input for the FMP. I have scheduled four sessions across OVSD to gather detailed, roots-level input. These sessions will be held at each of our middle schools from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on: May 11 at Spring View Middle School, May 18 at Mesa View Middle School, May 25 at Marine View Middle School, and June 1 at Vista View Middle School. I encourage all parents and neighbors to get involved by attending a session so we can have the best possible information available to build our future. Please check our Web site regularly at www.ovsd.org, as well as our official Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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Valued Relationships

There is no doubt that schools benefit from the resources and expertise of local businesses, organizations, and individuals. The Ocean View School District (OVSD) is pleased to forge ahead with successful business and community partnerships. As we continue rebuilding in OVSD, these partnerships will serve to link our local schools, service clubs, and businesses for the benefit of students, teachers, and entire communities.

A notable partnership that has been forged is the one between OVSD and the Anaheim Ducks. They recently unveiled a large-scale elementary school project at Star View Elementary School, which included the installation of a permanent hockey rink, new campus murals, and a new garden with plants and trees.

Recent collaborative projects, such as the fantastic performance at Segerstrom Center for the Arts with Disney Musicals in Schools, the Pinewood Derby with the Surf City Optimist Club, and the beautiful student art exhibit with the Huntington Beach Art Center, have created strong partnerships within and around our community for the students of the Ocean View School District.

The grassroots Oak View ComUNIDAD organization has worked hard to partner with the school district to bring environmental justice to 1,000 students and over 100 staff members at the Oak View Elementary and Middle Schools. These are worthwhile connections with long-term benefits.

OVSD looks forward to nurturing these relationships and forging new ones in the years to come.

Pleasant View *Ocean View Preparatory Preschool*

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Paul James
Principal

Builders of Builders

There is a children's book titled *What Do People Do All Day?* The stories in the book are about the important roles people play each day. The book describes the components of the various roles, the processes involved in people's jobs, and how things are made in our world. Stories such as "Building a Road," "Constructing a House" and "Making an Airplane" are explained in intricate detail—how each job is successfully completed in a step-by-step process.

Here at Pleasant View/OVPP, the chapter of our book reads, "Who Are the Builders of Builders?" We are fortunate to have a team of "builders" who provide the foundation for children to learn, explore and grow in a nurturing and caring atmosphere. This fantastic teaching team plans, prepares, and creatively thinks how to help our students succeed each day. They magically work their craft to perfection and reflect on each child's needs to help build their students so that they can be the builders for our future generations.

We are thankful to have Cindy Atkinson, Christina Llata, Kathie Favazza, Marie Schools, Debbie Chiong, Katy Nachbaur, Michelle Wall, Kim Hunter, Genie Peterson and Theresa Crockett as our builders. We look forward to them continuing to write the amazing chapters of the lives they are fortunate to touch each day.

Circle View *Elementary*

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Kristi Hickman
Principal

Historical Wax Museum!

If you like the movie *Night at the Museum*, you will absolutely love "Day at the Museum," starring all of the Circle View fifth-grade students who enthusiastically participated in this annual Wax Museum event.

Each student researched an American historical figure and created a poster about them, including props to represent their characters. Students wrote narratives about their characters detailing their origins, big ideas, details, motives and other Depth and Complexity Icons. It was fun to watch students memorizing their character's background and contributions, dressing in costumes, and coming alive as their characters to tell their diverse stories.

Day at the Museum is a wonderful tradition of over 15 years that brings history to life at Circle View!



College View *Elementary*

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Katherine Smith
Principal

The Honors Abound

This spring, Svetlana Lopez, a fifth-grade student at College View, received the Association of California School Administrator's Every Student Succeeds Award at the Bowers Museum due to her perseverance and determination to succeed despite challenging circumstances. There were 27 school districts represented in this ceremony, with Svetlana representing Ocean View.

OVSD Superintendent Dr. Carol Hansen, Kathleen Young (Svetlana's fifth-grade teacher), Svetlana's parents, and Principal Kathy Smith all attended the ceremony. Svetlana received a certificate and

a medal to honor her commitment to education. Well done, Svetlana!

In addition, our College View Head Custodian Efren Barrera is being honored as one of six Orange County Department of Education Classified Employees of the Year for Maintenance, Operations and Facilities. Students, parents, staff members, and district personnel all surprised Efren with an assembly in his honor. Nine of Efren's family members proudly attended.

Congratulations, Efren. We love you!



Harbour View *Elementary*

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Cindy Osterhout
Principal

Minute to Win It!

To celebrate those students who had reached their individual second-trimester point goals for the Accelerated Reader program, the week before spring break saw 300 second- through fifth-grade students treated to a "Minute to Win It stAR Party" in the school's multipurpose room.

To reach their AR goals, the students all read books within their independent reading band. They then had to pass web-based comprehension tests with a score of 85 percent or higher. The students have 12 weeks to read and test to earn their points.

The more challenging the book, the higher is the point value.

Some of the "Minute to Win It" games included stacking 21 cups in a pyramid and then back down; stacking 25 pennies with one hand; and moving a cookie from the forehead to the mouth without using your hands. Our students are now hard at work trying to meet their third-trimester goals in anticipation of the end-of-the-year stAR party.



Golden View *Elementary*

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Brett Hardy
Principal

Celebrating Readers

At Golden View, we love to celebrate reading throughout the school year.

Did you know that studies show that if a child reads as much as one-million words per year, they will be in the top two percent of all children on standardized reading tests? Reading for just 15 minutes a day can help any student reach their goal of one-million words per year.

Each fall and spring our PTO hosts a popular book fair to make books more easily available for purchase. Through their generous support, students can also find the extra motivation to read each day by participating in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. Student progress is tracked by taking quizzes on the books they read.

The students are excited to see their progress by receiving scores of 90 percent or higher on quizzes. As a result, the number of words they read increases, and ultimately, their reading levels increase as well. Once a month those students who average 90 percent or higher on their AR quizzes enjoy Popsicle treats at lunch. The students are also recognized for increasing their reading levels at our monthly awards assemblies.

Once a trimester, those students who have made the Principal's Wall of Fame also get to enjoy a pizza party with the principal. This past trimester saw 15 students enjoy a pizza party for reaching this distinguished level!

These are just a few examples of the reading that takes place at Golden View. As the summer break quickly approaches, our students should remember to read over the summer, because just 15 minutes a day will put them well on their way to reading one-million words per year.

Hope View *Elementary*

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Carrie Haskin
Principal

Be a Buddy, Not a Bully

Hope View Elementary School kicked off Be a Buddy, Not a Bully Week classes by reading a self-esteem story, One by Kathryn Otonari. Online citizenship lessons were integrated throughout the week. Students also learned the monthly character trait of compassion.

During our patriotic flag assembly that week, fourth-grader Quincy Aish told his story of bringing a buddy bench to neighboring Harbour View Elementary School, sharing compassion and building relationships. As part of Girl Scout

Troop 2119's Take Action Badge, two buddy benches were presented to Hope View students. The morning continued with an anti-bullying message and a BMX demonstration, sponsored by our PTO.

Special thanks to Mrs. Flanagan for creating our event, to the Grundstrom family for the bench donation, to Troop 2119 for the plants, and to Quincy, for bringing true meaning to the use and design of the buddy benches.



Marine View *Middle School*

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William Lynch
Principal

AHA Support

Marine View Middle School physical education classes will celebrate throughout May, which is known worldwide as Physical Activity Month. We kick it off with a wonderful event to support the American Heart Association. The event, called “Hoops for Heart,” includes basketball and so much more. As a way to boost participation in physical fitness among students, we now include Wii Dancing as well as Awareness Walking for students not interested in playing basketball. These activities not only raise thousands of dollars for a great cause but, more importantly, also increase awareness of heart disease and promote a healthy lifestyle.

“Hoops for Heart” is an annual event that our students anticipate. It gives them a sense of pride to know that they are supporting an important cause. Let’s all do our part in celebrating Physical Activity Month by participating in an activity we enjoy that promotes a healthy heart and lifestyle.



Mesa View *Middle School*

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Randy Lempert
Principal

Collaboration in Spanish

At Mesa View Middle School, one of the elective choices for eighth-graders is Spanish. Taking Spanish can give students a head start when they move on to high school and work to meet the world language A–G course requirements for graduation and college admission.

Recently, Mrs. Moustafa’s Spanish class worked collaboratively in small groups to apply the content they are learning to write scripts. Using netbooks to take notes, they discussed their ideas. Small groups of students typed on their individual netbooks as they worked together on the scripts. Groups shared their prepared scripts with their teacher for corrective feedback. Once approved, the scripts were printed out, and students practiced their skits.

These skits are entertaining to watch, and it is a fun way to help students develop their writing, speaking, reading, and listening proficiency in Spanish!



Oak View *Elementary*

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Rosa Mendieta
Principal

Reading with the HBPD

Oak View students and staff had the pleasure of hosting our community partners, the Huntington Beach Police Department and the Explorers, who read to our students in honor of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss’ Birthday. Lt. Kent Ferrin, Officer Joel Peterson and Officer Atkins were among the HBPD officers who read to our students. They read from books we consider our classics and all-time favorites, such as Green Eggs and Ham and The Lorax. Our students were excited to meet the officers and looked forward to having them visit their classrooms.



Not only did the officers read to our students but they also took a few minutes to play basketball in the yard during recess, making sure to reinforce safe, respectful and responsible behavior. These rules align perfectly with our Wise Way!

Oak View had a great time. We truly appreciate the support we receive from the Huntington Beach Police Department!

Oak View *Preschool & Education Resource Center*

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Anna Dreifus
Principal

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Wins Big

About 180 Oak View Preschool students participated in the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Trike-a-Thon in March. The students learned about bike safety, and were able to demonstrate it at the event. With parent permission, the students brought their trikes, bikes, scooters, and helmets to school and raced around the track on our playground. Our parents and friends cheered them on!

The students, families, and staff members also collected donations. No donation was too small, and we collected \$972.92, exceeding last year’s donation by almost \$100! One student collected \$130.61 all by himself.

Congratulations to our preschool community for making a positive difference in the lives of the children. Thank you to our parents for demonstrating to their children the importance of giving from the heart to others less fortunate than themselves. We teach a lot of lessons at Oak View Preschool, and this is one of the most important.



Spring View *Middle School*

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Jason Blade
Principal

21st Century Tools at Spring View

With the support of the Ocean View School District and the Spring View PTSO, our middle school is blessed with a six-fold increase in the number of Chomebooks available to our students and teachers since last year. I am pleased to report that many of our Spring View teachers are taking a leap of faith and integrating technology to a much greater degree into their classrooms, projects and activities. In doing so, our teachers are increasing the level of rigor required to complete a given assignment, as well as supporting the 21st century skills that will be required of our students in order to be successful as they enter college or technical schools and look ahead to their future careers.



Sun View *Elementary*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Hats Off to Reading

In March, the Sun View Elementary School students enjoyed a great night filled with reading and crafts to help celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The evening was led by Girl Scout Stephanie Chun with the support of a group called Teaching, Helping, Inspiring, and Nurturing Kids (THINK). Students had fun visiting different stations, which offered the opportunity to enjoy listening to Dr. Seuss books read aloud, writing about Dr. Seuss and other stories, and making their very own Dr. Seuss hats and characters. Parents received insightful tips about the impact of having children read every day, reading with their children, and making reading fun for children. Students were very appreciative of the free books and bookmarks they received at the end of the evening. Celebrating reading with friends was a wonderful way to spend the evening!



Star View *Elementary*

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Jamie Goodwyn
Principal

Anaheim Ducks' Power Play!

Star View students came back from spring break to a wonderful surprise! The Anaheim Ducks' Power Play Project revealed amazing donations to the students of Star View. During spring break, 125 volunteers installed a street-hockey rink, a beautiful garden, new trees and five colorful murals. The students of Star View have been a part of the Ducks SCORE program for five years now. They learn how to play street hockey, the importance of teamwork, positive character traits and effective communication skills. Our school was chosen because our street-hockey program has grown and flourished over the years to the point that students want to play hockey at every recess. Thanks to the Ducks' Power Play Project and the generous donations from the Samuelli family, the owners of the Anaheim Ducks, the students are able to play hockey daily.



Village View *Elementary*

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Julie Alba
Principal

Coming to Village View!

Our Village View third-grade students are enthusiastically preparing for a new musical in June. This hands-on learning experience is allowing students to connect educational content across the disciplines. For instance, the Biome musical engages students in science, language arts and theater arts. In the opening scene, a king snake, elephant, and beetle run onto the stage and scurry around as they attempt to hide from the zookeeper. This unusual trio travels to countless biomes trying to find the right habitat for their species. As the students sing 10 catchy songs, the audience gets to visit a desert, a tide pool, tropical rain forest, grassland, arctic tundra, a pond, and more.



In addition to learning the lyrics of the songs, the students are also exposed to various musical instruments, casting, costuming, sets, staging, and rehearsals. The importance of teamwork and cooperation is also emphasized. Our teachers love watching self-esteem soar as our students prepare for Village View's third annual third-grade musical!

Vista View *Middle School*

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Scott Mooney
Principal

Final Highlights

These past several months have been full of great events and showcases, which has allowed our Vista View students to demonstrate their many talents.

In early March, our drama and advanced band performed in the Ocean View School District's performing arts festival. We also celebrated three winners in the 17th Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest. The awards ceremony, held at Chapman University, gave students the opportunity to meet some of the Holocaust survivors who inspired their work.

Our students also recently celebrated "pi day" with art and comedy, and by reciting pi from memory. Our two bands also performed in a school concert. It was especially impressive to see the progress made by our beginning band musicians.



At the end of the month, student artwork was displayed in a showing at the beautiful Huntington Beach Art Center. For two nights in early May we performed the musical Annie Jr. What a fantastic few months for our students!

Westmont-Lake View *Elementary*

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Susan Broderson
Principal

Students Take to the Stage

This school year, Westmont was one of only four schools in Orange County to receive a grant from Disney Musicals in Schools to put on a production of The Jungle Book. Students from Westmont and Lake View auditioned and were cast in the play. Teaching artists from a performing arts center guided the five teacher directors through the process of developing a stage-ready performance. Twice a week for 17 weeks, the cast rehearsed songs, dances, spoken lines and staging. This took a lot of perseverance and teamwork.

All of this hard work culminated in a fantastic performance. The cast also showcased one of the songs from their play onstage at a beautiful concert hall. Students shared thoughts about their hard work and how performing changed their lives. They thanked Disney Musicals in Schools heartily!

Next year, we'll stage another Disney musical and continue to embrace the power of the arts to transform our students' lives.



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Dr. Marian Kim-Phelps

Clegg Elementary Teacher Captivates Students

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Ms. Michelle Manley, a fourth-grade teacher at Clegg Elementary School, has been named the Westminster School District Teacher of the Year. Ms. Manley has been a teacher in the district for 12 years and has had an incredibly positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children. While she is known among her colleagues for her expertise in Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) and educational technology, she is known among her students for making learning fun.

Ms. Manley’s philosophy on teaching and her commitment to her students is eloquently revealed in an excerpt from her application for Teacher of the Year. Here she describes the attributes of an outstanding teacher and, without a doubt, she is describing herself:

“An outstanding teacher embraces a variety of attributes which go beyond the walls of academics. An outstanding teacher is a team player; one that can easily collaborate with grade-level teams as well as participate in vertical collaboration. The teacher is reliable, approachable, and willing to go beyond the requirements to help her students, team, and school. An outstanding teacher gives her everything to her class: her time, energy, money, love, patience, knowledge, joy, excitement, passion, and love of learning. She encourages those who feel hopeless and drives those who are determined to

push themselves. She celebrates both big and small successes with students’ achievements. She makes learning fun and exciting and encourages students to think outside the box. She is optimistic and can transform the ordinary into extraordinary.

Ms. Manley exhibits all of the attributes she mentions that are necessary to be an outstanding teacher. She is beloved by students, staff, and parents, who not only think of her as an exceptional teacher but as a role model, team player, and mentor as well.

We are very proud to have Ms. Manley represent the Westminster School District in the Orange County competition for Teacher of the Year, and we are also proud of the Teachers of the Year who represent each one of our school sites. Congratulations, Ms. Manley and all of our exemplary Teachers of the Year!

2016 School Site Teachers Of The Year

Anderson, Erika Bradley
Clegg, Michelle Manley
DeMille, Linda Griffith
Eastwood, Keturah Prom
Finley, Stephanie Perry
Fryberger, Amy St. Clair
Hayden, Kristen Flores
Johnson, Jason Carey

Meairs, Janae Carratello
Schmitt, Tien Nguyen
Schroeder, Ami Briscoe
Sequoia, Nini Ha
Stacey, Karla Doyle
Warner, Beverly Ziegler
Webber, Cindy Bess
Willmore, Diana Jago



Westminster School District Teacher of the Year, Michelle Manley (center) with her 4th grade class and district staff.

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Jamison Power
President

WSD Saves Taxpayers Over \$5 Million

The Westminster School District has successfully refinanced outstanding general obligation bonds, which will save the district’s property owners nearly \$3 million in taxes. The refunding bonds, totaling \$21.33 million, were originally authorized by 63 percent of voters at the November 2008 election and were used to construct, upgrade, and repair classrooms and school facilities throughout the district. The interest rate on the outstanding bonds from the previous authorization was 4.52 percent. The interest rates for the new bonds will be between 0.38 percent and 3.18 percent, a difference that will save property owners \$2,983,910.

Additionally, the district has successfully refinanced outstanding Certificates of Participation, which will save local taxpayers and property owners another \$2.3 million in taxes. The refunding certificates, totaling \$14.37 million, were originally issued in 2006 and were used to upgrade technology and cafeteria facilities throughout the district.

Supporting the district in the refinancing was Orange County Treasurer Shari L. Freidenrich. “Being the steward of taxpayer dollars for the county and the banker for school districts, I was very pleased with the outcome of the most recent bond refinancing for the Westminster School District. Working closely with the superintendent at Westminster School District and their financial advisor Isom Advisors, we have been able to take advantage of lower, long-term interest rates to refinance existing voter-approved debt at lower rates. The school district has saved over \$5 million in taxpayer dollars in their last two refinancings; that’s a win-win for taxpayers in the Westminster School District.”

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The refinancing of the bonds was authorized by the Board of Trustees at our January 21, 2016 meeting. The Board has always emphasized strong fiscal oversight. In fact, the district’s Local Control Accountability Plan states that we will “ensure fiscal health through investing in today while planning for tomorrow.” We know that our community supports our schools and, as stewards of taxpayer dollars, we felt strongly that this bond refinance was the right thing to do. With interest rates near historic lows, it was the right time to take action and save our community and taxpayers money over the long-term and utilize the savings to serve our students today.

Property owners in the district will see a reduced tax rate on future tax bills over the course of the loans.

Anderson *Elementary (K–6)*

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Kim Breckenridge
Principal

Inspiring Young Authors

By Mitch Snyder, Assistant Principal

The big, bad cat who made friends with the mouse, or the boy who opened a lemonade stand to pay back the \$60,000 he charged to his mother’s credit card – or the pig who was given magic powers by a tree to defeat the evil pig Nivor – are just a few of the creative stories written by our Anderson students. These great tales, and others, were recently brought to life by the Imagination Machine.

The Imagination Machine is a group of performers who visit our schools to act out previously submitted stories written by the school’s students. The performances are filled with laughter, subtle humor, and a genuine respect for our young authors. The message of these assemblies is to inspire young authors to imagine the unimaginable, and then commit it all to paper. Anderson is grateful to the Imagination Machine for celebrating the hard work of our students and talented teachers.



Clegg School

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John Staggs
Principal

Hopeful Hearts

Clegg Elementary School held its second annual Change for Hearts drive in February. Students smiled as they brought in bags of money to donate to a wonderful local charity, Hopeful Hearts. Clegg was able to raise \$2,135!

Clegg also found a local business to match the donations. Together, we presented Hopeful Hearts with checks for \$4,270!

Hopeful Hearts is a nonprofit organization that helps families with children suffering from Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).

They also strive to raise awareness of CHD along with funds for research. They deliver care packages to local hospitals and work directly with leading physicians on research projects.

By giving back, Clegg students build character, learn compassion, and understand the importance of helping others. The classes that raised the most money enjoyed a delicious spaghetti and breadstick feast donated by an Italian restaurant in Huntington Beach.



DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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Shannon Villanueva
Principal

Parenting Partners

On Thursday, March 17, DeMille Elementary School was proud to honor this year's Parenting Partners graduating class. Ten families participated in the eight-week program, which covered topics such as "Creating Confident Kids," "The Discipline Practice for Success," and "Parents Engaged for Academic Success." The classes were facilitated by our very own community liaisons, Janifer Tran and Rosie Zamarron.

At the graduation ceremony, parents shared what they learned as they completed a web activity that demonstrated how we are all connected. The parents expressed that they feel more confident and empowered with their new parenting skills. Each parent received a rose and a certificate to recognize the accomplishment. The celebration concluded with a delicious potluck dinner. Each family brought wonderful dishes to share. It was a truly special evening. Congratulations to our graduates! We are proud of you!



Finley *Elementary (K-5)*

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Maria Gutiérrez-García
Principal

A Seussical Celebration!

Finley School celebrated reading in many different ways during the last week of February into March, Finley's Read Across America Week. The Student Council prepared an entire spirit week dedicated to celebrating Dr. Seuss' contribution to children's literature by selecting a favorite Dr. Seuss title for each day of the week, beginning with Fox in Socks on Monday, with students and staff wearing crazy or mismatched socks. Both the students and staff enjoyed revisiting these classics while dressing up in the designated attire for the given theme for each given day. The Book Fair ran simultaneously throughout the week, and students were able to select a free book for every book purchased.

On Wednesday, students and their entire families crowded into the multipurpose room for Family Literacy Night, wearing pajamas in commemoration of Dr. Seuss' Sleep Book! Fourteen Finley staff members supervised the 200 individuals playing literacy games from the Family Time Reading Fun text by Dr. Linda Clinard in conjunction with the United Way Read Aloud 15 Minutes, Every Child, Every Parent, Every Day National Campaign! There was even a cooking station for children and their parents to practice functional reading to follow a recipe in order to create a healthy snack that they got to enjoy. At the end of the evening, after going through the rotation of literacy games with their family members, each child got to select a new free book to keep.

This was a most successful evening, and it was exciting to witness the fun as well as the friendly competition that emerged while playing games using commonplace objects to promote literacy.

Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Jason Kuncewicki
Principal

Teacher of the Year

Eastwood School is proud to recognize Ms. Keturah Prom as our 2016–2017 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Prom has been in the teaching profession for nine years, and has spent the last four with the Eastwood family.

Ms. Prom is a consummate professional educator. She keeps student learning at the focus of everything she does. Each day she sets out to develop learning experiences that reach all learners. This year she took it upon herself to lead her first-grade team into blended learning experiences using Chromebooks that she helped obtain from the district office.

The use of technology in her classroom has helped students transition as 21st-century learners. Her room environment is warm, inviting, and very rich in writing. It is easy to see why and how her students have become so successful, and why other teachers come to her for support.

Ms. Prom believes that teaching is so important because she "enjoys seeing how much each individual student has blossomed throughout the year." She loves being a part of their lives, where she can help them develop and prosper with a wealth of knowledge and depth of discovery to learning. She believes that as a teacher, it is necessary for her to ensure that students "have fun learning, are creative, and are constantly inquiring about the world around them."

During her free time she likes to travel, hike, watch movies, and spend time with her family and friends. Eastwood students, staff, and families are proud to have Ms. Keturah Prom represent our school as their Teacher of the Year. She is a model of professionalism, dedication, and instructional leadership.

Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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Dr. Dena Kiouses
Principal

Reading and Writing

Fryberger School staff and students continue to focus on literacy, including writing skills. Students have concentrated on deconstruction, construction, and various writing genres. Fifth-graders created QR codes to store and share their electronic portfolios.

While doing all this wonderful work in the classrooms, the school also included our community in a big way. We celebrated literacy with a six-week parent literacy academy and learned how to increase literacy at home in fun and creative ways. Staff members also provided a fun-packed Family Literacy Night. Families played games, learned more about the Accelerated Reader home connections, wrote stories, and made activities for home use. Read Across America was well attended, with families enjoying lunch and reading on the lawn together.

Thanks to the generosity of our student council and PTA, we were able to offer two engaging assemblies for our students, and we invited family members to participate. We celebrated writing with guest author John Archambault. Mr. Archambault shared stories and his inspirations for writing. Students enjoyed learning about the writing process and becoming published. Continuing to shape students' personal writing, the Imagination Machine came to school and focused on elements of writing. Students, parents, and siblings were motivated to write with more detail.

We are continuing our focus on literacy with continued excellent writing instruction and school-wide activities, including the upcoming Poem in Your Pocket. The goal of improving literacy skills has been a collaborative effort between our instructional supports specialists, teachers, classified staff, librarian, and parents, and it has benefited Fryberger students.

Parents, be sure to have your students share their writing with you. You will be impressed!

Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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Mark Murphy
Principal

Teacher of the Year

It is with great pleasure to announce that Hayden School is recognizing Kristen Flores as our Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Flores has been an integral part of the Hayden team for 10 years, and has played a big role in the direction of our school.

She has on numerous occasions gone above and beyond the call of duty to help serve the students and staff of Hayden. Mrs. Flores is an amazing fourth-grade teacher, and has a tremendous passion for teaching. She has earned the respect and admiration of all of her students, parents, and colleagues.

Mrs. Flores has also played a major role in leading the staff instructionally, whether it's representing the school on an adoption committee, or leading professional development in writing or technology. Mrs. Flores' impact can be seen throughout the Hayden campus on a daily basis. Congratulations to Kristen Flores for being Hayden's Teacher of the Year!



Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

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Daniel Owens
Principal

Exploring Creative Outlets

Johnson Middle School prides itself on giving students the opportunity to explore various creative outlets. Students are offered classes in Art, Music, Theater, Robotics, 3-D design, Finance, Health and various other non-core subjects. One of the most popular classes that Johnson Middle School was excited to bring back was the Woodshop. Students who participate in woodshop are allowed to use their own imagination to come up with creative and unique projects. The course introduces students to the basic of design, crafting and safety, but allows

students to explore their creativity to make something meaningful. The teacher, Phil Hunter, supports his students by providing them with the material and skills needed to have a unique experience and walk away with something they can cherish for years to come.



Land School

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Student Services*

A Special Visitor

Last month, Land School was lucky enough to get a very special visit! Officer Joy of the California Highway Patrol spent some time with a few of the preschool Special Day Classes on campus. He reviewed seatbelt and bike safety and showed the students some of his equipment.

The highlight of the visit was the chance for students to sit in a real police car. Students took turns getting behind the wheel of the squad car and pretending to drive. As he drove away at the end of the visit, Officer Joy turned on the sirens, and all the students laughed as they waved good-bye.

The visit was especially meaningful for the students, as they have spent the last two months learning about community helpers using our Open Court curriculum. It was a special experience to watch the students put into practice all they had learned throughout the year.



Meairs *Elementarty (K-5)*

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Kathy Kane
Principal

Read Across America Day

In March, Meairs School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day. We had a special visit from 130 volunteers from a local educational book-publishing company that came to celebrate with us.

The day began with the volunteers sharing books with small groups of students. The field and playground were covered with students and adults enjoying a good book. After the reading activity, our volunteers spread out across the school to work on special projects. A new mural was painted by the lunch benches, a United States map was painted on the playground, our library received a makeover, and flowers, plants and inspirational signs popped up all over campus.

The best part of the day came when the volunteers gifted every student with a backpack full of books! We had a great day. We loved spending the day with so many wonderful people!



Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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Carrie Hernandez
Principal

We are Writers at Schroeder!

Schroeder works very hard to ensure that our students have strong writing skills. The teachers have spent many extra hours learning how to teach writing in the most effective ways. Students write daily in a variety of genres using different skills they are learning in class. During the last two

years students have been incorporating technology into their writing through the use of chromebooks and google documents and slides. Recently we purchased outdoor bulletin boards so that teachers can showcase the skills the students in their grade level are learning. The bulletin boards allow students and parents to see the process of writing, strategies students use for planning and what students are learning! We are very excited to see the growth in our students' writing each and every day!



Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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Orchid Rocha
Principal

Seussical

Our after-school PRIDE program did an outstanding job honoring Dr. Seuss with their amazing "Seussical". Schmitt students participated in singing, performing and dancing to songs that highlighted Dr. Seuss books and themes.

After the show, we all had the opportunity to take a tour of the many creative and crafts projects that featured artistic renditions of favorite Dr. Seuss books as well as social lessons. It was really great to see how the staff and students were able to tie in literature, art, chorus, social skills and kindness into one amazing performance. The hard work and talent of the PRIDE staff and students was definitely impressive.



Sequoia *Elementary (K-6)*

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Michelle Watkins
Principal

Soaring with AVID!

Having built on our already strong foundation, we are excited to say that we will be an AVID Elementary School, K-6. What is AVID? AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is a schoolwide transformation focused on leadership, systems, instruction and culture. AVID will align with our belief of the importance of a rigorous curriculum while promoting college and career readiness. AVID will help prepare all students at Sequoia for success in a global society, and it will provide embedded strategies and opportunities for students throughout the instructional day. We will be offering accelerated courses and enrichment opportunities for K-6 students at Sequoia.

Sequoia is thrilled with the many improvements that have taken place. We take great pride in our accomplishments. An emphasis on teamwork continues to permeate Sequoia Elementary School. We are a place where the community, learning and students are a focus.



Stacey *Middle School*

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Heidi DeBritton
Principal

Engaging in Robotics!

8th graders are excited to be in their new Robotics STEM class for this final trimester. Students have been building robots and programming them to perform certain tasks. Zeke Guerrero, Xavier Nguyen and Micah Norfles were the first to get their robot made and functioning. When asked how they were able to complete this so quickly, the boys responded “Playing with Legos helped and we work really well as a team. We problem solve together.” Their teacher, Mrs. Winemiller reported students are actively engaged and must use problem solving skills to make their robotic function and perform certain tasks. “They love being engineers!”



Webber *Elementary (K-6)*

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Kevin Whitney
Principal

Traveling the World and Beyond

In early April, all of our Webber students in grades two through six traveled to a foreign land. Some even went to the moon!

An IT expert from Google visited Webber to help guide our teachers and students through this virtual reality experience. Our teachers received special training that allowed them to co-lead this “Google Expedition.” Google also repurposed smart phones so that they resembled viewfinders from the 20th century.

The children looked through the viewfinders (which blocks out the surrounding environment) to allow them to have a 3D virtual reality experience. Our second-graders were screaming with excitement as they swam with dolphins and watched a Great White Shark! Ancient Greece was also brought to life for our sixth-graders as they were able to visit ancient ruins. After the fourth-graders visited five different California parks, they had an “aha” moment about California geology.

Join Webber, the 21st-century learning school!



5th graders visit Yellowstone

Warner *Middle School (6-8)*

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Amy Pham Kwon
Principal

Warner's Pal / Leadership

By Jasmine Mohammed, Warner Journalism

Warner Middle School has amazing program in P.A.L and Leadership, teaching students how to help out people in their community. They also show students that Warner wants the best for their students, and they show and teach them how to become stupendous citizens and leaders for others. P.A.L is an acronym for peer assistance leadership, a group who promote important subjects and life skills, including anti-bullying and drug prevention. They host lunchtime drop in's and games. They do presentations in sixth grade science classes, including Tatu. Tatu stands for Teens Against Tobacco Use. Leadership teaches students collaboration with peers. They strive to provide help and fun with others in school.



Willmore *Elementary (K-5)*

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Rob McKane
Principal

Teacher of the Year

I would like to introduce you to Willmore's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year, Diana Jago. Mrs. Jago has lived in Garden Grove since 1957, graduating from Garden Grove High. She worked at Disneyland while attending college, but left to become an international flight attendant. After jet-setting around the globe she then returned to complete her education, earning her teaching credential at Fresno State.

In 1986 she began her teaching career at Meairs Elementary, teaching kindergarten. She transferred to Willmore in 1996 where she has taught first grade, kindergarten, and currently transitional kindergarten. She earned her master's degree in Integrating the Arts at Lesley University, and attended Arts Advantage Summer Institutes to further study the arts. Her students receive arts instruction along with academic lessons.

When asked for a comment about her career, she said, “I have been a teacher for half of my life and it has been time well spent. The students have taught me as much as I have taught them. My life is blessed by all the students who have graced my classroom, and by all who support children in their education.” Congratulations, Mrs. Jago.



Huntington Beach Union High School District

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SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Gregory S. Plutko

Getting Ready for Graduation

Did you hear that hammering noise? Yes, they are starting to assemble the diploma stages for our graduations! The end of each school year is always filled with a special energy and excitement for the celebration of our students, teachers, and families. It brings with it a time to reflect on the amazing accomplishments of our students as they take that last step off of the graduation stage and simultaneously stride into a new life adventure...and their records of achievement highlight their readiness for the journey.

As I reflect on the year and that “readiness for the journey,” I am immediately connected to the high-quality teaching and learning that pours into our classrooms each school day. The role of a diversity of classroom settings is becoming vitally important as we enter a new age of technology and learning. Recently I was able to hear a speech by world-renowned photographer Platon. If you have a moment, I would encourage you to visit his Web site or see one of his thoughtful presentations on YouTube (Platonphoto.com).

Sitting in the audience, I was drawn to his powerful photographic talents. From world leaders to entertainers, his list of portraits was quite impressive. But as much as his visible talent was on display with engaging portraits, it was the words he used to describe our world that moved me to think even more deeply about our classrooms. That motivating evening I was sitting with 28 other teachers and staff members from our district. Although we were too enthralled to even share whispers during his presentation, we all made the same connection to his sage words and the importance of our classrooms.

Platon spoke about our daily world becoming an “echo chamber” of ideas. In other words—and his words were more eloquent—our digital-based society has allowed for people to read or listen to only the opinions and facts they want to hear. If I were to have a particular ideology, then I could arrange to receive only those tweets, subscribe to those Rich Site Summary (RSS) feeds, and even just TiVo those programs that fit my thoughts. He said it was just too easy to live in a silo of thought. Thus, the “echo chamber” is born.

This is where our classrooms must play a pivotal and vital role in the future of our students. The classroom should always represent an environment that is built for a diversity of both thoughts and expressions—a setting for students to challenge that “echo chamber” of what they might be reading or hearing from a single source. As author Carol Dweck describes, the classroom will be their opportunity to resist a fixed mindset and instead build and live in a growth mindset, a definite must to find the success our students will seek on that newly minted path after graduation.

Wishing our entire school community all the very best as we once again prepare for final exams and get ready to honor the age-old tradition of graduation.

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Dr. Duane Dishno
President

HBUHSD Parent University

Back in 2012, the Huntington Beach Union High School District began Parent University in response to requests from parents and community members to provide more and better resources to help parents deal with real-life issues often confronted by their sons and daughters at school and at home. Parent University was established to provide students and their families with additional tools to help them deal effectively with such sensitive and emotional issues as bullying, thoughts of suicide, abuse, drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and other kinds of emotional struggles teens often deal with but have trouble expressing in words.

Our goal is to maintain and offer a program that gives parents information about specific behaviors and emotional issues and to make them aware of available school and community support systems and resources. By providing a wide variety of programs throughout the school year, Parent University is indeed having a positive impact. When we are able to help a parent deal effectively with a difficult circumstance affecting his or her child—one the parent was not certain how to deal with before—then we believe this program is worth the time and resources required to maintain it.

Classes are scheduled on a rotating basis at each of the six comprehensive high schools. Topics offered this school year have included: Teenagers 101, Student Wellness, Executive Skills, Understanding the World of Teenage Boys, Typical or Troubled Teen Behavior, and Parent Empowerment.

A special class last month looked at how statewide marijuana legalization has affected Colorado and what the lessons might be for California. This presentation included discussion about the effect of legal marijuana on the education of youth in Colorado and the economic costs of legalization.

Have you ever looked at your son or daughter and thought, “Who are you and what did you do with my child?” or “Is this normal?” or “Should I be worried about this?” If so, consider attending a Parent University class.

Information regarding the dates, times, and locations of classes is available on the district Web site at www.hbuhd.edu. All classes are free and begin at 6:30 p.m.



Kyle Bui
Student Representative

May the Odds Be Ever in Our Favor

As schools in the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) approach the months of April and May, students begin to prepare for a popular event that seems to be trending and also grabs the attention of many other schools.

Friendly competition is always a healthy and enjoyable experience for students. It boosts motivation and enthusiasm for fun school activities. At Fountain Valley High School (FVHS), one of the most well-known and popular events of this type is the Baron Games, named after the mascot. The FVHS Associated Student Body (ASB) prepares this week-long school spirit event.

The school is split into two teams, designated by the school colors—gold and blue. This annual rivalry is a friendly tradition that dates back to 2012, with 2016 marking the fourth anniversary of the fun.

Other schools have begun their own interpretations of this event. At Westminster High School, the Lion Games rally the students. Marina High School hosts the Viking Games. Even schools outside the district have adopted this trend, including Los Alamitos High School and Bolsa Grande High School.

This rivalry and fun helps the student release some tension from their intense academic studies as they approach finals. The fun events help the students to stay focused on their studies and to enjoy themselves, making the kinds of memories that all high school students wish to make.

To all the schools enjoying their own rivalry games, “May the odds be in your favor.”

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Coast *High School*

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Steve Curiel
Principal

Physics Day

I am proud to report that our Coast High School STEAM Team won first- and second-place for “Best Roller Coaster” in the roller coaster competition at our local 2016 Physics Day! There were 18 teams that competed in this event.

In this Roller Coaster competition, future engineers gather together to show off their ideas for the next inspiring roller coaster ride. This fun and educational contest definitely puts our students’ understanding of physics to the test. Our Coast STEAM Team enjoyed this hands-on learning experience that focuses on

gravity driven rides and potential and kinetic energy.

The Coast STEAM Team constructed their roller coasters under the guidance of teachers Darla Merrill (science) and Betty Tran (math). They then set them up for the judging. The awards and prizes were issued in various categories, including Best Roller Coaster, Technical Merit, and Most Fun to Ride.

The Coast STEAM Team puts in countless hours on projects like the roller coaster for Physics Day, as well as a solar powered boat for the Southern California Solar Cup competition. These students have demonstrated a phenomenal dedication to their projects, and are recognized for their efforts.



2016 Coast STEAM Team.

Edison *High School*

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Dr. D'Liese Melendrez
Principal

More Than Three Cheers!

By Dr. D'Liese Melendrez, Principal, and Hannah Geddy, Cheer Advisor/Teacher

Edison Varsity Cheer, a team of 16 young Charger women traveled to Orlando, Florida, this year for the first time ever. Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) hosts the most prestigious high school cheerleading competition in the country. This competition consists of a preliminary, a semifinal and a final round of competition over two days. Our Lady Lightning avoided elimination at each round and earned the privilege of coming out of the Magic Castle to the main stage during the final round of competition. Only one other California team has made it to the final round on its first trip out to Florida.



Plagued by injuries and illness, our Chargers persevered and united to bring home a national ranking of ninth in the country. Their grit and courage caught the eye of college recruiters, and the Sunshine State will never be the same since the Green and Gold charged through, shouting, “We are Edison!”



Fountain Valley *High School*

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Dr. Morgan Smith
Principal

Student Safety and Responsibility

Two very important events recently took place at Fountain Valley High School (FVHS): Every 15 Minutes and our Day of Dialogue. Both events serve to enrich our students' classroom experiences and promote a safe and positive school environment. Our very own Janet Marquez, teacher extraordinaire, plans throughout the year to put together student-led, school-wide activities.

Every other year, FVHS partners with the Fountain Valley Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, local agencies, and our PTSA to organize a mock vehicle crash scene called Every 15 Minutes. This two-day program focuses on high school juniors and seniors, challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others. Student leaders on campus represent the roles of driver and victim to perform as real a scenario as possible for the junior and senior students to witness. The message to make safe decisions before and while driving is covered in multiple student assemblies and a parent night for participating students. For a longer look at the staged performance, go to <https://vimeo.com/158782913>.



On April 8, Baron Bridge Builders presented Day of Dialogue, the main focus of which is to enlighten students regarding current issues. This event provides an opportunity for students to express their perspectives in a respectable manner. Topics such as teen dating, personal identity, equality, positive relationships, bullying, and drug abuse are explored in depth to promote awareness.

Huntington Beach *Adult School*

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Steve Curiel
Principal

2016 Lifelong Learners

Adult Education students achieve tremendous growth in learning while facing various personal obstacles. Instructors recognize these students for their dedication, their willingness to be selfless in class, and their commitment to using their new skills to help better the lives of those around them. These are the students we have selected as Lifelong Learners for the 2016.

Angelica Reyes—English as a Second Language
Angie was only able to complete elementary school in Mexico due to the economic conditions she lived in. She started working full time when she was 13 years old in the Mexican agricultural sector to help contribute financially to her family's needs. One year after Angelica moved to the U.S., she decided to enroll into an adult school to improve her English, despite her busy schedule juggling two jobs. Angelica is motivated to learn English and complete her General Education Development (GED) diploma so that she can help her daughter with her homework.

Roberto Ruiz —Adult High School Diploma

Robert is the oldest of eight children. Today he is married with three children and managing a family while he goes to school. He instills in them that there is always a way to accomplish goals, and he encourages them to aim high in education, work, and sports. He now shares and discusses his academic work with his children. When asked what was the most important aspect about having his diploma, Roberto replied that he would have the satisfaction of knowing that he could go back after more than 20 years to achieve one of the biggest accomplishments of his life.

Tina Olguin—Pharmacy Technician Program

Tina rebooted her educational journey 14 years after what should have been her high school graduation. Life happened. But in 2007, Tina still wanted that education, so she faced the challenge head on by returning to school and earning her GED through the Huntington Beach Adult School. She later went on to enroll in the pharmacy technician program. She completed the program with perfect attendance and earned a place on our honor roll. She is now a certified and registered pharmacy technician who works at a pharmacy in Huntington Beach.

Marina *High School*

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Dr. Jessie Marion
Principal

Academic WorldQuest Champions

Marina High School sent two teams to compete in the Orange County Academic WorldQuest competition in late February.

Academic WorldQuest is a program of the World Affairs Council of America. It is designed to test our high school students' knowledge of global issues and global policy. Amazingly, Marina's teams placed first and second in this rigorous competition!

Coached by social science teacher Earl Ziemann, our two teams began meeting and preparing for the competition in September. The students were self-motivated. They met every week, even during their weekends and break times, to study the vast amount of material that was required for the competition.

In order to handle the large volumes of information and reading, the students divided the topics among themselves so that they'd each become an expert in their area and could teach the other. At the contest, the students collaborated to answer questions and earn points during the several rounds of competition.

When asked, the students said that going through this process taught them



In April, our first place team members, Catherine Le, Robert Koepp, Colin Hines, and Philip Phan, will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete against other schools at the national level.

trust, helped with both the individual and team work, and gave everyone the skills they needed to analyze information and think critically.

At the end of the competition, the second-place team – which included Joseph Nguyen, Jasmine Le, Catthi Ly, and Vanessa Le – were only points behind the first-place team. Congratulations to all of the outstanding students who participated in this event, and good luck to our team at the Nationals!

Huntington Beach *High School*

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Daniel Morris
Principal

Oiler Athletics Goes National!

Congratulations are in order to Coach Pazanti and the HBHS Oiler Boy's Volleyball team for breaking the national consecutive win streak for boys' volleyball.

The team was able to break the record of 113 wins, and have pushed the streak to 120 straight wins at press time. The current streak started in 2013, and involves many alumni players who consistently root on our 2016 Oilers. Keep it going,

boys!

On the East Coast, the Oiler Baseball team proved dominant in the National High School Invitational in Cary, North Carolina. The Oilers won four straight, and beat SoCal rivals Chaminade Prep of Canoga Park 7-2 in the final game of the tournament. Sophomore Nate Madole pitched 6 2/3 innings in the championship game to secure the win. Hagen Danner and Chad Minato earned all-tournament honors to help the Oilers.

Not to be outdone on the left coast, the girls' softball team were champions of the prestigious Arroyo Grande Tournament in Pismo that occurred over spring break! The Oiler girls finished the tournament with a 10-1 victory over Buchanan of Clovis, California. Ivy Davis, Chance Burden, and Anna Kufta were named to the all-tournament team, and Allie Bunker earned MVP. The Lady Oilers went 4-0 outscoring teams 46-6.

Also to be congratulated is Cassie Durgy! Cassie placed first at the UCLA Legends Invitational. Additionally, she was also able to break her own "true mile" record with a time of 4:52, besting her previous record of 4:55.

Oiler athletes have a lot to be proud of, and their accomplishments speak for themselves. Go, Oilers!



Ocean View *High School*

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Dr. Courtney Robinson
Principal

Robotics Success

Our Ocean View High School robotics team has much to be proud of!

The team has put in a lot of time and energy to make this year a big success. The entire club, along with mentors and a faculty advisor, have all been working together to help create an amazing STEAM experience for everyone involved.

The team competed in two competitions this year. The first one was the Los Angeles Regional, and the last was the Orange County Regional, with both taking place in March. At the Orange County Regional, our team was selected by another team that

had placed in the top eight to join them for the finals. Our team made it to the quarterfinals, which is the farthest that Ocean View has ever advanced in robotics!

What was an even bigger win for our team this year was the great community outreach that they developed. Our robotics team could be seen in various city and neighborhood events showing the younger students all the wonderful things they could do in the STEAM field. The robotics team also invited the Oak View Elementary students to our campus to have them



Ocean View High School's Robotics Team working with Oak View Elementary Students.

participate in activities related to robotics and STEAM.

Our students organized the entire activity on their own time. It was incredible to see how they interacted with the elementary students. The Oak View students had a great time. They even learned how to make the best paper airplane that flew the furthest! Congratulations, Ocean View, on a season of Seahawk wins.

Valley Vista *High School*

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Kerry Clitheroe
Principal

A Successful Experiment

Valley Vista High School's new biology teacher, Jason Mintzer, uses interactive, inquiry-based experiments to support understanding of complex science concepts. At the start of the genetics unit—teaching dominant and recessive genes—small student groups made growing containers from plastic water bottles and planted both standard and purple-stem Wisconsin fast-plant seeds. They then determined the evaluation data they needed to collect and consistently collected and recorded it daily.

Mr. Mintzer was excited about his students' responses. "Most of my students had never had the experience of planting a seed and watching it grow, and didn't understand that soil, light and water are needed to make it grow," he said.



Student demonstrating pollination



Mr. Mintzer with student

Our woodshop classes built special boxes to vary and control the amount of light. After the plants developed mature flowers, the students used "bee sticks"—dried bees glued to toothpicks—to cross-pollinate the two plant types. The results: the purple-stem plants were dominant; their seeds will be harvested and replanted.

"I really liked doing this experiment because I felt I learned a lot more than I would have by just reading a textbook, and I remembered what I learned better," said Juan, a student.

A sometimes daunting science concept was presented in an engaging way and thoroughly understood by students, who were able to employ alternative learning styles and use critical-thinking skills, communication skills, group decision making and teamwork, rigorous recordkeeping and written evaluation. Our woodshop class was involved, and environmentally responsible behavior was inspired by reusing plastic containers. Overall, a very successful experiment!

Westminster *High School*

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Joe Fraser
Principal

Westminster High's OCAD Team Strikes Again

2016 marks Westminster High School's tenth consecutive trip to the California State Competition for Academic Decathlon. For the third year in a row, this has been the Team-That-Came-Together-In-December.

As a bit of history, Westminster has effectively alternated between first and third overall in Orange County for the past ten years; this year was an anomaly: we placed fourth at the County competition in February. Still, the team did well enough to receive an invitation to the State Championships. We would be entering as Division III, which was based upon overall scores. Westminster held the 44th highest score in all of California.

This left us with fewer than four weeks to prep for a much more severe competition, the coaching staff—Daina Anderson, Pat Angus, Eric Brothwell, Cindy Donovan, Sue Harmon, Cindy Donovan, Elaine Lanz, Chris Morton, Teresa Strombotne, along with faculty emeritus Carol Sebastian and toastmaster Vickie Adams—kept pushing the same mantra to the students: you can win first. If you believe you can win it, we can win it.

The following students helped bring home the GOLD!

10th Grade: Nina Ho, Jeffrey Sau

11th Grade: Peter (Minh) Dang, Christin Le, Van Truong, Javier Cruz

12th Grade Katherine Ly, Reyna Santana

We started fourth in Division III. When the dust settled, here's what the students earned:

Five gold medals: Christin Le, Art; Javier Cruz, Art; Javier Cruz, Economics; Javier Cruz, Mathematics; Peter Dang, Best of Team

Three silver medals: Nina Ho, Art; Reyna Santana, Language & Literature; Nina Ho, Science

Three bronze medals: Van Truong, Art; Katherine Ly, Economics; Javier Cruz, Social Science

Congratulations to all of the Westminster High OCAD team and their coaches. We are so proud of your accomplishments and the legacy that you will leave behind for future Lions.

It's a PRIDE thing...

Spring Calendar!



Mary Ann Hutton
Branch Manager

We have lots of spring activities for children! Story time for youngsters continues Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with stories, music, dance and crafts. We have Kids' Monday Movie Matinees on May 7 and June 4 starting at 3:30 p.m. and our Teen-Approved Movies on May 7 and June 4, starting at 2:15 p.m. Homework Help continues on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. for K-8 students, with teen volunteers assisting children with their homework. The program ends for the school year on June 8. Teens interested in volunteering with this program can contact the library.



Children practice reading with a therapy dog on May 21 and June 18 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. during our BARK program. Children's craft will be available June 7 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Teens 16 and older needing community-service hours for graduation requirements, honor society or college preparation can participate in our shelving program by picking up an application. The Teen Activities Board for ages 13 to 17 will meet May 13 and June 10 to plan programs and help the library while earning community service hours. Volunteers 13 to 17 are needed to assist with the Summer Reading Program. Orientation is mandatory—two dates are offered: June 11 at 11 a.m. and June 14 at 6 p.m. Bring your application and availability before May 31 sign up for shifts.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore sells gently used books for all reading interests, including children's fiction and nonfiction. All proceeds help pay for programs and materials.

Our ever-popular Summer Reading Program for children is coming up June 20 through July with new features and capabilities. We plan a variety of programs throughout the summer—stay tuned for the next School News Roll Call!

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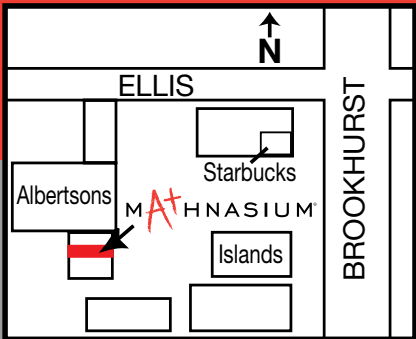
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Barbara Richardson
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Want to win a “Kindle Fire for Kids,” plus a 32 GB memory card? Register your children in our online reading program called Beanstack! Just go to hbpl.org and click on the “Beanstack” banner. All children registered by June 10 will be automatically entered for a chance to win.

Beanstack is a year-round reading program where children ages 5 and under can keep track of the books they read or listen to. Children ages 6–12 can also keep track of the minutes they spend reading or listening to stories. They can earn digital badges and reading rewards throughout the year.

The best part of all is that every child registered in Beanstack will be automatically registered for our summer, fall, and spring reading programs with the click of a button. Beanstack also offers

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Ships Word Search Contest

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Congratulations to Daniel Lopez
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Cathy S. DeLeon
Regional Branch
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Our library has a full schedule for the season. Book Babies is every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Get started early with songs, dance, play and books! It's recommended for children up to 2 years old.

Help encourage early literacy skills in your children with stories, songs and a craft. Preschool Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., and Family Storytime is every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime is recommended for children 2 to 4 years old, and Family Storytime is for all ages. There will be a Storytime break during the month of June; all regular Storytimes will resume in July.

Learn about STEM principles through fun experiments and activities! Registration is required; come to the library or give us a call to sign up. On May 16 at 3:30 p.m., there will be a Robots group. On June 6 and 13 at 3:30 p.m., youngsters can learn to code.

Homework Help meets every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers are here every week to help students from kindergarten to high school.

If you need volunteer hours for school, church, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, or just to look good on your college application, come to the library for VolunTEENs. You must be at least 12 years old to volunteer.

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

We have many other programs for young children and teens throughout the year. Please come to the library for a full calendar or check our website. Library events are always free!

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True Friends Stick Together



Keira

I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906
By Lauren Tarshis

The I Survived books are a *New York Times* best seller series. I loved this book about Leo, Morris and Wilkie, the main characters who lived through a disastrous earthquake in San Francisco. Wilkie and Fletch are two bullies who torment Leo, but when Wilkie gets buried under a pile of bricks, Leo and his friend Morris realize nobody deserves to die, and they save the bully Wilkie. When Wilkie finds out his supposed “friend” Fletch leaves him to die, he becomes friends with Leo and Morris who saved him.



This book is about how true friends always stick together no matter what. In difficult times is when you find out who your friends really are. I found this book to be really interesting. I give it 5 out of 5 apples!

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

Magical!



Lucy Davis

The Land of Stories – Beyond the Kingdoms
Author: Chris Colfer

The Masked man uses a portal potion to jump from story to story to recruit a powerful army of the worst fairytale villains!

Alex has been un-godmothered, so she and Conner are in trouble. No one believes her except Mother Goose. Conner, Alex and Mother Goose along with a few other friends they make along the way, follow the Masked Man through some of literature’s most loved fairytales. Meanwhile, Bree discovers a family secret that you just won’t believe.



The author delivers another MAGICAL book, while using different fairytales than the first three books of the Land of Stories series. The book jumps back and forth from one setting to another so you must pay attention to what’s happening. For those that haven’t read the first three, I encourage you to do so before reading this book.

Another five bookworms out of five, it’s a brilliant read!

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

A Page-Turner



Isabella A.

Flexible Wings is Veda Stamps’ first full-length novel. The main character, Summer, wants to be on a swim team, but her parents are in the military and move around often.



When she’s finally on a team, she doubts if she wants to participate. To make matters worse, her mom is deployed! Dad says that Grandma would come while Summer’s mom is gone. Soon, Summer makes new friends, but fights with her younger sister, Emiko. To make up she throws a surprise party! But the party becomes a disaster when Emiko is unable to breath because of a bee sting. Emiko does get better. Phew! The family survived this disaster, but will they survive what lies ahead-without their mom!

I give this book 5 stars, because every page has an extraordinary family, events, details and tragedies. This book is definitely a page-turner and will keep you reading until the end!

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

Backyard Garden



Kate Karp

The idea of sustainability coupled with eating a healthy diet has been gaining steady momentum in communities across the country. The concept is becoming part of the curriculum of an increasing number of elementary schools. Community gardens and rooftop beekeeping have been established in cities, and it’s not uncommon to find classes and entire schools planting gardens on campus.

Earthworm Ensemble, a group of family musicians, integrates this lifestyle into their new collection, *Backyard Garden*. The CD is a sprightly collection of country-rock tunes with a narrative of growth for both plants and youngsters.

Everything our planet needs has a tribute on the CD, be it ladybugs, wind and compost or compassion and responsibility. The title tune expresses the joy of growing, harvesting, cooking and eating and getting dirty in the process. “Bees Make Honey” arranges strings and lyrics to create a worthy hymn to the busy workers and also includes essential vocabulary for young people: *cross-pollination, drone, worker bees*. “Chicken Coop” informs listeners that backyard chickens are free range and quite content, and it would be lovely if all poultry were raised this way. “Reduce Reuse Recycle” turns an omnipresent motto into a steel-guitar-embroidered song of hope for the planet and its young residents.

Summer’s is almost here, and it’s time to tend the garden, whether it’s a rural, suburban or urban one. *Backyard Garden* is a brisk and bouncy accompaniment to a favorable combination of Mother Nature and human nature.



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



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Take Time to Thank a Teacher



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

When I remember my fourth-grade teacher, I see a woman with strawberry-blond hair wearing a prim dress. In my mind, she bears a close resemblance to the character Ethel Mertz from “I Love Lucy.”

But Mrs. Crane’s class was no sitcom. She was strict and task-oriented, and her students learned quickly that acting out would not be tolerated. At first we feared her. As time wore on, we feared disappointing her.

With May designated as National Teacher Appreciation Month, it’s a fitting time to celebrate all the educators who inspire and support students, and who drive learning forward by nurturing their aspirations as well as their aptitudes. It’s important, too, to recognize those who have shaped our own lives. This column is about one in particular.

Mrs. Crane might seem an unusual nominee for favorite teacher. By today’s standards, she wouldn’t be perceived as especially warm or affable. But she showed love in other ways, teaching us with patience and holding us to the highest of expectations, no matter our socioeconomic backgrounds. And when she did flash a smile or send a compliment in your direction, it was currency.

By the time I reached the fourth grade at Eastman Elementary School in Los Angeles, my family had moved many times, and I honestly wasn’t sure if I liked school. But something changed in that portable classroom building out on the Eastman blacktop, where many of us trekked from a nearby housing project.

Not once did Mrs. Crane express pity or make us feel like we were less than capable. Investing whatever time was necessary, she guided the class through the fundamentals of reading, teaching us to attack words with passion and vigor. We were going to spell these new words, pronounce them correctly and read them in context, and that was that.

Her patience and persistence solidified my ability to read that year, but her impact on my life goes much deeper. Mrs. Crane helped instill a love of learning, and her work opened my mind to receive inspiration from other great educators. That long list includes Mr. Massey, a gregarious junior high school social science teacher who acted out the parts of historical figures, and Mr. Purcell, a 10th-grade biology teacher who saw potential and encouraged me to pursue college.

Very recently, I was having a conversation about favorite teachers, and I was asked if I ever returned to Mrs. Crane as an adult to tell her of the profound impact she’s had on my life. Sadly, the answer is no. Sometime after transitioning grade levels and changing schools, I lost track of my fourth-grade teacher.

In this month dedicated to honoring teachers, I hope you will learn from my missed opportunity. Tell your favorite teachers — and your children’s favorite teachers — how much they mean to you. And to Mrs. Crane, and all of the Mrs. Cranes out there who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in the lives of children, holding them to nothing short of the highest standards, let me take this moment to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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

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

Middle School

6th - Come October, we will have more 8th graders than any other age. The jump from the friendly confines of an elementary classroom to having more than one teacher leaves many preteens shell-shocked. Most of our sixth graders are overwhelmed with the amount of math covered, and lack the study skills for the transition to middle school. If your student has struggled with any area during elementary school, these deficiencies will become amplified in middle school.

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

High School

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

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

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

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