

# School News

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## The 19th Annual District Art Show



The 19th Annual District Art Show celebrated visual and performing arts from across the Fountain Valley School District's ten schools and preschools. Families enjoyed a fantastic display of student art in addition to performances by our Middle School Choirs and interactive art stations.



## SUPERINTENDENT

### All Ten FVSD Schools and District recognized by State of CA for innovative learning strategies during pandemic



**Dr. Katherine Stopp**  
Superintendent

All ten schools in the Fountain Valley School District have been named winners of the California Pivotal Practice (CAAP) Award! In addition, the District received the district level CAAP Award. Presented by the State of California in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, the CAAP Award celebrates schools and districts that have implemented innovative practices during the 2020-21 school year.

Pandemic-era disruptions made it difficult last year for the state to collect consistent assessment data, which has served as the basis for the Distinguished Schools program. Working with partners in the education community, the California Department of Education created the CAPP Award to specifically honor schools and districts that designed and implemented unique learning opportunities and strategies during and after distance learning. Across the state, only 727 schools and 121 of approximately 1000 school districts were honored for their

demonstrated efforts to support students in four target areas: student engagement, distribution of technology, nutrition services and social emotional well-being of students.

The District and all ten FVSD schools, including: Courreges Elementary, Cox Elementary, Fulton Middle, Gisler Elementary, Masuda Middle, Newland Elementary, Oka Elementary, Plavan Elementary, Talbert Middle and Tamura Elementary, highlighted efforts to close achievement gaps despite the challenges of the pandemic, in their applications.

We are extremely proud of our teachers, administrators and staff for the unprecedented efforts they put forth throughout the pandemic. It is because of their commitment that our students remained connected and engaged, devices were put in the hands of students, meals were provided and there was support for the social and emotional well-being of our students and families. We are grateful to our teachers, administrators, staff and families for working together during the most challenging of times!

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## Savoring Seeing Smiling Faces Once Again

*By Jeanne Galindo, Board Clerk*

Over the last two years, Fountain Valley School District has missed the opportunities to celebrate our students, parents, and staff as we've done in years past. As COVID-19 guidance has been updated, we've slowly re-engaged in the recognition of FVSD family members once more.

Beginning in February/March, the Board of Trustees resumed our practice of honoring students for outstanding achievement. We welcomed awardees back into the Boardroom. Each student stood before the adoring crowd as their teacher(s) shared stories and gave compliments commending their outstanding efforts and character. Parents, grandparents, and even siblings, looked on with pride.

With the choice to unmask, we saw many faces of our children, which warmed our hearts. I have truly missed seeing faces, so meeting face to face for these events has been uplifting. We are truly blessed to have so many exemplary students, and it has been an honor to celebrate them in person.

On May 24th we will open our doors once more to celebrate outstanding teachers from across our district. The Teachers of the Year and their families enjoy a wonderful breakfast and listen to each principal share the exemplary work of these dedicated and passionate educators. We thank the Fountain Valley Rotary for graciously hosting the event each year.

I am savoring our ability to bring people together again, and to see the smiles of so many.



**Members of the FVSD Board of Trustees with recently recognized students from Fulton Middle School. The Board has been honored to have the opportunity to celebrate students in person once again.**





**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



We are very excited about our new publication layout and hope you are too. After combining Fountain Valley/Ocean View/Westminster School Districts in one publication for 18 years this is the first issue with each having their own publication.

Dr. Stopp begins this issue on page 2 with her message of schools being honored for their innovative practices.

We have included word search contests on pages 11 & 19 (all ages may enter). On pages 18 & 19 are our popular student book reviews.

Our next issue is June 8.



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May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and it's around the time you start seeing running noses and itchy eyes. But is it a cold or allergies? Here are some tips to figure it out:

- Check the mucus, allergies tend to be thin and clear. Colds tend to be yellow or green and thick.
- Allergies tend to come on suddenly when your child is exposed to a trigger and lasts a while. Cold symptoms often start gradually and are done within two weeks.
- Typically, a fever won't be present in allergies, but colds come with a low-grade fever.
- If your child has watery or itchy eyes, it might be an allergic reaction. Watery and itchy eyes aren't usually a cold symptom.

The symptoms and severity of allergies varies in children. Ranging from minor irritation to anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

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# Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Chris Christensen**  
*Principal*

## Honoring Rathana You!

Courreges Elementary School is proud to select Rathana You as our 2022 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. You has been a dedicated employee at Courreges for many years and currently works as an SDC instructional aide in Mary Jo Davis' K-2 SDC classroom.

Ms. You is a dependable, knowledgeable, caring and integral member of the Courreges staff. She is always willing to jump in where she is needed and goes above and beyond her regular daily duties.

She collaborates well with staff members and assists all children to achieve and enhance their success at school.

Ms. You is a huge asset to the special education community and also to the entire Courreges family. She has a wonderful rapport with students both inside and outside the classroom because she is kind, loving, fun, caring and, most importantly, supportive of the students in her care. She is quickly able to notice the needs of each student and serves each one of them with their individual needs in mind.

Ms. You is truly a naturally gifted, caring and dedicated instructional aide, and Courreges is honored to select her as our 2022 Classified Employee of the Year.



**Rathana, with Ms. Davis and K-2 her students.**

**Be sure to enter our Word Search Contests  
on pages 11 & 19 (all ages may enter).**



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

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**Cara Robinson**  
*Principal*

## Lunch on the Lawn

Cox Elementary hosted our first Lunch on the Lawn event. We had hundreds of family members show up during lunchtime to eat lunch with their children. Lunch on the Lawn is an annual event that we will continue to bring back to support the home-to-school connection! It was a great day of music, games, and families enjoying one of our first unrestricted outside events this year without the COVID-19 restrictions of the recent past!







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**Erin Bains**  
Principal



**Julie Gonzales**  
Assistant Principal

## A Special Night

Fulton Middle School was ecstatically happy to welcome its families, friends, and community members onto campus for our 2022 Open House. The night was filled with performances, family bonding, celebrations of student achievement, and best of all, togetherness.

Due to the constraints of COVID, our beloved in-person Open House events have been canceled for the past two years, but we certainly came back with a bang! There was a buzz of excitement on campus over the



opportunity to open our doors to visitors and show off all of our noteworthy accomplishments of the year.

The night was kicked off with tasty treats and food, visits to the book fair, and a special welcome performance by our cheerleaders. Parents then had the chance to tour their children's classes and get a first-hand glimpse into the daily learning that is going on here at Fulton. The students were beaming with pride as they shared writing portfolios, math projects, science models, and so much more!

What a special night of bonding with our families and community. We are glad the tradition lives on!





# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Teri Malpass**  
*Principal*

## Celebrations at Gisler!

A BIG congratulations to Michelle Trillo and Linda Folger for their recent recognitions at Gisler!

Michelle Trillo, Gisler teacher, was honored for Certificated Employee of the Year and Linda Folger, Office Manager, was honored for Classified Employee of the Year!

Michelle Trillo was recognized for her passion, energy, patience and dedication to each individual student in her classroom as well as for the strong relationships she has built with families and the Gisler staff.

Linda Folger was recognized for always going above and beyond for every staff member, student and community member while doing this all with a smile, positive attitude and calm demeanor! This honor and recognition is a wonderful way to celebrate Mrs. Folger as she is beginning retirement at the end of this school year!

Gisler is proud of Michelle Trillo and Linda Folger! We are lucky to have both of them at Gisler!



**Gisler celebrates... Linda Folger, Classified Employee of the Year and Michelle Trillo, Certificated Employee of the Year!**

## Novelist –Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put Fountain Valley in the subject line.

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**Winners of our March Word Search Contest!**





# Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6–8)*

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**Jennifer Morgan**  
Principal



**Matt Ploski**  
Assistant Principal

## **Masuda Rocks the Court!**

Masuda Middle School was proud to host the Fountain Valley School District's Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, April 6th, 2022. The tournament featured athletes from all three FVSD middle schools, Fulton, Masuda, and Talbert, as well as Mariners Christian

School. The action on the courts was as hot as the weather and our Masuda athletes were able to secure 2nd place in both the boy's and girl's categories. The event was well attended by both Masuda families and students, as well as family members of athletes from all four schools. Besides showcasing our athletic abilities, Masuda's cheerleaders and band were also there to make the day that much more special. Congratulations to all participants, the coaches, and especially to Mrs. Ayalde, Masuda's ASB Director, and her amazing ASB students, without whose hard work and dedication the event could not have taken place!





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

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**Christopher Mullin**  
Principal

## **Newland Students Go To Outdoor Science School**

Newland 5th grade students were thrilled that they were able to return to Outdoor Science School. Our 5th graders traveled to our local San Bernardino mountains for a school week long adventure! Outdoor Science School has been a beloved tradition here at Newland. During this week, Newland students learn about botany, geology,

astronomy, ecology, habitats and adaptations, energy and conservation in an outdoor school setting. Students hiked daily including the famed Strawberry peak and a harrowing night hike. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn science while getting to know more about their friends and themselves. They concluded the week with fun and silly skits. Students were raving about the fun and it was a great way for our 5th grade students to enjoy fellow classmates as the year begins to draw to an end. Our 4th grade class is already looking to next year!





# Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Julie Ballesteros**  
*Principal*

## **Oka Wolfpack Jog-a-Thon**

This Spring the Oka Wolfpack held its annual Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser. All Oka students were challenged to “Chase the Rainbow to Bring in the Gold.” The Oka PTO led this fundraiser to support our student’s education and enhance their learning opportunities. Each child participated by fundraising and running laps. Our Jog-a-Thon event was a memorable day where

our students, staff and families came together to enjoy exercise, music and fun in the sun.

Our school’s goal was to raise \$30,000 and together we raised over \$50,000! These funds will provide all students with Meet the Masters Art, Mad Science Programs, John Yeiser Music, Field Trips, STEAM experiences, assemblies, performing arts programs, teacher and classroom supplies and so much more. We are incredibly thankful for the generosity and support from our Oka community. Go Wolfpack!



# Congratulations!



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

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**Dr. Patrick Ham**  
*Principal*

## Annual Open House

Open House is an important event. It provides important information and details for our parents, such as...

- valuable insights into child's relationship dynamics with peers and adults.
- what subjects or projects peaked my child's interest and excitement.
- information about the culture & values prioritized by the school and the classroom
- insight into areas that peek your child's interests.

Plavan Elementary School held our annual Open House event on April 7, 2022. It was terrific to see so many parents and families attend Open House in person this year! Though not a mandatory event, 407 families, took time to participate in this year's event. The energy at Plavan was so positive – and countless parents shared how thrilled they are with their child's educational experiences at Plavan. The student work on display reflected the unwavering commitment of our staff to offer an elite educational experience and the interactions and laughter that evening highlighted the loving and collaborative culture of our school. Thank you, Plavan families for your hard work, dedication, and partnership in making Open House and this school year a huge success!





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

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**Jay Adams**  
*Principal*



**Molly Kuykendall**  
*Assistant Principal*

## **Classified Employee of the Year**

Talbert is proud to honor Mr. Matt Cowper, Instructional Assistant, as our Classified Employee of the Year. Mr. Cowper's peers all state that he is amazing at caring for our Special Education students and just the general student

population as a whole! Matt has a steady, calming effect on all with whom he interacts. He is an asset to his classrooms, and he truly cares about our Talbert students, giving freely of his time to support anyone in need.

We at Talbert are blessed by Mr. Cowper's positivity and student-focus. The entire Talbert community benefits from all that he has to offer and the efforts he extends! We are proud to present him as our Classified Employee of the Year on the basis of his outstanding contributions to the children (and adults) whose lives he touches daily.





# Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Kathy Davis**  
*Principal*

## Walk through the American Revolution

This last week of April, Tamura's 5th grade students had the opportunity to go back in history and experience the Revolutionary War through an immersive reenactment complete with skits, fun facts, humor, drama, and a little bit of competition. The three teams, The Redcoats, The White Tories, and The Blue Rebels, competed for glory through answering questions, acting as important historical figures, as well as

showing the best sportsmanship. The students dressed up in impressive costumes, head to toe, and memorized challenging scripts that they performed in front of their peers and family members. Some students even took on French accents to really emulate famous personalities such as Marquis de Lafayette! There's nothing better than seeing our students excited about the history of their home country. Learning about the Revolutionary War in this fashion allowed our students to see and hear this pivotal story in a creative way, making this history lesson one to remember.



**The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.**

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## Daniel's Review



**Daniel H.**

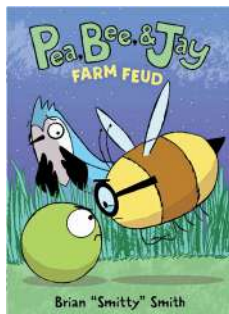
### Best Friends Forever?

Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

Pea (a pea), Bee (a bee), and Jay (a bird) are back in this fourth book of the Pea, Bee, & Jay



series! Pea and Bee are arguing so Jay decides to go find new best friends. Then Pea and Bee try to find new best friends too. At the same time, there is a hungry snake who wants to eat them all! I really liked this funny book with cute characters who are silly and have good hearts. Read this book to find out what happens to them and also to learn the lesson that you should never forget about the friends you have.

Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

## David's Review



**David H.**

### A Tortoise and Love

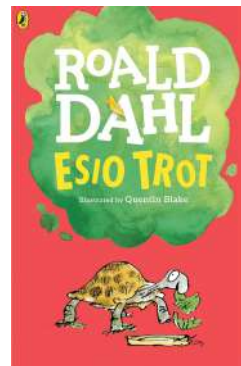
Title: *Esio Trot*

Author: Roald Dahl

*Esio Trot* is about

a very shy man named Mr. Hoppy and the woman he likes, Mrs. Silver. Mrs. Silver loves her

beloved pet tortoise Alfie and will do anything to make him grow. Mr. Hoppy comes up with a clever plan to make Alfie bigger and have Mrs. Silver fall in love with him. Read this book to find out what happens and if his plan works. I liked this story so much that I've read it multiple times! If you like tortoises and a little bit of love, you should definitely read this book.



David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

## Yoona's Review



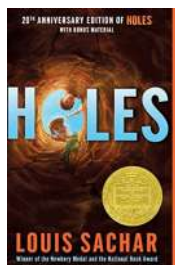
**Yoona C.**

### Holes of Everything

Title: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

This book has lots of themes like friendship and more! The main character of this book is Stanley. He was a 14 year old boy with no friends. He was bullied



at school. He goes to a horrible camp just because he did "something" without any evidence. The horrible thing about the camp is you have to dig very big holes. I mean big. The worst part, it's in the desert. You might think you could just have water to survive, but you have limited amounts of water! Stanley finally gets friends in the camp! He makes deals and has fun with his friends, although some "friends" turn out to be fake. He does get in trouble lots of times in the camp still without evidence. He experienced lots of hardships, but he survived. Yes, the camp was horrible, but there were some good parts! Find out what happens next!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

## Jenna's Review



**Jenna C.**

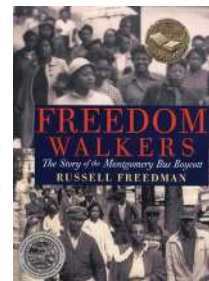
### Boycott of the Century

Title: *Freedom Walkers*

Author: Russell Freedman

The bus. The bus is the place where many Civil right movements have started. Buses are more influential than some books. Could you

believe, back then, MLK didn't know he was going to make one of the most popular speeches throughout history? Did you know John Lewis didn't know he was going to work with a bunch of different races and be treated equally? Did you know Claudette Colvin didn't know she was going to start a bus boycott? These all happened because they didn't know what was going to happen but they did it anyway and most importantly, somehow connected to the bus. I recommend this book to people who want to stand up for what's right.



Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.



Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Who is BOB?

*Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead is a magical fiction about a girl who helps an old friend find home. Olivia (Livy) is 10 years old when she travels to Australia to visit her grandmother she hasn't seen in 5 years. Livy doesn't



remember much from her last visit to grandma's, but when she sees Bob, she has a feeling she may have known him. Bob is a short greenish creature in a chicken suit. He doesn't know who he is. He doesn't remember anything about his family or where he came from. When Livy was 5, she promised she would help him find home. Bob has been waiting in her closet at grandma's house for Livy's return ever since. Livy and Bob become closer friends as they try to unravel the mystery of where Bob came from.

This book is sweet, emotional, and magical with a touch of suspense. I also learned more about friendship from the book. I give this book 5 stars.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

Taegyong's Book Review

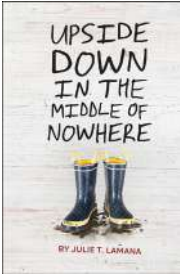


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Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana  
Alex, Betsy, Donna, Elsa, and Fiona. Do you know what these are?



They are not the names of my friends. They are all hurricane's names. This book is about a girl and her family who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where 'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

Armani Curtis is waiting for her 10th birthday. She is very excited for her birthday and looking forward to it. It seems that everything goes well. However, Hurricane Katrina hits her town on her birthday. What will happen to her and her family? Can she go through with this hard time? What do the boots in the book cover mean for her?

This is a realistic fiction story for upper graders. As you read the book, I am sure that you can find yourself cheering for Armani.

Taegyong K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

Curious George Goes to the Zoo—Word Search Contest

**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

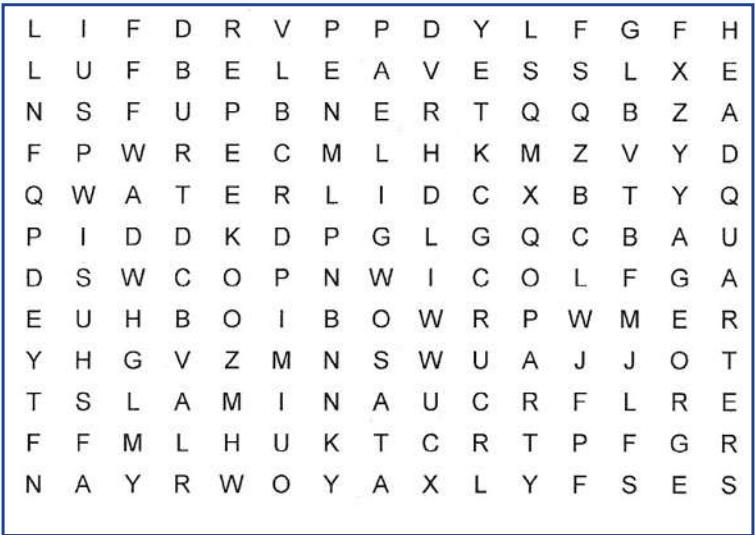
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put Fountain Valley in the subject line)

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## Orange County Department of Education



**Dr. Al Mijares**  
*Superintendent*

After moving to a farm in Westminster, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez sought to enroll their three children at 17th Street School, one of two elementary campuses in the city.

The year was 1943, and the Mendez children and their parents were all American citizens. Still, they were turned away from 17th Street, then known as “the White school,” and directed instead to Hoover

Elementary, designated for students of Mexican heritage.

That set the stage for the groundbreaking case of *Mendez v. Westminster*, which struck down the legal justification for forced school segregation in California and laid the foundation for the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark *Brown v. Board* decision.

While U.S. District Court Judge Paul J. McCormick originally ordered local school districts to end discriminatory practices against students of Mexican descent in February 1946, his ruling was appealed to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It was upheld there a year later — on April 14, 1947, exactly one day before Jackie Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier.

This past April marked the 75th anniversary of the conclusion of the Mendez case, which had profound ramifications that reached far beyond our county’s borders. Yet the case wasn’t widely known in the decades that followed — even in Orange County. That began to change when Sylvia Mendez, one of the children at the heart of the lawsuit initiated by five families, began raising awareness at her mother’s request more than two decades ago.

Since then, the Mendez case has been the subject of news articles, books and documentaries, and it was even commemorated with a U.S. postage stamp. In 2000, the Santa Ana Unified School District opened Gonzalo Felicitas Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School. The Los Angeles Unified School District also named a high school after Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez, who became the subject of a Google Doodle.

The family’s story came full circle in 2019, when the Mendez family was celebrated by the Westminster School District, which changed its marquee to read “In Honor of La Familia Mendez.”

“This is such an honor for my father, Gonzalo, and mother, Felicitas Mendez,” Sylvia Mendez said. “My father grew up here in Westminster, and we fought the case and won it. And after it was won, nobody said, ‘Gracias, Gonzalo.’ But look at the wonderful ‘gracias’ we are getting today from this wonderful school district.”

Westminster High School also dedicated its new learning pavilion in Sylvia Mendez’s honor in 2021. Meanwhile, OCDE, which produced a scripted podcast on the case in 2017, has teamed up with the City of Westminster for the creation of an interactive park and trail to recognize *Mendez v. Westminster* and its legacy. Both public spaces are set to open this year.

The Mendez case may still be less known than other high-profile legal battles, including *Brown v. Board*. But it’s a critically important turning point for our nation, with reverberations that extended into all areas of society where separate-but-equal policies stifled equity for all citizens.

Keep in mind that this case was pursued by five regular families who emptied their bank accounts and spent years of their lives working to guarantee access for generations of students they would never meet. For that, we owe them an extraordinary debt of gratitude, and we owe it to them to remember.

As we mark 75 years since *Mendez v. Westminster*, this anniversary is not simply about acknowledging an historic injustice. It should be celebrated as an affirmation of our shared values, a reference point to measure how far we’ve come, and a reminder that ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they band together behind a just case and put children first

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