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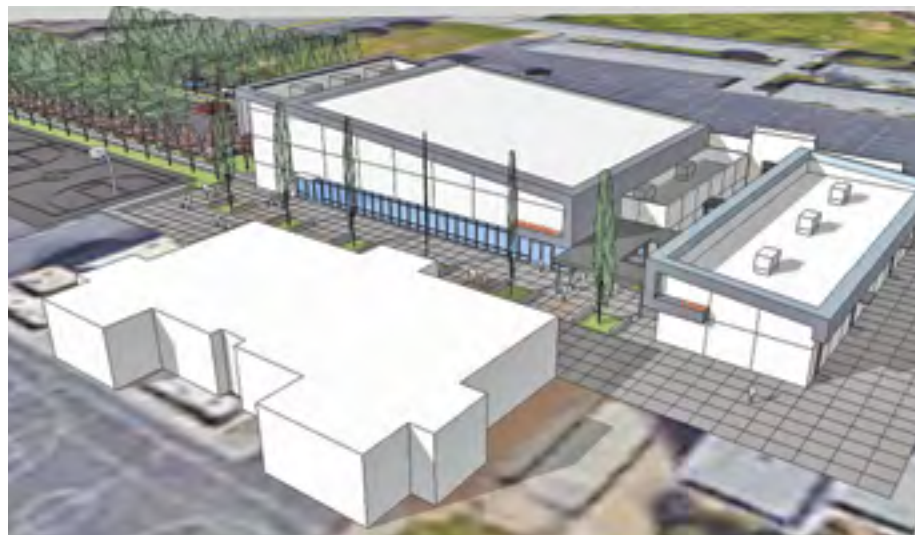


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## Constructing Learners for the 21st Century



By Gregory Haulk, Superintendent – Huntington Beach City School District

Huntington Beach City School District is one of the top performing school districts in Orange County as well as the state of California. Our students perform consistently in the top 10% of students, and our schools continue to receive accolades such as California Distinguished School and California Blue Ribbon School Awards.

This year, there will be many physical changes to the district as the school year begins. Hawes Elementary and Dwyer Middle schools have completed their modernization to 21st Century Classrooms and every room at both sites now have the latest in technology to better engage students and allow students to learn and use many different platforms to showcase their learning. In fall

of 2019 we plan to launch the gym and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lab at Dwyer Middle School. Both of these facilities will be state of the art and allow our students more opportunities for growth.

In addition to revamped learning spaces, all of our sites are in the process of being fenced over the summer to provide a single point of entry during the school day. This decision was made with the help of our District Safety Committee and we have invested a large portion of our budget to help ensure the safety of our students while they are at school.

Huntington Beach City School District continues to educate the whole child as well as make investments and improvements to the physical space of our schools to better the educational experience for all.

## Pedestrian Safety is Everyone's Responsibility



Steve A. Nagel  
Mayor  
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It's hard to believe, but school will be in session again soon! That means one of our most precious resources, our children, will be making their way to and from school at the same time many of us are traveling to and from work. Let's be extra alert and conscientious when driving near schools.

When schools open, the Fountain Valley Police Department will again focus its traffic enforcement efforts to monitor motorists' speed and enforce crosswalk and Crossing Guard violations near school-related intersections. Pedestrian safety in crosswalks depends on recognizing the authority and assigned responsibility of Crossing Guards. According to CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE § 2815 LOCAL REGULATION OF TRAFFIC: Any

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42001.1. Ignoring the presence and direction of a Crossing Guard is illegal and dangerous to our school children and Crossing Guards.

To all safety-conscious motorists, I express my thanks for making our community's kids your top priority. Also, let me compliment and thank all Crossing Guards for the great job they do. Pedestrian safety is not only a Crossing Guard's responsibility, it is also ours! Have a great school year, Fountain Valley!

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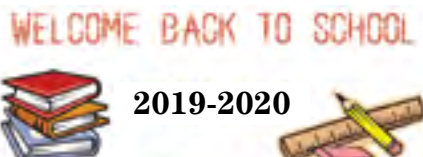
**Kay Coop**  
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Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. We look forward to continuing to publish the excellence from the classrooms.

Thank you for your positive comments when you email your answers to our word search contests. The student book reviews have been well-received and we'll continue to include as many as space permits.

Our next issue is November 6.



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## Mastering Menopause

Menopause is a normal stage of life for women when the ovaries stop making the female hormone, estrogen, which helps control the menstrual cycle. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology, the average age that women go through menopause is 51, but many women begin to skip periods in their 40s. This is a sign of perimenopause, when the amount of estrogen begins to fluctuate and changes in the menstrual cycle start to occur leading to lighter or heavier periods. Menopause is considered a full year without a period indicating the end of a woman's reproductive years. Symptoms of perimenopause and menopause include:

- hot flashes
- sleep problems
- night sweats
- vaginal and urinary tract changes

Hormone replacement therapy can help relieve these symptoms, but it's important to discuss benefits and risks with your doctor. Following menopause, women lose bone density more rapidly, due to lower levels of estrogen. This increases their risk of osteoporosis, which increases the risk of bone fractures.

To stay healthy during and after menopause, these three habits are your best bet:

- Eating a balanced diet with calcium and vitamin D to maintain strong bones
- Getting regular exercise to help slow down bone loss, including weight-bearing activities, such as walking and strength training
- Getting routine health care exams and tests
- Limit stress

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## Is it Just A Stomachache or Something More?



**Roy Nattiv, M.D.,**  
*Pediatric Gastroenterologist,*  
*MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach*

All children at some point experience stomachaches, but recurring stomachaches or ones accompanied by other symptoms may be a sign of something more serious.

Abdominal pain can be caused by a variety of gastrointestinal conditions including inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). IBD is a term used to describe two conditions: Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Ulcerative colitis can cause inflammation and sores along the lining of the large intestine and rectum. While Crohn's disease can affect the entire gastrointestinal tract including mouth, stomach, small and large intestine. Inflammation from Crohn's may often spread deep into adjacent organs.

Nearly 25% of the estimated 1.6 million Americans who suffer from IBD are diagnosed by age 20 and up to 1 in 10 are diagnosed before age 10. Symptoms of IBD include:

- Unexplained weight loss
- Abdominal pain and cramping
- Diarrhea
- Blood in your stool
- Fever and fatigue

There is no known cure for IBD. However, there are a great number of treatments and with proper guidance, IBD can be put into remission - allowing patients to grow and thrive without experiencing symptoms.

### Identifying a More Serious Problem

Stomachaches will usually go away with time. However, if your child experiences frequent or persistent abdominal pain, diarrhea, bloody stool or weight loss then talk to your child's pediatrician about a consultation with a pediatric gastroenterologist, like the ones at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach.

At Miller Children's & Women's, our team of pediatric gastroenterologists are experts in the diagnosis and medical management of IBD.



**Barbara Richardson**  
*Senior Librarian*  
*Programming and Youth Services*

## Teen Volunteer Opportunities and Homework Club

There are many teens can volunteer at the Central Library and earn volunteer credit. Teens might consider joining the monthly Teen Advisory Group. Members help design future programs, pick new books, and help with upcoming projects. New teen volunteers must turn in an application and attend either our monthly Program Assistant Workshop or quarterly Shelving Workshop before they may begin volunteering at HBPL. Current volunteers are not required to reapply or attend.

The Quarterly Shelving workshops cover the basics of shelving in the Children's department. Monthly Program Assistant workshops cover helping with Children's programs, including Lego Club, storytime crafts, and STAR reading. Both workshops will cover Teen Advisory Group membership. To register for a workshop, teens need to go to hbpl.org, click on Events/News and then click on the Teen Volunteer Calendar. More information about the teen volunteer program is available at hbpl.org. Adults interested in supporting the Children's Library can join the Friends of the Children's Library. Membership brochures are available in the Children's Department.

Central Library's Homework and Math Club, and Oak View Library's Homework Club will be starting Sept 16. Central Library's Homework Club and Math Club are held in the Talbert Room Homework Club is for students 1st - 8th grade. It is held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00. Math Club is for students 6th grade - 12th and meets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Oak View Library's Homework Club helps students, kindergarten - 12th grade and is held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Adults interested in being a homework or math helper may contact Melissa Ronning at melissa.ronning@surfcity-hb.org. Those interested in volunteering at Oak View may contact Marina Iturbide at marina.iturbide@surfcity-hb.org.

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Mark Johnson**

Mark Johnson has been the Superintendent in Fountain Valley School District since January 2015. Under his leadership, the Fountain Valley School District successfully passed Measure O, the first general obligation bond passed in the District's history. Phase 2 of this \$63 million bond is being implemented currently and the completion of Phase 1 has dramatically enhanced the teaching environment in our classrooms with improved air quality and air climate through much needed facilities upgrades.

Over the last several years, Dr. Johnson has led numerous change initiatives in education related to improving student outcomes. Some of these changes include: long-term facilities planning, leadership development, educational technology and online learning, Depth and Complexity, Cognitively Guided Instruction, Advanced Placement for All and College and Career Readiness. Prior to becoming a part of the FVSD family, he spent considerable time in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, where he served for 15 years as a middle school teacher, site administrator and most recently as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Dr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a Master of Arts in education administration from National University and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership from the University of Southern California.

Family is a big part of Dr. Johnson's life, and he resides locally with his wife Susan, an elementary school teacher, and three young daughters.

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

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**Dr. Patrick Ham**  
*Principal*

Dr. Patrick Ham has a foundational belief that learning is a lifelong process. He graduated summa cum laude from UCLA in 1999, earned his Master of Science in Education in 2008, and will earn his Doctorate of Educational Leadership in 2019 from CSUF. He has taught elementary and middle school for six years before becoming an administrator in 2009 at Masuda Middle School.

Mr. Ham is bilingual, and lived in Seoul and Incheon, South Korea for the first 8 years of his life. When Dr. Ham is not working, he enjoys coaching his children's basketball teams, learning about real estate, spending time with his wife and four children, following his favorite pro and collegiate teams (Lakers, Dodgers, and UCLA Bruins).

When asked to share about Cox Elementary School, Dr. Ham said: "I love the multicultural diversity and the high academic priority that our staff and community promote here at Cox. Cox community has a long history of working collaboratively and respectfully under an inclusive environment to ensure that all students are motivated to achieve personal growth and academic excellence. We firmly believe that, together with our students, parents and the community, we have and will continue to strive towards the goal of creating the exceptional educational experience for ALL students."

The 2019-2020 school year promises to be another great year of academic excellence, where our staff continues our pursuit of a comprehensive, consistent, and collaborative instructional program for our students. Our signature practices: Balanced Literacy components, Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), Differentiated Instruction/Small Groups, and Thinking Maps: Write from the Beginning & Beyond are implemented collaboratively in our classrooms. Data analysis plays a major role in the instructional decisions we make at our school site.

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Mr. Ian Collins was elected to the Board of Trustees in November 2008 and reelected in 2012 and 2016. He has over 39 years of experience in education, serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis on geography and a Masters of Arts with emphasis in both political science and geography and a lifetime administrative credential.

Ian currently serves on the District's Schools Foundation Executive Board, and has served as a representative on ACE (Action Committee for Education), SPC (Superintendent Parent Council), the District's Safe Schools Task Force, and is a member of the Fountain Valley Rotary Club. He is a member of the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly and serves on the Orange County School Boards Associations Executive Board. In addition, he served on the Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force for more than 10 years and has served as the District's Ad Hoc representative to the City of Huntington Beach. Moreover, he is also a member of the Huntington Beach Assistance League Board. He has completed the rigorous 2-year Masters in Governance program, a continuing professional development course offered through the California School Boards Association. And he has been awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Education Award by the Orange County Department of Education and recognized by the Parent Teacher Association with their Golden Oak Award and Continuing Service Award. He was also honored by the Fountain Valley School District for his volunteerism benefiting all students in the district with the Outstanding Service Award.

Ian and wife Julie recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. They have resided in the Fountain Valley School District for over 50 years. They have three children: Jane, Ian and Jeffrey, all of whom are teachers and attended FVSD schools. In addition, Ian is proud to have seven grandchildren, four that attended Fountain Valley Schools.

## Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Chris Christensen**  
*Principal*

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year, as we open our doors to our recently modernized and air-conditioned school site. Our construction project is complete and we look forward to an exciting and rewarding year educating our students here at Courreges Elementary School.

For those of you new to Courreges, this is my 19th year working as an administrator in the Fountain Valley School District. Prior to Courreges, I served as principal at Fulton Middle School from 2006-2011, principal at Moiola School from 2003-2006, and assistant principal at Masuda Middle School from 2001-2003. Prior to working in the FVSD, I was a middle school instrumental music teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District. I graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a Bachelor's Degree in Business/Economics and earned my Master's and administrative credentials from UC Irvine and National University. I have three children of my own: Brittany, 23; Miranda, 18; and Conner, 16.

I look forward to leading all of our students, teachers and parents through another rigorous and enriched year at Courreges Elementary School.

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

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**Erin Bains**  
*Principal*

Ms. Bains has been an educator for over 20 years. She taught for 11 years at Eastwood Elementary School in the Westminster School District. While there she taught 4th grade, a 1st-3rd grade multi-age class, and 6th grade. She came to Fountain Valley as the Assistant Principal at Masuda Middle School and then became principal at Moiola School before moving to Gisler Elementary School and most recently moved to Fulton Middle School.

Ms. Bains attended college at Loyola Marymount University and received her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction as well as her administrative credential at Cal State University, Fullerton.

She feels very fortunate to be a member of the Fountain Valley School District and to have worked with amazing staffs. She is looking forward to building relationships with the Fulton Community and continue the work of empowering students to reach their greatest potential. Fulton has a strong sense of community with staff and parents working together to do what is best for students.

# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Teri Malpass**  
*Principal*

Teri Malpass is honored to join the FVSD Family as Principal at Gisler Elementary School.

Ms. Malpass began her career as an elementary teacher, working in 1st and 2nd grade at Weaver School in Los Alamitos Unified School District. In 2006, she began her journey as an instructional coach, serving as a math TOSA and 6th and 7th grade math intervention teacher. She provided professional development in the area of Cognitive Guided Instruction (CGI) for the elementary teachers throughout her district. In 2015,

Teri began consulting with additional districts, sharing her knowledge, passion and expertise in CGI. She has provided training and coaching for elementary teachers in Palos Verdes and Fountain Valley School District, as we began the district-wide implementation of CGI.

In 2016, Ms. Malpass became the assistant principal at McGaugh Elementary School in Los Alamitos, working collaboratively with her principal and staff, serving the students, parents and community of Seal Beach. Now, in 2019, Ms. Malpass is thrilled to join the FVSD Family and looks forward to working side-by-side with the staff, families and communities to make a significant difference in the lives of every Gisler Gator.

Ms. Malpass lives in Huntington Beach with her two children, son, Brady and daughter, Blakely. Brady is a senior at Huntington Beach High School where he plays baseball, and Blakely is a junior at Edison and a member of the La Crosse Team. She enjoys cheering them on at their sporting events as well as spending time outdoors with family and friends.

# Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6–8)*

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**Jay Adams**  
*Principal*

My name is Jay Adams and I am so excited to be at the helm as the Masuda Monarchs' Principal! I grew up in Colorado, graduating with my BA from the University of Northern Colorado. I moved to California at 22, began teaching, and then earned my MA from Azusa Pacific University. My favorite part of being a principal is getting to watch students grow and change from “in-betweeners” into confident young men and women. They experience so much transformation from fifth through eighth grades! I especially enjoy working with At-Risk students, developing strategies and plans to help them learn and to keep

them moving on target. One of my main goals is getting each Monarch to internalize our school motto: “Take a Second. Make a Difference.” Values and

making change to better our world are important tenets which I hope to impart to each and every Masuda student!

At home, my name is “mom” to four children—Julian (twenty-one), Isaiah (nineteen), Kaia (sixteen), and Asia (fourteen). We have a busy household including thirteen pets: four rabbits, four cats, and five birds! My favorite activity in my free time (when there is some) is SCUBA diving. I especially like to travel to Catalina Island, where I have dived with the Garibaldi, bat rays, lobsters, sea lions, and even an angel shark! I am also a Tim Burton fanatic! I love Jack Skellington, Beetlejuice, Edward Scissorhands... you name it!

Next time you're in the area, stop by and say hello to me at Masuda. I look forward to meeting you and to working with you to ensure your student's success!

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

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**Christopher Mullin**  
*Principal*

Christopher Mullin has lived in and around Fountain Valley for over 45 years. He attended Moiola Elementary for 9 years and graduated from FVHS. After high school, Mr. Mullin decided to take the road less traveled and worked as a wildland firefighter with CDF and with US Forestry as a backcountry ranger. In time, Mr. Mullin enrolled at Montana State University. Upon completion of his bachelor's in education, he found a job as a fifth-grade teacher at a K–12 school in the small rural town of Three Forks, MT. working there for three years. Eventually he made his way back to the Fountain Valley School District

teaching science and PE. As an administrator, Mr. Mullin worked has worked at both Fulton and Masuda Middle Schools. For the past six years, he has been the principal at Newland Elementary! Newland is a school with a proven record of high academic achievement and one that promotes a learning community characterized by child-centered differentiated instruction. Our staff and students have a history of making educational excellence a habit. The faculty at Newland is dedicated to creating a learning environment where students may achieve to their highest ability. When not at school, Mr. Mullin can be found enjoying time with his wife and children. Free time is often spent fishing from his kayak, going to Angels games, or cooking for family and friends.

## Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Erik Miller**  
*Principal*

Mr. Erik Miller is excited to begin 2019-2020 as principal of Isojiro “Oka” Elementary, starting his ninth year as head of the Wolfpack. He is blessed to be part of the prestigious Fountain Valley School District team and lead an Oka staff that is all about developing a foundation of excellence for kids! People often ask, “what makes Oka different from other great schools?” Because of Oka’s size and personality, teachers are able to get to know their students on a more meaningful and connected level. There is a campus-wide focus on further developing academic scholars, by emphasizing integrity, perseverance, initiative, compassion, and responsibility for each student.

Mr. Miller is proud of the Wolfpack, because they represent the strength of being team-oriented and achieving great things together. Recent highlights of Oka include: rising state test scores; new technology in the hands of students; offering an abundance of before and after school activities for students including art, science, skateboarding, computer coding, music, chess, and Lego

building; as well as successful fundraising results that allow us to directly benefit Oka, by putting more resources into our classrooms and in the hands of teachers and students!

Prior to arriving at Oka, Mr. Miller was a teacher and assistant principal at both the elementary and middle school levels. A few random facts about Mr. Miller include the following: He is a huge Angels fan! His favorite player is Kole Calhoun, because he is willing to dive and get dirty, and really do anything to help his team win. In school, his favorite subject was, and still is math. If Mr. Miller wasn’t a principal, he would probably be a police officer or basketball coach. Away from Oka, his favorite hobbies are playing golf and basketball, as well as going to Anaheim to cheer on the Angels & Ducks. He also enjoys going on adventures with his family. His wife, Kelley, is a teacher, and together, they are parents of three adorable (most of the time) teenagers. All five are pretty involved in their church, and enjoy spending time in Pismo Beach, Mammoth, and anywhere else that offers outdoor fun!

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

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**Julie Ballesteros**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Ballesteros has been an educator for the past 23 years. Julie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Arizona State University. She began her career in education as a reading specialist in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Ballesteros then returned to her home town in California to teach kindergarten and first grade for nine years in the Glendora Unified School District.

Julie continued her education and received a Master of Arts in Educational Administration at Azusa Pacific University. This led her to becoming a Glendora middle school assistant principal for two years. She actually worked at the same school she attended

as a child. This opportunity ignited her passion for educational administration.

Mrs. Ballesteros is now beginning her twelfth year as the proud principal of Plavan Elementary School in the Fountain Valley School District. Julie shared, “I am blessed to work with an incredible staff and community that are truly committed to educating the minds and the hearts of all our students. My experiences in Fountain Valley have helped me grow as an educator and I look forward to learning together again this year.”

When Mrs. Ballesteros is not working she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and son. They currently reside in Mission Viejo where they love to go to the beach and spend time with family and friends.

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

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**Jennifer Morgan**  
*Principal*

Jennifer Morgan is serving her sixth year as principal of Talbert Middle School in the Fountain Valley School District. She previously served as math teacher, school counselor, and assistant principal in the Garden Grove and Westminster School Districts. Ms. Morgan has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from the University of California, Riverside, and a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Chapman University.

In addition to her passion for teenagers and education, Ms. Morgan values spending time with her two children, who are entering seventh and eighth grade.

Ms. Morgan has a great love for the students, staff, and community that she serves. Talbert Middle School provides an academic and supportive environment where every child is challenged to succeed. She is looking forward to an incredible 2019-2020 school year!

## Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Kathy Davis**  
*Principal*

I welcome everyone to the 2019–2020 school year. I am very excited as I enter my seventh year as the principal of Tamura. This last school year was full of so many successes, and I am very much looking forward to watching our Tigers set new goals and endeavors for 2019-20.

We have such an amazing family of students, teachers and staff members, as well as incredibly supportive parents, and I feel very fortunate to be working with this inspiring and talented community.

I started my career teaching in the Westminster School District, and began my administrative career working two years as an assistant principal before I joined the Fountain Valley School District. This is my

fourteenth year as a principal in the Fountain Valley School District. I served my first seven years as principal of Newland, and am thrilled to be entering my seventh year as part of an incredible staff and community support network here at Tamura.

This school year our teachers will continue their work with Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI), fine tuning Reading and Writing Workshop, and will work collaboratively within and across grade levels to provide students with the best learning opportunities possible. We will also continue our efforts to embed PBIS strategies into the school culture to help build our student s’ awareness of their roles at Tamura, and provide them with an opportunity to make good choices both academically and socially.

We will continue to Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Our Best!



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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Gregory Haulk**

Gregg Haulk has 29 years of experience working in public education and more than 19 years of experience as a school administrator. He has worked as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, and Superintendent at several school districts. In 2011, he became the Huntington Beach City School District Superintendent. Mr. Haulk is a graduate of the California State University, San Bernardino with a Master Degree in Education from National University. He received his Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential from the University of LaVerne and his Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Chico. Mr. Haulk serves on several committees and has chaired the West Orange County Consortium of Special Education (WOCCSE) Superintendents' Council in 2013 and 2016, and participates in the Special Education Alliance Committee.

## John H. Eader *Elementary*

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**Carolyn Beck**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Carolyn Beck has been in education for 29 years as an elementary school teacher, teacher on special assignment and principal. In the Huntington Beach City School District, Mrs. Beck served as the principal of Agnes L. Smith Elementary School for eight years and will now start her second year at John H. Eader Elementary School. She has enjoyed getting to know the students and families and is excited to return to Eader this year.

Mrs. Beck earned her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and is proud to be a Bruin! She completed her master's degree in educational administration at California State University, Long Beach.

Mrs. Beck and her husband have been married for 29 years and have an adult son and daughter. She enjoys spending time with her family hiking, boating and relaxing with a good book. She loves being a part of the Huntington Beach community and helping her students to reach their full potential.

## S. A. Moffett *Elementary*

8800 Burlcrest Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92646 • 714/963-8985 • [www.moffettschool.com](http://www.moffettschool.com)



**Forest Holbrook**  
*Principal*

Mr. Forest Holbrook has 11 years experience working in education, teaching at the high school level in Los Angeles for 6 years before his time in the Huntington Beach City School District where he has served for the last 4 years as both an Assistant Principal and Principal. Mr. Holbrook is looking forward to beginning his second year as the Principal of Moffett Elementary and shared his excitement in working with the students, teachers, families and PTA of Moffett Elementary in order to ensure student success. Mr. Holbrook went on to stress the importance of continuing to support past initiatives and programs that have helped make Moffett one of the top

elementary schools in the area. Outside of school, Mr. Holbrook enjoys bodysurfing, snorkeling, trying new restaurants and spending time with his family and friends.

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Mrs. Kowalke was appointed as the provisional member of the Huntington Beach City School District governing board on May 10, 2011 at a Special Meeting. Mrs. Kowalke has a long history of involvement in HBCSD and is recognized as a strong advocate for youth and public education. Her leadership and participation in HBCSD community includes serving on Moffett School PTA; PTA President, Executive Vice-President, Advocacy Chairperson, School Site Council Chairperson and Secretary; Vice President of Ways and Means and Executive Vice President for Sowers Middle School PTA; District School Closure Committees; HBCSD Parent Empowerment Academy Planning Committees; and YMCA Parent Advisory Committee: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and member. Mrs. Kowalke has worked as a designer for a small publishing company for the past 19 years. Mrs. Kowalke and her husband, Thomas, have lived in Huntington Beach for 21 years. She is the mother of two children with one attending school in HBCD and one in HBUHSD. Mrs. Kowalke was re-elected to serve on the Board of Trustees on November 6, 2018 and her term ends on November 8, 2022.

## Ethel R. Dwyer *Middle School*

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**Christa Glembocki**  
*Principal*

Christa Glembocki is starting her third year as principal of Ethel Dwyer Middle School. Her passion is school culture and her belief is that you cannot capture a student's mind until you capture their heart. Students need to feel that they belong and that the adults around them truly care about each individual. With this in mind, Mrs. Glembocki continues to strengthen many of these tenets at Dwyer. "Dwyer is such a family with a ton of history and I want to build upon this community to involve everyone in our school," she stated.

This year Mrs. Glembocki is truly excited about even more big improvements at Dwyer. The Case Building, library, and cafeteria were completely remodeled and modernized this summer, with all new technology and student-centered furniture. The new Gymnasium and STEAM Building is set to open this winter as well. We will continue our successful GRIT program, teaching students how to embody Gratitude, Responsibility, Integrity, and Tenacity every day. Students excitedly earn GRITcoin and GRITbands for doing the right thing and can spend this virtual coin at our community partners around town. At Dwyer, Jr. Oilers live and learn with GRIT!

Mrs. Glembocki is a Huntington Beach resident and loves serving in her community. She is blessed with a wonderfully supportive husband and two beautiful daughters. In her free time she enjoys family bike rides, stand-up paddleboarding, and she bakes a mean cupcake! Mrs. Glembocki graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Master of Science in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Child Development. She has been in education for 18 years, serving students in the Cypress School District, Tustin Unified School District, and Huntington Beach City School District.



## Dr. Ralph E. Hawes *Elementary*

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**Julie Jennings**  
*Principal*

Julie Jennings is starting her 33rd year in education, serving as an elementary school teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and an assistant superintendent of personnel services. Her teaching career began in Bonsall Union School District after she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees from Occidental College. In Morongo Unified School District, Ms. Jennings served as a site administrator for seven years. In South Pasadena Unified, she spent seven years as a principal of Arroyo Vista Elementary School, a California Distinguished School and Blue Ribbon School, before serving six years as the assistant superintendent of personnel.

Beginning her eighth year as the principal of Hawes Elementary School, a California Gold Ribbon 2016 school and a CA Distinguished School 2014, Ms. Jennings is passionate about the collaborative, learning community that thrives at Hawes. Working beside a staff that pushes themselves to learn and grow coupled with an actively involved parent group, Hawes students are afforded enriching learning opportunities in engaging ways. Hawes is a positive, exciting place to learn!

Mrs. Jennings has a daughter who graduated from California Lutheran, as well as about 600 children with whom she spends each day! She loves reading, working out, and being outside—camping, hiking, beaching, etc.! She loves being part of the amazing community of Hawes and taps into the strength and resources within the school community to ensure that all of the students access enriching opportunities. Through our work together, we strive for “Hawesome”.

## Joseph R. Perry *Elementary*

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**Dr. Renee Polk Johnson**  
*Principal*

Dr. Renee Polk Johnson grew up in Irvine, California and is a graduate of University High School. Dr. Polk Johnson attended University of the Pacific, where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science and her multiple-subject teaching credential. She completed her master's degree at California State University, Dominguez Hills and she completed her doctorate in educational leadership at California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Polk Johnson is starting her 20th year in education this year and she has worked as a kindergarten and first-grade teacher, a middle school Special Education teacher, a district reading specialist, an assistant principal, and as a principal. This will be her sixth year

as principal at Perry Elementary. Perry has an incredible staff and amazing students and she anticipates a fantastic 2019-20 school year! When Dr. Polk Johnson is not at work she enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, and traveling with her husband. She and her husband also enjoy spending time with their dog, Sam.



**Lynn Tran, MD**  
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# John R. Peterson *Elementary*

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**Dr. Kevin Johnson**  
*Principal*

Kevin Johnson, newly appointed principal of Peterson Elementary School, has served nearly 20 years in public education at both the elementary and secondary levels. He began his career as an English language arts/social studies core teacher in Riverside, California, where he worked for three years. After a two-year contract as a curriculum developer, he then returned to the middle school classroom as a reading specialist and a Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) instructor. He then entered middle school administration and served for the next five years as an Associated Student Body (ASB) director, California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) coordinator, Academic Pentathlon coach, Science Olympiad coordinator, and assistant principal.

In addition to a bachelor's degree and teaching credential in English language arts, he also holds a master's degree in cross-cultural education and another in leadership from Pepperdine University. He completed his administrative credential at the University of California, Irvine and was certified in school business management by California State University, Fullerton. He is completing his doctoral studies at the University of Southern California.

Kevin's guiding educational philosophy is to make every decision according to what is truly best for students. As an Orange County native, Kevin is proud to serve on the Leadership Association of Student Councils (LASC) as both a Board member and the treasurer.

# Huntington Seacliff *Elementary*

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**Michael Andrzejewski**  
*Principal*

Michael Andrzejewski, or "Mr. A.," has been in education for 32 years, with teaching experience in both the middle and elementary levels. He has also served as an elementary principal for 26 years. Having taught in Iowa, Mr. A. served as an elementary principal in both South Dakota and Iowa before continuing in that role in California.

Upon moving to California and beginning work in the Huntington Beach City School District, Mr. A. was principal of Agnes Smith Elementary School for eleven years, principal at Moffett Elementary School for eight years, and is beginning his second year at Huntington Seacliff. Mr. A. earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Dakota, and completed

his Master of Arts degree at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds "Clear" California credentials in teaching and administration.

Mr. Andrzejewski says, often, that even on the worst day he still serves in the best job in education. He believes in keeping a student-centered focus on the work that needs to be done, and in building a positive culture that stresses goal attainment, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Mr. A. also works to forge strong relationships within our school community which helps to build an environment that best supports student learning and effective instruction. He continues to be proud of the work that his students, staff, and parents accomplish. Working together, as a team, we hope to promote a rigorous and yet well-balanced education for all of our Seacliff Sea Stars.

# Agnes L. Smith *Elementary*

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**Maria Ashton**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Maria Ashton has been in education for 16 years as an elementary school teacher, reading specialist, assistant principal and principal. She worked in both the Los Angeles Unified and Lawndale Elementary School Districts before joining Huntington Beach City School District in 2016 as the assistant principal at Agnes Smith Elementary. She has greatly enjoyed her time at Smith and getting to know all the staff, students, and families. Mrs. Ashton earned both her bachelor's degree and a master's in education from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

She also completed a master's degree in reading and literacy from California State University, Long Beach and an administrative credential at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Mrs. Ashton is the daughter of two lifelong educators and lives in Huntington Beach with her husband and two sons, Reef and Kai. She loves to read, run, travel, and coach her sons' soccer teams. She feels blessed to be a part of the Huntington Beach community and the Huntington Beach City School District.

# Isaac L. Sowers *Middle School*

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**Dr. John Ashby**  
*Principal*

Dr. John Ashby joined the HBCSD family in Spring 2016 and excited for another Sowers school year to start!

Dr. Ashby double-majored in Spanish and Public Relations at Pepperdine University while also competing on the Waves' Division 1 Men's Water Polo team. He then taught high school Spanish and coached water polo for seven years. He completed his Master's in Education degree with an emphasis in Cross-Cultural Teaching at National University. Dr. Ashby earned his Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University as he researched and studied exemplary middle school principals in Orange County. Last fall, Dr. Ashby presented on conversational leadership at the Association of California School Administrators Annual Leadership Summit in San Diego.

As a teacher, he helped to align curriculum, pacing, and instructional strategies through active collaborations with colleagues. As a coach,

his teams won two CIF championships. Dr. Ashby served as a student-centered administrator in Alhambra USD and Chino Valley USD for five years. His responsibilities included curriculum and instruction, activities, athletics, facilities, and community outreach. He spearheaded a grass-roots, comprehensive school-based mental wellness program for all students at a high school using a proactive, instead of reactive, service model lens. The program garnered support from students, parents, staff, the district office, the city of Chino, and the Chino Police Department.

Dr. Ashby is a proud father of three daughters (15, 7, 5) and engaged to an amazing woman, who is also an educator. In his free time he enjoys playing with his kids, surfing, playing the guitar, and traveling.

Dr. Ashby is excited for the future of Sowers Middle School as we move forward with a new school design to provide an incredible, personalized learning environment for all students. He encourages you to stay connected with all things Sowers on Instagram and Twitter (@SowersVikingsHB).



A close-up photograph of two young girls with light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. The girl on the right is wearing a pink and orange striped scarf. The image is framed by a light blue curved border.

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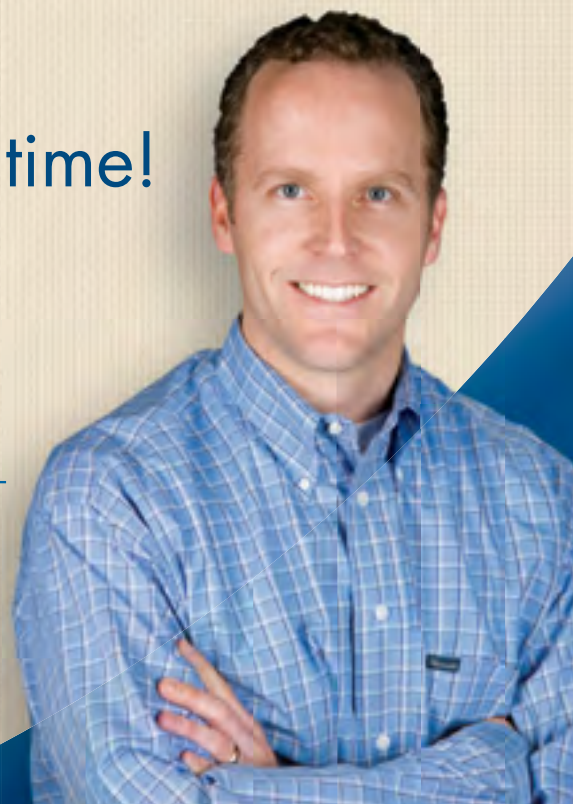
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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Carol Hansen**

When the first day of school comes around, it will mark my 35th first day of school as a public educator. It is a pleasure to reach this landmark in the Ocean View School District, where I will begin my fifth year as Superintendent. My entire career, I have been committed to serving and improving our public schools, and I'm happy to be able to continue this important work in Ocean View. My core values of engagement, courage, and inspiration continue to guide my work. I am excited to collaborate with our Board of Trustees, teachers, support staff, fellow administrators, union partners, and parents to make OVSD a Destination School District where authentic stakeholder engagement is embraced, innovative programs highlight our schools, and there is a laser-like focus on student achievement. As an introduction, I am a school leader who places high value on relationships, integrity, innovation, and equity. Prior to coming to OVSD, I was a teacher, principal, director, and assistant superintendent of human resources, serving in local school districts in Los Angeles and Orange County. I am proud of the innovative programs we have developed in Ocean View to support the varying learning styles and interests of our students. They include Lake View STEAM School (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics); Westmont Visual and Performing Arts Academy, where students will move into a recently remodeled campus thanks to Measure R; Golden View Environmental Science School, featuring a refurbished 2.5 acre farm; and inclusive preschool programs to serve general and special education youngsters at Pleasant View, Oak View, College View, and Westmont. We also offer FREE preschool for eligible families. These are just a few of the many options we offer our community. Please visit our website [www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org) and follow us on social media OVSD Superintendent@ OVSDsupt. Here's to a great 2019-2020 school year!

## Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

6261 Hooker Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/893-5305 • [www.ovsd.org/circle](http://www.ovsd.org/circle)



**Jessica Haag**  
*Principal*

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am excited to start my first full year as Principal of Circle View Elementary after transitioning here in January of last year. I am so proud to serve as your principal and once again be an Eagle. At the beginning of last year, I was the Assistant Principal at Spring View Middle School, and, before that, the Assistant Principal at Mesa View Middle School for three years. I am very proud to call Huntington Beach and the Ocean View School District my home. I am a former student of Circle View Elementary, attending our wonderful school for grades K through 6, and I was in the GATE program as well. I also attended Mesa View Middle School, Marina High School, and California State University Long Beach. I truly believe that I am a life-long learner and am thrilled to have come full circle and be back where my love for education first started. I am excited for the many opportunities that Circle View has for all students.

Before my move to administration, I taught 4th grade GATE at Circle View for 5 years and 7th and 8th grade at Mesa View for 5 years as well. From CSULB, I earned my Liberal Studies degree, Honors program certificate, and teaching credential. I also received my master's degree in educational technology and administrative credential from National University.

As many of our students already know, I am a big Star Wars fan and hope for all students that the force is with them through their elementary school years.

I want to thank our community for always staying connected, informed, and involved.

It's going to be another wonderful school year and I know that all of our Eagles will SOAR!

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The Honorable John Briscoe, Trustee, was elected to the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees in November 2006. He was recently voted President of the Board, after serving as Vice President and two terms as the Clerk of the Board. Trustee Briscoe earned his MBA from Claremont Graduate University, Peter Drucker School of Business, and his MPA from California State University, Long Beach School of Public Policy. He also possesses two undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and Speech Communication, and was awarded his Certificate of Honors at graduation from CSULB.

Professor Briscoe instructs Marketing at CSULB. He is a management expert, having held senior-level positions at Kraft/General Foods Inc., Mars Inc., The Hain-Celestial Group Inc., and Kellogg/Keebler Inc. Subsequent to his corporate roles, he earned State of California license recognition as a broker and opened his real property asset management business, in partnership with his wife Debbie, in 1991.

He is an active member of the community, having served as a volunteer with the PTA, AYSO Soccer, Little League, School Site Council, Grace Church, and Cross Point Church. He is an Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop leader, and a member of Huntington Beach Optimists and Rotary International, LA-5 El Rodeo. John has worked relentlessly to instill patriotism and flag education in our schools, as well as the display of our National Motto, "In God We Trust." His school curricular successes include OVSD Writing Continuum with cursive writing and typing, a rigorous P.E. program in middle school, and major magnet programs, including STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), VAPA (Visual and Performance Arts), Environmental Science, and GATE (Gifted and Talented Education). He and his wife have one son, Tyler. Trustee Briscoe is proud to continue his family's tradition of volunteer elected public service.

His current term concludes in December 2022.

## Early Learning Preschool

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**Nicole Baitx-Kennedy**  
*Director of Child Development Programs*

It is my pleasure to welcome all our families to the 2019-2020 school year! I have served in education for over 30 years, specializing in Expanded Learning and Early Learning Programs. Early Learning is a wonderful opportunity to support your children and teach them the skills they will need to transition to one of our outstanding elementary schools. Since joining Ocean View in 2015, I first served as the Child Care Supervisor and now as the Director of Child Development Programs. Expanding and enhancing Early Learning and building a seamless transition between preschool and elementary school are a few of my goals. I am excited to meet and work with students and families, and look forward to serving the families of College View (Pleasant View interim), Oak View, and Westmont Preschool Programs in the coming years!



# College View *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Elaine Burney**  
*Principal*

As Principal of College View Elementary School, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all students and families to our school! I am fortunate to work with a wonderful staff, students, and school community. Having worked in the Ocean View School District for the last 13 years, I have gained invaluable experience in helping to create a successful, nurturing, and safe school environment, and my expectation is that we will do so again this year.

The staff and I plan to continue on the path of educational excellence, as we are committed to providing all College View students with academic and pro-social behaviors that will be the foundation of their present and future success.

About my background—I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing from California State University, Long Beach, along with a Liberal Studies Certificate and Teaching Credential. I earned my Master of Science in Education Administration from Pepperdine University.

When not at work, I enjoy spending time with my amazing family and friends. I married my high school sweetheart, Craig, and have two beautiful daughters and two cats. Living a balanced and healthy lifestyle is a priority for me. I love to go to the beach, read, and be spoiled by my husband's fabulous cooking!

"Enjoy the little things in life for someday you will realize they were the big things." I'm not sure who said that exactly, but I thank the "someone" who did. It is so important to be mindful and appreciative of the great gifts life presents us with each day.

# Golden View *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Lori Florgan**  
*Principal*

It is with great excitement that I am entering my second year as the principal at Golden View Elementary School. I am looking forward to moving into year two of the development of the Environmental Science program and to continue enriching students' opportunities to learn through the use of our newly renovated 2.5 acre farm that is part of the school's property. My vision is to provide more hands-on opportunities for students to engage in solution-based projects and to offer students experiences that will incorporate environmental science into a variety of curricular areas. Prior to my career as an educator, I attended Cal State University Long Beach, where I obtained my

Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies, with a minor in communications. I then went on to earn my teaching credential and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. I started my career in education as a classroom teacher at Clegg Elementary School in the neighboring Westminster School District where I taught for 16 years and later became the district's elementary English Learner Instructional Support Specialist. From there, I began my administrative journey with the Capistrano Unified School District, where I served as an Elementary Assistant Principal for two years at Bathgate and Don Juan Avila Elementary Schools. Golden View has become an extension to my own family and I look forward to building and maintaining respectful, positive relationships with the Golden View students, families, and staff.

# Harbour View *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Dr. Joy Harris**  
*Principal*

Harbour View staff and students are primed and ready for a remarkable year! As the principal of this outstanding school, I am excited for the great adventures ahead. A Midwestern native, much of my teaching and administrative experience has been here in sunny Southern California. My teaching and administrative background (at the elementary, middle, secondary and post-secondary) with varying student populations have prepared me to give my best to the students, staff, and community of Harbour View. My passion for innovative teaching practices is equal to my dedication to ensure that all students have a happy and safe learning environment. I received my

Bachelor's in Elementary Education/Special Education from the University of Wisconsin, and my Master's in School Administration from Johns Hopkins University. In 2016, I earned my Doctorate from the University of California, San Diego. Providing students with a well-rounded education experience takes a village, and Harbour View's legacy for strong partnerships is one that we will continue. From your first experience walking through our front door, you will know that you belong! My commitment is that you will be welcomed and cared for, and this will be reinforced in every interaction and every day. Together, our community partnerships are our greatest asset as we design a quality learning experience for our students in the 2019-20 school year. Welcome back, Pelicans!

# Hope View *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Christina Luckey**  
*Principal*

Hope View will start the 2019-2020 school year with a wonderful new Principal, Mrs. Christina Luckey! Mrs. Luckey has served in the educational field since 2000, working in the Buena Park School District as an elementary teacher and Teacher on Special Assignment, and most recently, as an elementary school assistant principal in the Westminster School District. Mrs. Luckey has a strong curriculum background with expertise in Language Learner programs, the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and more. She earned her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Concordia University in Irvine. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Luckey to our Hope View Hawks family!

Physical site changes include newly installed fencing that surrounds the school. The campus will be secured during instructional time, while play areas and fields will be accessible after school for students and families to enjoy.

Hope View will continue to build on the many academic successes enjoyed in recent years. The dedicated staff delivers high quality education with a focus on student engagement and authentic literacy. Every Hope View Hawk is provided a learning environment that educates them to be safe, responsible, and respectful individuals. Our students enjoy the new Makers Space which allow them to investigate, create, and explore in an engaging environment. We have an incredible PTO that supports our school in so many ways! Wishing our Hope View Hawks and their families the very best 2019-2020 school year!

## Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jamie Goodwyn**  
*Principal*

My name is Jamie Goodwyn, the principal of Lake View Elementary. I have been in the educational field for 18 years, as a dedicated educator and lifetime student of teaching and learning. I received a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, a master's degree in Crosscultural Education from National University, and a master's degree in School Counseling from the University of La Verne. I have served as a teacher, school counselor, assistant principal, and principal, and love working with children and families within the school community. I am passionate about integrating technology within the classroom and exploring every avenue of innovation. I am the proud parent of three children, two boys and one girl, and love to travel, read, and spend quality time with my husband and children.

As the principal of an Ocean View School District innovative program, my passion fits perfectly leading a school that features a fully integrated STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Math) curriculum; I am enthusiastic about implementing new and exciting programs and teaching methods to enrich the learning experience at Lake View. Utilizing collaboration, innovation, and structured experimentation, teachers and students immerse themselves in the STEAM curricular design while learning necessary skills for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. In addition, students learn the intricacies and skills necessary for computer programming, robotics, 3-D printing, and engineering. The teachers, staff, and students have experienced much success in previous years, and we look forward to continuing and strengthening the foundational program, which includes increasing student opportunities to work with robotics and computer programming curriculum.

Welcome back Lake View Lions!

## Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Sara Schaible**  
*Principal*

I am thrilled to begin my second year as Principal at Marine View Middle School. I am very fortunate to work with such amazing staff, students, parents and community. The Marine View staff is dedicated to providing a safe environment that fosters higher-level thinking, collaboration, inclusivity, and creativity. I believe middle school is a pivotal point in a student's educational career, and our job is to prepare and guide our students on a path of success into high school and beyond. I am very excited to celebrate the many successes to come in the 2019-2020 school year!

Prior to joining the Marine View team four years ago as the Assistant Principal, I worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 13 years where I was a teacher and Assistant Principal. I was born and raised in central Minnesota, attended North Dakota State University where I earned my teaching degree. After graduation, I moved to Southern California to begin my teaching career and went on to earn my Master's Degree in School Administration at Concordia University, Irvine. My husband and I have one son who will begin kindergarten this fall. Outside of Marine View, I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the beach, and taking in all the beauty of Southern California.

## Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

17241 Oak Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-4459 • [www.ovsd.org/oak](http://www.ovsd.org/oak)



**Jenna Landero**  
*Principal*

Bienvenidos al nuevo año de escolar! Welcome to the new school year! I am so excited to continue this journey with our parents, guardians, teachers, community partners, and most of all...our Owls! My name is Jenna Landero and I am proud to be your principal again this year. I am entering my 20th year working in education. In the past 20 years, I have worked as a para-educator and teacher of students with disabilities. In 2015, I was named the Assistant Principal of Spring View Middle School and, last year, was appointed as the Principal of Oak View!

## Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

17601 Avila Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-6608 • [www.ovsd.org/mesa](http://www.ovsd.org/mesa)



**Jadyn Grunbaum**  
*Principal*

Hello to all my Mighty Eagles! It is my honor to serve as the Principal of Mesa View Middle School this year. Before coming to OVSD last year as the Assistant Principal of Vista View Middle School, I served as an Assistant Principal, the Dean of Students, and an English Teacher at Fullerton Union High School. I taught English, including Advanced Placement(AP)/International Baccalaureate(IB) English for nine years. I also coached soccer, acted as Activities Director, and helped create a Digital Arts Academy. Going into my 15th year in education, I am very happy to have made the transition from high school to middle school, as these formative years are so important. I have loved working with middle school students, and look forward to my first year as a Mesa View Eagle.

I attended Cypress College and CSU, Chico (playing soccer at both) and earning a Bachelor's Degree in English with an Emphasis on Education. I earned my teaching credential and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Vanguard University in Costa Mesa. Having grown up in Fullerton, I really enjoyed being able to work in the community in which I lived. When I moved to Huntington Beach, I was eager to find a District that would allow me not only to serve my community, but also one where achievement, relationships, and results matter--OVSD has certainly fit the bill! I currently live in Huntington Beach with my husband and our 2 1/2 year old daughter. When not at work, I enjoy spending time with family, going to Disneyland, visiting the beach, being crafty and artistic, and cheering on the Angels.

This year is going to be phenomenal, and I cannot wait to begin the good work of supporting student growth and achievement!

## Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

16662 Trudy Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/846-2891 • [www.ovsd.org/spring](http://www.ovsd.org/spring)



**Randy Lempert**  
*Principal*

I am excited and proud to be the Principal of Spring View Middle School. For the last five years, I been the Principal at Mesa View Middle School and am looking forward to rejoining the Spring View team. From 2011 to 2014, I was the Assistant Principal at Spring View Middle School. Before jumping into administration, I taught at Dwyer Middle School in the Huntington Beach City School District. Graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with a Degree in Education, I continued to obtain a Master's Degree in School Administration from Concordia University in Irvine. I am local to Huntington Beach and incredibly proud to be able to serve the community I love. Outside of being a principal, my wife and I have a six-year-old son that loves school, playing soccer, and swimming. When not on our school site, you can find me cheering on Angels' baseball, camping with family, and working as a lifeguard for the City of Newport Beach.

I want you to know it is an honor to serve as your Spring View Principal. I look forward to working in partnership with our staff, parents, and community to build a school where students are safe to grow, create, learn, and experience life. Through our strong partnership with our parents and community, we are going to continue to build Spring View's positive school climate and culture.

It is going to be a fantastic school year, and I look forward to serving at Spring View!



# Star View *Elementary (K–5)*

8411 Worthy Ln., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/897-1009 • [www.ovsd.org/star](http://www.ovsd.org/star)



**Paul Kraft**  
*Principal*

Welcome to Star View Elementary School, A California Distinguished School and the newest GATE Magnet School in the Ocean View School District. My name is Paul Kraft, and I'm honored to serve as the new principal of Star View, where we "Shine Together with Awesome Results." This is sure to be an exciting year as we enhance our award winning school programs with GATE instruction, continue our relationship with the Anaheim Ducks S.C.O.R.E. program, and focus on the performing arts.

I look forward to working with the exceptional Star View staff, and getting to know each and every student and family. I'm a firm believer that each child has many unique talents, and working together, we can help all of our students reach their potential. This year, Star View will participate in many

educational events and festivals, further enriching the learning experiences of our talented students. Please join us at Star View by volunteering or visiting our wonderful school.

I graduated from California State University, Long Beach, and returned to earn my teaching credential in 1994. I began my teaching career in the Bellflower Unified School District, teaching sixth grade for three years. I then taught in the Cypress School District as an elementary school teacher and instructional coach from 1997 until 2014, while earning my master's degree and administrator credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills. I became an administrator in the Capistrano Unified School District, serving as a principal from 2014 to 2016. In 2016, I had the wonderful opportunity to join the OVSD team, and am excited to begin my sixth year as a school principal.

# Village View *Elementary (K–5)*

5361 Sisson Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649 • 714/846-2801 • [www.ovsd.org/village](http://www.ovsd.org/village)



**Francesca Ligman**  
*Principal*

Village View Dolphins Making Waves for 2020 - The 2019-2020 school year brings emphasis to Relationships and Achievement. We can't wait to begin! Our talented and passionate staff is ready to welcome our returning dolphins and meet our new ones! Being a smaller school, we have the joy of knowing each child by name. Village View truly has a family feel. Our PTO is incredibly supportive, and community involvement is valued and encouraged.

Our vision at Village View is to prepare students for academic excellence today for a changing tomorrow. We proudly embrace 21st century skills from critical thinking, problem-solving, and activating creativity. This will be year two with ST Math and Discovery Science. Art

Explorers and Music are offered at all grade levels. Our upper grade offers enrichment courses to tap into our students' hidden talents and passions, including robotics, art, ukulele, and technology for students to explore, code, and produce. With PBIS, we practice being kind, safe, and responsible each day as safety is one of my top priorities.

It is a pleasure to serve this wonderful community. I began my career with Ocean View 23 years ago as a teacher at Village View. I then worked at various schools and grade levels in our District and served as a District Instructional coach and interim Principal at Oak View Elementary School. I enjoy tennis, surfing, and stand-up paddling. However, my greatest joy is spending time with my family. My husband and I live in Huntington Beach with our two children who both attend schools in Ocean View.

# Vista View *Middle School (6–8)*

16250 Hickory St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/842-0626 • [www.ovsd.org/vista](http://www.ovsd.org/vista)



**Dr. Rasheedah Gates**  
*Principal*

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome all Vista View Falcons to the 2019-2020 school year. I couldn't be more thrilled to be Principal of Vista View, as I learn about Vista View's supportive community and collaborative staff.

Students are at the heart of all we do in education, and I'm very excited about getting to know each student and supporting their growth. Our staff is passionate about student success, and I look forward to leveraging the personal and professional relationship that we build together as we focus on Project Based Learning and STEAM.

Partnering with families and the community is something I am pleased to further this school year. I have met truly great individuals and continue to look for opportunities to unite with the communities of Fountain

Valley and Huntington Beach.

Before joining the Ocean View Family, I spent 18 years in Duarte Unified School District at Royal Oaks STEAM Academy, a K-8 school. I spent 13 years as a teacher, three years as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), and two years as an assistant principal.

Creating and maintaining relationships, developing well-balanced students, and lifelong learning are my core values. My education at Azusa Pacific University helped me frame these values. The experiences I had in their undergraduate and graduate programs helped me understand that what we do for others matters. I look forward to this year at Vista View where I have the privilege to partner with a great community as we continue doing what matters. Vista View Falcons, SOAR!

# Westmont *Elementary (K–5)*

8251 Heil Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/847-3561 • [www.ovsd.org/westmont](http://www.ovsd.org/westmont)



**Sue Broderson**  
*Principal*

We're home at our gorgeous newly modernized site; thank you Measure R! The Westmont campus is an unbelievably beautiful school with every update you can imagine in all classrooms. As a Visual and Performing Arts Academy, we are proud to be the only elementary school offering a band program to students during the school day. We have a beautiful new dance studio, along with a keyboarding room and robotics room. Our new stage has all the latest lighting and sound. We are excited about our campus and welcome tours to prospective new students and families.

I have been fortunate to be Westmont's principal for the last five years. I have been in education for the past 19 years, the past seven years as

an administrator. I earned my bachelor's degree at California State University, Long Beach and a Master's in Social Work at the University of Southern California. I spent 10 years working for the County of Orange as a senior social worker for Children's Services, before deciding to become a teacher. I taught multiple grade levels at various schools before becoming an administrator. My passion is working with children to assist them to reach their full potential and become productive, well-rounded community members. I enjoy working with our students and their families on building positive relationships. I have a wonderfully supportive husband and three adult children. When not at school, I love to spend time with my beautiful grandbaby Brooke who is perfect in every way, travel, and make quilts.

# Westminster School District

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Cyndi Paik**

Dr. Cyndi Paik currently serves as superintendent of Westminster School District and she previously served the District as assistant superintendent of educational services. In her 20 years as an educator in Orange County, she has also served as a K-12 administrative director of accountability and special programs, an elementary and middle school administrator, a teacher and a literacy coach.

Dr. Paik supports the District's mission and vision by creating, maintaining and supporting safe, challenging and comprehensive learning environments for each and every student. Under Dr. Paik's leadership, the District has earned 12 Gold Ribbon School Awards, 10 Academic Achieving School Awards, established a GATE Magnet School and opened the first Computer Science Magnet School in Orange County. As a result of these accomplishments and others, she was named the 2017 Westminster School District and Orange County ACSA Central Office Administrator of the Year. Dr. Paik was also the 2017 California Bilingual Education Chair and she has successfully implemented Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Spanish Dual Language Immersion Programs in schools across two districts. She has served as an Adjunct Faculty Instructor at Concordia University, was appointed to the State Superintendent Committee for California Teacher of the Year and is a recipient of the Milken Educator Award.

Dr. Paik earned a Doctorate in K-12 Urban Leadership from University of Southern California, a Master of Arts in Teaching & Administration from United States International University and a Bachelor of Arts from University of California-Irvine.

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Mr. Khanh Nguyen was first elected to the Westminster School Board in 2014 and was re-elected for a second term in 2018. He is a licensed professional engineer and recently retired as the Building Official for the city of Costa Mesa, where he oversaw all permitting and inspection of private development, such as South Coast Plaza. Mr. Nguyen has received numerous awards at the state and national level as a code official. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from San Diego State University and a master's degree in structural engineering from Cal State Los Angeles. Mr. Nguyen is also very active in the community. He recently served as the Westminster Planning Commission Chairperson and he is currently the Chairperson for the Westminster Community Services and Recreation Commission, which is charged with overseeing all the city parks and afterschool programs for our children. In addition, Mr. Nguyen is the Chairperson for the City Traffic Commission, which oversees the traffic flow and cross walks throughout the City and around our schools. Mr. Nguyen is a resident of Westminster where he lives with his wife Helen and son Bill, who is currently attending Warner Middle School.

## Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

8902 Hewitt Pl., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/894-7201 • [anderson.wsd.k8.us](http://anderson.wsd.k8.us)



**Kim Breckenridge**  
*Principal*

This will be an amazing year at Anderson. Our continued focus on goal setting, reflection and feedback will be the vehicles leading all learners to a bright future. Mrs. Breckenridge will continue as the site principal, her twelfth year in this position. As a graduate of the Westminster School District, it's great to be home, where she has had the opportunity to be a student, teacher, and administrator.

Mrs. Breckenridge obtained her bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. She earned her master's degree and administrative credential at California State University, Long Beach. She has

held many different positions in her 26 years in education having worked in six different schools in two different districts.

Anderson is proud to announce that it was recognized again this year as a CALIFORNIA HONOR ROLL SCHOOL by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) for its work to get students to grade level and beyond. Furthermore, Anderson was honored with a SILVER award for its implementation of the Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program. These awards show Anderson's commitment to meeting students' needs - educationally, emotionally, socially and behaviorally. Way to go Anderson Tigers!

## Clegg School

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7218 • [clegg.wsd.k8.us](http://clegg.wsd.k8.us)



**John Staggs**  
*Principal*

Mr. John Staggs has been an educator for 23 years at both the middle and elementary levels. Mr. Staggs is currently the principal of Clegg Elementary School and has been in this position for ten years. He was very proud of all of the great work taking place at Clegg in their STEAM Magnet program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Technology) and is very excited to work with staff, students and parents throughout the 2019-2020 school year at Clegg.

Prior to beginning his time as principal at Clegg, Mr. Staggs served as the Assistant Principal at Stacey/Clegg School when

Clegg was combined with Stacey Middle School as a K-8 school. His teaching years took place in Norwalk/La Mirada, where he taught seventh grade, as well as an at-risk class for middle school students. He later went on to serve as a Title I Coordinator before moving into administration with the Westminster School District. While teaching, Mr. Staggs was always very involved with sports programs throughout the district.

Mr. Staggs attended the University of Maryland at the campus in Munich, Germany, as well as California State University, Long Beach and Walden University. He also recently completed a CBO Certification Program at USC.



## DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

15400 Van Buren St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7224 • demille.wsdk8.us



**Shannon Villanueva**  
*Principal*

The 2019-2020 school year will mark, Ms. Shannon Villanueva's 28th year in education! She has been the proud principal of DeMille Elementary School since 2009. Exciting things are happening at DeMille, and Ms. Villanueva considers it to be a privilege to be a part of the innovative ways students are being prepared to be global citizens and 21st century learners.

DeMille is the home of the first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion program in the state of California. DeMille is very excited to offer Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion classes from preschool-fourth grade this year. A new grade level is being added each year until Vietnamese Dual Immersion classes are offered across all grade levels. DeMille is thrilled to provide our students the opportunity to learn and become literate in two languages. As an educator and as a parent, Ms. Villanueva believes that students will reap tremendous benefits socially and academically given the gift of biliteracy.

Ms. Villanueva considers herself to be a life-long learner. She attended the University of California, Irvine, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Ecology with a minor in vocal music and her multiple subject teaching credential. She received her Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from National University. She is currently in pursuit of a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at California State University, Fullerton.

When Ms. Villanueva is not working or studying, she keeps herself busy and enjoys spending time with her family and friends and traveling. Ms. Villanueva enjoys being the principal at DeMille. "We have a terrific community of staff, students, and families who are part of our DeMille family. Our school is a caring and wonderful place to learn and grow." The 2019-2020 school year promises be filled with lots of learning and amazing accomplishments.

## Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Jonathan Edelman**  
*Principal*

Mr. Jonathan Edelman excited to start his 2nd year as principal of Eastwood Elementary School in the Westminster School District. He is eager to continue building relationships with the community, parents, students, and staff to better serve this amazing school.

Prior to serving at Eastwood, Mr. Edelman was principal at Timber Point Elementary School in the Byron Union School District in the Bay area. This is where he started his journey in educational administration as a vice principal at the middle and elementary school levels. Mr. Edelman was blessed to work

under an amazing administrative staff that took the time to mentor him and provide him with the tools necessary to run a school. Prior to working in

administration, Mr. Edelman taught high school mathematics for several years in the Long Beach Unified School District, while mentoring inner-city youth in various group homes and continuation school in Santa Ana.

When Mr. Edelman is not working, he enjoys spending time with his two young daughters, surfing, gardening, and painting. When asked what drove him to enter into education, he stated "to help students discover their dreams and purpose and to help others support students in finding the tools to live with a purpose."

Mr. Edelman graduated from Cal State University East Bay where he received his administrative credential, and Argosy University where he received his Master's Degree in Education. He also graduated from Chapman University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies.

## Finley *Computer Science Magnet School*

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



**Pam LeMuiex**  
*Principal*

Ms. Pamella LeMuiex is the proud new principal at Finley Computer Science Magnet School. She looks forward to working collaboratively with the community to provide a learning environment that promotes innovation, creativity and kindness.

Before joining Westminster School District, Ms. LeMuiex served students and families in Los Angeles Unified School District for 23 years. In that time, she served in many roles, including classroom teacher, literacy coach, intervention coordinator, Title 1 coordinator and assistant principal. For the past seven years, she served as principal for a large elementary school in Los Angeles.

Ms. LeMuiex is passionate about ensuring all students have access to computer sciences in the elementary years, as she believes it provides students

the opportunity to develop thinking skills that will help them become strong problem solvers to solve real-life problems, think critically and prepare to be productive members of their communities. "By learning how to code and use computational thinking, students develop essential skills such as creativity, persistence and collaboration, all a must in today's world," says Ms. LeMuiex.

As a Southern California native and resident of Garden Grove, Ms. LeMuiex completed her Bachelor of Science in Business. She earned her multiple subject credential from California State University, Long Beach and her Master of Arts and credential in Education Administration at Cal State, Dominguez Hills. When she isn't at school, Ms. LeMuiex enjoys spending time with her husband and their two Labradors, Siri and Star. She loves traveling, visiting National Parks and riding her Vespa around town when the sun is shining. Ms. LeMuiex is excited to be a Finley Eagle!

## Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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



**Michelle Scheiber**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Michelle Scheiber is the proud principal of Fryberger Elementary School. She is excited to begin her second year as their principal. Mrs. Scheiber began her career in education in 2000 where she was an elementary special education teacher in the Orange Unified School District for 8 years. After 8 wonderful years, Mrs. Scheiber wanted to move closer to her home and began teaching special education classes at a middle school in Huntington Beach. In 2013, Mrs. Scheiber was excited to become the Assistant Principal at Stacey Middle School in the

Westminster School District. She immediately loved the students, teachers, and community and knew she had found her forever home with Westminster. Following Stacey Middle School, Mrs. Scheiber was fortunate to have the opportunity to work at Anderson Elementary School and Warner Middle School. In her free time, Mrs. Scheiber enjoys spending time with her husband and two kids, loves reading, and spending time outdoors. Mrs. Scheiber is passionate about her work and can't wait to see what the future holds for the Fryberger Falcons.

# Hayden *Elementary (K–5)*

14782 Eden St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7261 • hayden.wsdk8.us



**Mark Murphy**  
*Principal*

Mr. Murphy has been an educator for over 21 years all for the Westminster School District. He began his teaching career at Schroeder Elementary where he taught 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. He then became a Student Achievement Teacher for the district and had the privilege to work at many of the schools in the district. He began his administrative career at Stacey Middle School as the Asst. Principal then was assigned to Hayden Elementary 10 years ago and now begins his eighth year as the Principal of Hayden.

Not only has Mr. Murphy worked for the Westminster School District for the past 21 years but he is also a proud former student of the district. Mr. Murphy stated, “I am extremely proud and honored to be working

in the same district that has taught me so much. I am very excited to have the opportunity to pass on the knowledge that I have obtained throughout my years in the Westminster School District.” Mr. Murphy believes that every student who enters Hayden School can succeed. He feels he is the role model for his students and teachers; thus, he should demonstrate respect, honesty, empathy, responsibility and a desire for learning. He tries to develop a safe atmosphere where his students feel that their thoughts and opinions are valued.

Mr. Murphy has had many amazing influences in his career and would not be here today without the guidance and support of these tremendous leaders. They include Linda Baxter, Heidi DeBritton, Jerry Gargus and his sister Maggie Villegas. He currently resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys jogging and mountain biking.

# Johnson *Middle School (6–8)*

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



**Daniel Owens**  
*Principal*

Mr. Daniel Owens is beginning his sixth year in the Westminster School District as principal of Johnson Middle School, and his 23rd year in education.

Prior to coming to Westminster, Mr. Owens was an assistant principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District for eight years, both at the middle and high school levels. He also taught for nine years at Waite Middle School in Norwalk, primarily in algebra and U.S. history. As a teacher, Mr. Owens was involved in many extracurricular activities, including running the drama department, ASB advisor, newspaper advisor, and coaching several sports.

Mr. Owens received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University

of Southern California. He loves to spend time with his family, which includes his wife of 19 years and two sons ages 7 and 17. His hobbies include cheering on the USC Trojans in every sport, and his beloved Dodgers.

Mr. Owens is looking forward to continuing the wonderful work at Johnson Middle School by helping to support teachers and students as they tackle many new and exciting challenges. As the school’s vision statement says, Johnson is committed to “Empower lifelong learners.” This vision will be attained by setting high academic expectations for each student, and then providing a strong support system that will ensure they can be met.

In addition to academic expectations, Johnson is also very excited to be expanding its student enrichment opportunities to help strengthen the overall school experience and prepare students for the future.

# Land School

15151 Temple St., Westminster, CA 92683 • www.wsd.k12.ca.us  
714/894-7311 Student Services • 714/898-8389 Child Development



**Beverlee Mathenia**  
*Executive Director,  
Early Education  
& Expanded  
Learning*

Ms. Mathenia has been in the field of education for over 29 years, having taught in both private- and public-school settings. Ms. Mathenia also volunteers her time as a parent educator for the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, teaching incarcerated mothers the basics of parenting.

When asked what it’s like to be an administrator at Land School, Ms. Mathenia said, “Land is a very unique place, providing educational services to over 350 special education and general education children between the ages of 6-months and 5 years. Our school’s mission is to prepare each child for kindergarten success and beyond—we accomplish this by providing an excellent instructional program and using digital learning tools in every classroom. The entire school staff works

hard to make sure we achieve our mission and is very excited about the new school year.”

Ms. Mathenia attended California State University, Fullerton, and has her master’s degree. She enjoys web designing in her spare time and volunteering at her church.



**Reagan Lopez**  
*Executive Director,  
Student Services*

Ms. Reagan Lopez is the Executive Director of Student Services for the Westminster School District. She has worked in special education for over 15 years.

The thing she enjoys most about her job is providing educational services for all children. She works with a great team at Land School! The Land staff is collaborative, focused, and passionate about their students’ success.

Ms. Lopez received her B.A. from Cal Poly Pomona and her Masters degree from University of La Verne. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors with family and friends.

# Schmitt *Elementary (K–5)*

7200 Trask Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7264 • schmitt.wsdk8.us



**Orchid Rocha**  
*Principal*

Ms. Orchid Rocha has been working in the field of education since 1990, teaching, leading and serving both elementary and middle school students. She is a certified bilingual teacher with a bachelors degree in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), a teaching credential and masters degree in multicultural education from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an administrative credential from Point Loma University. She has served the Westminster School District for the past twelve years as a site principal for Webber Elementary School (2007-2014) and Schmitt Elementary School (2014- present). The majority of her work in education was spent in the Downey Unified School District as a Bilingual Teacher, Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) site coordinator, Title I teacher specialist, English Language Development (ELD) teacher specialist, Literacy Coach,

Vice Principal, and Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment mentor.

The passion for working with children began through her volunteer experiences: UCLA’s UniCamp mentoring program for underprivileged children; UCLA’s Prison Coalition tutor at a juvenile detention center, and UCLA’s Project MAC, working with children who were victims of abuse. All of these experiences sparked her love for mentoring, teaching and working with diverse groups of children.

On a personal note, Orchid Rocha is married with two daughters, Sofia and Isabella. This fall, Sofia will begin her new job in the Aerospace Engineering field, while Isabella begins her senior year at Cypress High School. Her husband enjoys cross-word puzzles, Sudoku, gardening and cooking for Orchid. Orchid enjoys her book club, traveling and relaxing with her family.

Ms. Rocha is honored and humbled with the experience of leading a school. She looks forward to continuing her work with the Schmitt Elementary School team and the community as they strive to maintain a high-quality education and experience for all students.



# Meairs *Elementary (K–5)*

8441 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/372-8800 • meairs.wsdk8.us



**Kathy Kane**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Kane has been an educator for more than 30 years. During that time she has taught at the elementary and middle school levels in both public and private schools. After many happy years in the classroom Mrs. Kane went back to school to get her Master's Degree in Educational Administration and her administrative credential. For the last 18 years she has served as a principal in the Westminster School District at both elementary and middle school sites. She is very excited to begin her ninth year at Iva Meairs Elementary, a Gold Ribbon School,

Title I Academic Achievement School and a Gold PBIS School. Mrs. Kane is a local girl. She is a graduate of Orange Coast College, and received her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degree from California State University, Long Beach. When not busy with school Mrs. Kane enjoys reading, baking and spending time in the great outdoors camping, hiking and biking with her husband, two daughters, two sons, and two dogs.

# Schroeder *Elementary (K–6)*

15151 Columbia Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7268 • schroeder.wsdk8.us



**Carrie Hernandez**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Carrie Hernandez has been in education for over 27 years beginning her teaching career in 1992 at Midway City School in Westminster School District teaching state preschool. She then moved to Savanna School District where she taught 1st, 4th and 5th grades. While teaching in Savanna, she earned her master's degree in Educational Administration at California State University, Long Beach. In 2000 she became a Visiting Educator with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She worked with 43 schools supporting the district's reading initiative in the elementary schools. In 2004, she returned to Westminster School District where she enjoyed being a Student Achievement Teacher at Sequoia Elementary and teaching Transitional Kindergarten at

Schmitt School. She then moved to Hayden Elementary School where she was the Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Hernandez is a resident of Cypress and enjoys spending time with her husband of 21 years and their three children – Omar, Jack and Ryann. She spends a lot of her family time doing scouting activities, sports, motorcycle riding and camping. She also loves to read and plays in a professional handbell choir in her spare time.

Mrs. Hernandez is excited to be returning to Schroeder Elementary School for her 6th year as principal. She looks forward to another great year working alongside the staff, parents, and community to continue the great traditions and successes here at Schroeder!

# Sequoia *Academy*

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**Michelle Watkins**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Watkins has been an educator for over 20 years. Mrs. Watkins specializes in differentiated instruction using the depth and complexity framework, STEAM, and AVID. She also develops curriculum and trains teachers nationally. She taught at Schroeder for 13 years, where she was also an administrative designee, a district GATE coordinator and trainer, a Common Core trainer, a STEM specialist, and a mathematical grant program director.

Mrs. Watkins has lived in and around the Westminster area her whole life, and is proud to be a product of the Westminster School District. She attended Eastwood, Stacey, and Westminster High School. After high school, Mrs. Watkins obtained her bachelor's degree in child development

and family studies and her teaching credential from CSU Long Beach. She also holds a Masters in Education and Curriculum from National University. In addition, Mrs. Watkins received her administrative credential at UC Irvine.

In addition to a passion for students and education, Mrs. Watkins cherishes spending time with her family and friends. You will often find her on the golf course watching her 17-year-old son at his golf matches and tournaments. She also enjoys going to sporting events and the movies, and is looking forward to another great year at Sequoia Academy working closely with staff, parents, and community to help our school continue Soaring to Success!

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

# Stacey *Middle School*

6311 Larchwood Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/894-7212 • stacey.wsdk8.us



**Heidi DeBritton**  
*Principal*

Mrs. DeBritton has worked in the Westminster School District for 28 years. She began her career in WSD as an eighth-grade English language arts and social science teacher at Stacey before moving to an administrative position in 1998. She has been the assistant principal of Warner Middle School as well as the principal of Schroder Elementary, Johnson Middle and Stacey Middle schools. She has been recognized as both the Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year for the WSD.

Mrs. DeBritton has taught in both the Ocean View and

Huntington Beach City school districts. She also attended Stacey Middle School as a student and then went to Marina High school and the University of California, Irvine. She received her Master's degree in educational administration from the United States International College. She has two wonderful daughters and 4 grandchildren. She resides in Huntington Beach and enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with her family. When asked what it is like to be the principal of Stacey, Mrs. DeBritton said, "The Stacey community works together to ensure the best education for our students. We are committed to building successful motivated scholars for life."

# Warner *Middle School (6–8)*

14171 Newland St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7281 • warner.wsdk8.us



**Tiffany Harville**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Tiffany Harville is beginning her 2nd year as principal of Warner Middle School. Prior to being at Warner she had the opportunity to spend 5 years as the Assistant Principal at Mayfair Middle/High School. In this position she was responsible for over 1000 middle school students and staff and worked closely with the High school administration team to help ensure that all students were college and career ready. Prior to her role as Assistant principal she was the Science department chair which has allowed her to bring her love for Science and secondary Science experience to Warner. She is excited to

continue support both staff and students as they continue to work together to help all students achieve their maximum potential. Mrs. Harville received her Bachelor's in Science degree from San Diego State University and her Master's degree in Education Administration from National University. Mrs. Harville and her husband are the proud parents of a 6th grade son and a daughter who is a Sophomore in college. When she isn't working, Mrs. Harville enjoys spending time on the beach with her family and traveling whenever she gets an opportunity. As she enters her 14th year in education, she plans to continue to focus on creating a learning environment where students feel welcome and have no limits.

# Webber *Elementary (K–6)*

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



**Robert Murdock**  
*Principal*

Mr. Rob Murdock is proud to be the new principal of Webber Elementary School. He is excited to work with the staff, students, parents and community of Webber.

Mr. Murdock has been an educator for 23 years at both the elementary and middle school levels. Prior to being named principal at Webber, he served as the Assistant Principal at Warner Middle School, and before that, at Hayden Elementary School. Mr. Murdock has also served as an Instructional Support Specialist, working side by side with teachers at every school in the Westminster School District. In that role, he became an Orange County STEM specialist with Kids@Science. His

educational career began at Schroeder Elementary School, where he taught kindergarten, fourth, and fifth grade. Music has always been important to Mr. Murdock. He spent 18 years directing school choirs in Westminster for the Westminster School District Education Foundation. He now serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation.

Mr. Murdock attended California State University, Long Beach, as well as Azusa Pacific University. Mr. Murdock has had the fortunate opportunity to work with many incredible educators who have guided and mentored him throughout his career in education. These great leaders include Linda Baxter, Dr. Jerry Gargus, and Mark Murphy. He currently resides in Orange and enjoys ice hockey, concert going, and golf.

# Willmore *Elementary (K–5)*

7122 Maple St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/895-3765 • willmore.wsdk8.us



**Dr. Nicole Jacobson**  
*Principal*

Dr. Nicole Jacobson is honored and proud to continue in her fourth year as principal at Willmore Elementary School, a California Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Achievement Award School. Willmore is excited to expand the Spanish/English Dual Language Immersion Academy by including third grade this year, in addition to our current preschool through second grade classes. Coding will continue as a “third language”, as we strive to prepare all of our students to be multilingual, multiliterate, and multicultural global citizens.

Prior to Willmore, Dr. Jacobson served as the Assistant Principal at Meairs Elementary School in the Westminster School District. Before coming to Westminster, she was an elementary teacher and an Instructional Mathematics Coach/Intervention Coordinator at both the elementary and secondary levels in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has a lifelong love for learning and teaching, and believes in high quality

education and expectations for all students. On a personal note, Dr. Jacobson enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband and two children, ages 9 and 11. She likes running along the beach, attending sports events, and being around friends and family. She lived in Italy for a year after graduating from college, and likes to travel whenever possible.

In May 2016, she earned a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California. Dr. Jacobson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of California, Irvine. She then received her Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Northridge. Dr. Jacobson is looking forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and fostering best practices, while working alongside the wonderful staff, parents, and Willmore community to empower all students as they explore their passions to be future-ready!

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### Richard's Book Review

## Finding the Right Way of Doing Things



Richard J.

*Big Nate Flips Out* by Lincoln Peirce  
Nate is a 6th grader, known by everybody for his sarcasm and sloppiness. A lot of things happen with Nate and his friends. The main thing is that Nate and his friend Francis are participating in putting together a school yearbook, but things do not go easy. Another student Gina, also involved in this project, hates to work with Nate, because



he's messy and irresponsible. One problem after another, and Nate runs out of patience and excuses for himself. He takes a drastic step and asks a hypnotist to hypnotize him to become neat and responsible. But does it work and does he and his friends like it? You'll have to read the book to find out.

I enjoyed this book, it is funny and relatable. Half of the book has comics, which are fun to read. I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars.

Richard is a curious 5th grader. His favorite subjects are math and P.E. He likes to play sports with his friends, read funny books and watch nature documentaries. He likes writing book reviews, because he hopes they will interest other kids to read these books.

### Manhar's Book Review

## Doing Homework



Manhar M.

*Homework Hassles* — Ready, Freddy!, Series 3  
I was recently introduced to the book series of "Ready, Freddy!" and this is my favorite book so far. This book focuses on what happens when you don't do your home assignments in a timely fashion. Freddy Thresher, a first grader, goes through a big problem when his teacher wants the class to do reports on nocturnal animals.

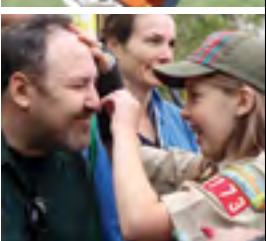
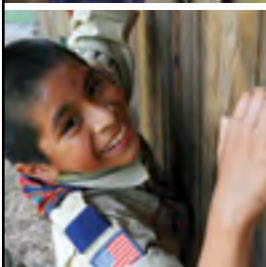


He couldn't find an animal until the last moment. He went overboard with his research and got himself into trouble. The book includes exciting twists and turns in the story. The conversation of Freddy and his friends reminds me of my own conversations in class. I couldn't stop reading the book to find out if Freddy completed his assignment on the due date. I also learned the value of friends and family through this book.

Manhar M. is in First Grade. Manhar likes science, math, coding, traveling, hiking, reading about world news and spending time in building robots from Legos.

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# Something for Everyone

We All Feel Things



Christina J.

*The Art of Feeling* by Laura Tims Samantha (Sam) is in high school, on crutches and in pain everyday after her leg got injured in a car accident. Tragically, Sam’s mother perished in the accident, and Sam struggles to come to terms with that. Sam meets a new student Elliot, who has a very unusual illness - he can’t feel physical pain. The two somehow become friends, and little by little they start to fill the voids in each other’s lives. Sam is curious how it might be to go through life without feeling the physical pain, but finds out that not all pain is physical. While all characters must deal with their problems, real and imaginary, they all discover and rediscover friendships, support and understanding in each other. Most importantly, Sam is helped to remember the driver of the other car, which caused the tragic accident. One of the highlights of the book, in my opinion, is what Sam chooses to do with this vital information.

This is a great book, which I enjoyed reading. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars.

Christina is in 10th grade. She is an avid reader, who enjoys a good book on adventure, mystery or action. She is a hard-working student, her favorite subjects are Spanish and AFJROTC. She likes to help animals and take care of them. Christina is a young author. In 5th grade she wrote a book Melody’s Stories: I Am a Spy Now (Studenttreasures Publishing, PIN #3582798).



Finding Treasure



Kailani T.

*Unicorn Magic, the Hidden Treasure*, is 1 of the 4 books in Unicorn Magic chapter book series written by Jessica Burkhart. Bella (the Princess of Crystal Kingdom) & Glimmer (her unicorn pet) travel together to hunt for a magical crystal that is hidden deep inside Crystal Castle. If they don’t find this hidden treasure in 1 week, Queen Fire (Bella’s evil aunt) will take Glimmer away from Bella. The best friends go through the Dark Forest, the stables of the unicorns, and through the castle rooms. Glimmer uses her magical power to protect Bella through the journey. Bella doesn’t have any magical power, but her love for Glimmer gave her the courage and strength to keep fighting/looking for the hidden crystal. Reading this book makes me feel like I’m on the adventurous journey with them. I gave this book 5/5 stars for bringing me through an exciting journey. I recommend this book for anyone who loves adventure, princesses, and unicorns.

Kailani is a 2nd grader. When not playing with or reading to her baby brother, Kailani enjoys coloring and drawing. Her favorite weekend activities are ballet, hula, and musical theater.



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