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Vaping: What Parents Need to Know

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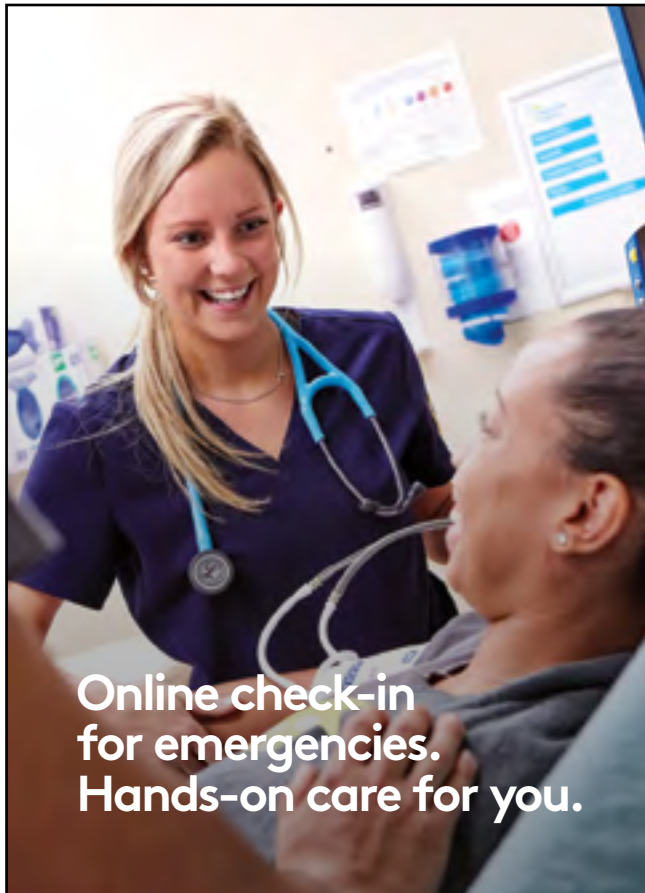
Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling an aerosol, which typically contains nicotine, flavorings and other chemicals, through battery-operated electronic cigarettes. These devices can look like a cigarette, cigar or pipe, as well as a USB stick or small phone; and they are known by many names: e-cigs, vapes, mods, e-hookahs, and juuls.

Nicotine, which is inhaled while vaping, is an addictive drug. In young adults, nicotine can affect brain development related to attention and learning. Other risks include mood disorders and inability to fight impulses that may harm oneself or others. The added chemicals also affect the lungs and can cause disease and breathing problems. Teens using electronic cigarettes are more likely to start smoking other tobacco products including cigarettes, which are also known to cause death and disease.

What are the signs of vaping?

- Lower caffeine intake.
- Dehydration and/or nose bleeds.
- Changes in appearance and/or behavior.
- Electronic cigarette packaging or online purchases.
- The smell of unusual scents, such as chocolate cake, when these items are not around.
- Use of lingo, such as “atty” (atomizer), in conversation, text messages or on social media.

Discuss and educate your children about vaping, explain the long-term effects and be a good role model. It may also help them to hear the risks from a medical professional. To talk to an expert, call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).



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Supporting the Whole Child

GGUSD Opens School Year with Focus on Socio-Emotional Support

We begin each school year with new programs and opportunities to support our students' academic success. This year, we opened a new preschool program at our Skylark Campus which allows the district to provide an exceptional preschool education to a greater number of three and four year old children. We added our second Code to the Future Computer Science Academy at Fitz Intermediate and our schools continue to increase opportunities in coding and robotics. All of our high schools are now offering dual enrollment classes allowing students to earn college credit for free while still in high school. We are confident that, with these new opportunities, our students will continue to achieve greater academic success.

In GGUSD, our focus goes beyond equipping students with academic skills, as we are equally committed to students' personal success. This year, we have a renewed focus on Goal Two of our strategic plan, which includes supporting students' motivation, socio-emotional well-being and fostering a positive school culture and climate. One component of our "Choose Wellness GGUSD" goal two public awareness campaign includes district-wide initiatives to ensure safe and welcoming school environments, including specific campaigns on kindness, respect, and inclusivity.

We are proud of our highly diverse population and continue to do all we can as educators to encourage a culture of understanding, care, and inclusivity. This year, we are working closely with many community organizations to identify resources that support students, staff, and our community in fostering an inclusive climate at every school.

We are also forming a districtwide Human Relations Taskforce (comprised of students, parents, staff, and the broader community) to help develop an action plan aimed at fostering positive culture and climate at all schools. There will be a variety of opportunities for our community to engage with us in our efforts. We sincerely appreciate the support of our community as we work together to foster positive cultures built on respect and kindness.

As we focus on growing the next generation of leaders, we continue our longstanding tradition of exceptional learning outcomes. We are proud to have been named the first California Exemplary District in Orange County, and we are proud of our students who continue to outperform the county and state in college readiness (growth of high school seniors meeting rigorous a-g college entrance requirements) and success in Advanced Placement exam pass rates. We are looking forward to another school year dedicated to equipping students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. That is the Garden Grove Way.



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

Apoyando al niño en su totalidad

GGUSD inicia el año escolar con un enfoque en el apoyo socioemocional

Iniciamos cada año escolar con nuevos programas y oportunidades educativas con el propósito de apoyar el éxito académico de nuestros alumnos. Este año, iniciamos un nuevo programa preescolar en la Escuela Primaria Skylark que permite que el Distrito brinde una educación preescolar excepcional a un mayor número de niños de tres y cuatro años de edad.

En la Escuela Intermedia Fitz agregamos nuestra segunda Academia de Ciencias de la Computación del Código para el Futuro, y nuestras escuelas continúan incrementando las oportunidades educativas con programas de codificación y robótica. Todas nuestras escuelas secundarias ofrecen ahora clases de inscripción dual que permiten que los alumnos obtengan créditos universitarios de forma gratuita, mientras todavía están en la escuela secundaria. Estamos seguros de que con estas nuevas oportunidades educativas nuestros alumnos continuarán alcanzando un mayor éxito académico.

En el GGUSD, nuestro enfoque va mucho más allá de solo preparar a los alumnos con habilidades académicas, ya que estamos igualmente comprometidos a que nuestros alumnos alcancen el éxito personal. Este año, hemos renovado nuestro enfoque en la Meta Dos de nuestro Plan Estratégico, el cual incluye el apoyar la motivación y el bienestar socioemocional de los alumnos y fomentar una cultura y un ambiente escolar positivos. Un componente de nuestra campaña de concientización pública "Elige el Bienestar GGUSD" de la Meta Dos, incluye la implementación de iniciativas en todo el Distrito para asegurar que los ambientes escolares sean seguros y acogedores, así como campañas específicas sobre la amabilidad, el respeto y la inclusión.

Estamos orgullosos de nuestra población estudiantil tan diversa y como educadores continuamos haciendo todo lo posible para fomentar una cultura de comprensión, cuidado e inclusión. Este año, estamos trabajando estrechamente con muchas organizaciones comunitarias para identificar recursos que apoyen a los alumnos, al personal escolar y a nuestra comunidad, para promover un ambiente inclusivo en todas las escuelas.

También estamos formando un Grupo de Trabajo de Relaciones Humanas a nivel del Distrito (compuesto por alumnos, padres de familia, personal escolar y miembros de la comunidad en general), para ayudar a desarrollar un plan de acción cuyo objetivo sea el de fomentar una cultura y un ambiente escolar positivos en todas las escuelas. Habrá una variedad de oportunidades para que nuestra comunidad participe con nosotros en nuestros esfuerzos. Apreciamos sinceramente el apoyo de nuestra comunidad mientras trabajamos juntos para fomentar culturas positivas basadas en el respeto y la amabilidad.

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Hỗ Trợ Con Em Về Mọi Mặt GGUSD Khai Giảng Niên Học với Trọng Tâm Hỗ Trợ Về Giao Tiếp – Cảm Xúc



Dr. Gabriela
Mafi

Vào mỗi niên học mới, chúng tôi có những chương trình và cơ hội mới để giúp việc học của con em được thành công. Năm nay, chúng tôi đã mở một chương trình vườn trẻ mới tại trường Skylark để học khu có cơ hội mang lại chương trình giáo dục vườn trẻ ưu việt cho nhiều trẻ em ba và bốn tuổi hơn. Chúng tôi mở thêm Chương Trình Khoa học Điện Toán-Mã Hoá Cho Tương Lai thứ hai tại Trường Trung Học Cấp I Fitz và các trường vẫn tiếp tục tạo thêm cơ hội học về mã hoá và chế tạo người máy. Tất cả các trường trung học cấp II của chúng tôi hiện đang có các lớp song trình miễn phí để học sinh có thể đạt được tín chỉ đại học ngay từ khi học trung học. Chúng tôi tin chắc rằng với những cơ hội mới này, các em học sinh của chúng ta sẽ tiếp tục gặt hái thêm nhiều thành công về mặt học vấn.

Tại GGUSD, chúng tôi không chỉ chú trọng vào việc trang bị cho các em những kỹ năng học vấn, mà còn chú trọng không kém vào sự thành công cá nhân của con em học sinh. Năm nay, chúng tôi đã đổi mới trọng điểm cho Mục Tiêu Hai trong Sách Lược Toàn Diện bao gồm việc hỗ trợ động lực, tình cảm giao tiếp lành mạnh và khích lệ văn hoá và môi trường học tập tích cực. Cuộc vận động nhận thức Chọn Tinh Thần Lành Mạnh 'Choose Wellness GGUSD' thuộc mục tiêu hai bao gồm những đề nghị thực hiện trong toàn học khu nhằm bảo đảm môi trường học tập an toàn và rộng mở, kể cả những cuộc vận động cụ thể về sự tử tế, tôn trọng và hoà đồng.

Chúng tôi hãnh diện về thành phần dân cư rất đa dạng của chúng tôi và sẽ tiếp tục làm mọi việc trong tư cách là những nhà giáo dục để khích lệ một nền văn hoá đầy sự cảm thông, ân cần và hoà đồng. Năm nay, chúng tôi đang hợp tác chặt chẽ với nhiều cơ quan trong cộng đồng để tìm kiếm những nguồn hỗ trợ cho các học sinh, nhân viên và cộng đồng trong việc xây dựng môi trường hoà đồng tại mỗi trường học.

Chúng tôi cũng đang thành lập Ban Đặc Trách Giao Tế Nhân Sự đại diện cho toàn học khu 'Human Relations Taskforce' (bao gồm học sinh, phụ huynh, nhân viên và cộng đồng rộng lớn hơn) để giúp trong việc khai triển kế hoạch nhằm vào mục tiêu xây dựng nền văn hoá và môi trường học tập tích cực tại tất cả các trường học. Chúng tôi sẽ tạo nhiều cơ hội để cộng đồng có thể cùng tham gia với chúng tôi trong nỗ lực này. Chúng tôi cũng chân thành cảm ơn sự hỗ trợ của cộng đồng trong việc cùng hợp tác nhằm khích lệ nền văn hoá tốt đẹp được xây dựng trên sự tương thân tương ái.

Song song với trọng tâm đào tạo những nhà lãnh đạo cho thế hệ tiếp nối, chúng tôi vẫn tiếp tục truyền thống gặt hái những thành quả học vấn xuất sắc. Chúng tôi hãnh diện với danh hiệu Học Khu Kiểu Mẫu đầu tiên trong Hạt Orange, cũng như hãnh diện về những học sinh của chúng ta luôn liên tục vượt trên tỉ lệ học sinh trong hạt và tiểu bang về việc sẵn sàng vào đại học (sự tiến bộ của học sinh lớp 12 đạt yêu cầu gắt gao về các lớp a-g để vào đại học) và sự thành công về tỉ lệ đậu các lớp thuộc Trình Độ Cao. Chúng tôi mong đợi một niên học mới với sự quyết tâm trang bị cho học sinh những năng lực học vấn và kỹ năng cá nhân để thành công trên đường đời. Đó là Đường Hướng của Garden Grove.

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A medida que nos enfocamos en desarrollar la siguiente generación de líderes, continuamos con nuestra larga tradición de obtener resultados excepcionales en el aprendizaje. Estamos orgullosos de haber sido nombrados como el primer Distrito Ejemplar de California en el Condado de Orange, y nos enorgullecemos de que nuestros alumnos continúen superando los índices del condado y del estado en la preparación universitaria (el aumento de los alumnos del doceavo grado que cumplen con los rigurosos requisitos A-G para la admisión a la Universidad) y el éxito en los índices de aprobación de los exámenes de Asignación Avanzada. Esperamos tener otro año escolar dedicado a preparar a nuestros alumnos con las habilidades académicas y personales necesarias para que logren el éxito de por vida. Eso es A la Manera de Garden Grove.

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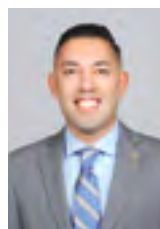
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Board Adopts Resolution Launching Wellness Campaign

In September, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 11 expressing our ongoing commitment to support student wellness. As part of the resolution, we called for a “Choose Wellness GGUSD” campaign with an increased focus on mental health awareness. The goals of the campaign include:

- Educating students, families and staff about general wellness awareness, stigma reduction for mental illness (including seeking treatment) and methods to refer individuals for additional support when needed;
- Ensuring that all students have access to mental health and wellness support, and that special efforts are made to support our most vulnerable students who may feel stigmatized in society due to their ethnicity, nation of origin, gender/sexual orientation, perceived disability, religion or any other characteristic;
- Equipping all students with targeted skills to improve motivation and growth mindset and increase engagement in their education and school community;
- Providing high quality school-based wellness services that are linked to community wellness services and are readily accessible to all GGUSD students, families and staff;
- Emphasizing the importance of the wellness support that certificated school psychologists, school counselors, school nurses and school social workers provide, as well as the need to have a small student to school wellness provider ratio at our school sites;
- Embedding mental health and wellness supports into the school day to foster a positive climate and culture at all sites.

The resolution aligns with goal two of GGUSD’s strategic plan, The Garden Grove Way, that “all learners will develop the personal skills necessary to achieve academic and social goals.” The campaign, “Choose Wellness GGUSD” will engage all stakeholders and shine a light on school resources that support students’ motivation, socio-emotional well-being, and climate and culture -- the three components of goal two.

As board members, we want all students, staff members, and families to make mental health and wellness a priority. We never want our students to feel hopeless. Our district has a plethora of mental health resources and thousands of caring staff members who are ready and willing to give students the care they need in a time of crisis.

La Mesa Directiva de Educación adopta una Resolución para lanzar la Campaña de Bienestar

La Mesa Directiva de Educación adoptó en septiembre la Resolución No. 11, en donde expresa nuestro compromiso continuo de apoyar el bienestar de los alumnos. Como parte de la resolución, pedimos que se realice la campaña de concientización “Elije el Bienestar GGUSD” (Choose Wellness GGUSD, en inglés) con un mayor enfoque en la concientización sobre la salud mental. Las metas de la campaña incluyen:

- Educar a los alumnos, familias y al personal escolar acerca de la concientización sobre el bienestar general, la reducción del estigma asociado con enfermedades mentales (incluyendo la búsqueda de tratamiento) y los métodos para referir personas para que reciban apoyo adicional cuando sea necesario;
- Asegurar que todos los alumnos tengan acceso al apoyo para la salud mental y el bienestar, y que se hagan grandes esfuerzos para apoyar a nuestros alumnos más vulnerables que puedan sentirse estigmatizados en la sociedad debido a su etnicidad, nación de origen, género, orientación sexual, discapacidad percibida, religión o cualquier otra característica;
- Enseñar a todos los alumnos las habilidades dirigidas a mejorar la motivación y mentalidad de crecimiento y aumentar el compromiso con su educación y con la comunidad escolar;
- Proporcionar servicios de bienestar de alta calidad a nivel escolar que estén conectados con los servicios de bienestar que ofrece la comunidad y a los cuales puedan tener acceso fácilmente todos los alumnos, las familias y el personal escolar del GGUSD;
- Enfatizar la importancia del apoyo para el bienestar que proporcionan los psicólogos escolares certificados, los consejeros escolares, las enfermeras escolares y los trabajadores sociales, así como también la necesidad de tener en nuestros planteles escolares una proporción pequeña de alumnos por proveedor de bienestar escolar;
- Incorporar los apoyos para la salud mental y el bienestar durante el día escolar para fomentar un ambiente y una cultura positivos en todos los planteles escolares.

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HỘI ĐỒNG GIÁO DỤC MỞ CUỘC VẬN ĐỘNG TINH THẦN LÀNH MẠNH

Vào tháng Chín, Hội Đồng Giáo Dục đã thông qua Nghị Quyết số 11 thể hiện quyết tâm của học khu trong việc tiếp tục hỗ trợ tinh thần lành mạnh cho học sinh. Như một phần của nghị quyết, chúng tôi kêu gọi một cuộc vận động “Chọn Tinh Thần Lành Mạnh GGUSD” nhằm tăng cường việc chú trọng vào sự nhận biết về sức khoẻ tâm thần. Mục tiêu của cuộc vận động này bao gồm:

- Hướng dẫn học sinh, gia đình và nhân viên trường trong việc nhận thức tinh thần lành mạnh tổng quát, giảm bớt những ý nghĩ kỳ thị bệnh tâm thần (bao gồm việc tìm cách chữa trị) và cách thức giới thiệu các cá nhân tìm nguồn hỗ trợ thêm khi cần;
- Bảo đảm mọi học sinh nhận được hỗ trợ về tinh thần lành mạnh và sức khoẻ tâm thần, và những nỗ lực đặc biệt để hỗ trợ những học sinh dễ bị tác động nhất là những em bị xã hội coi thường vì sắc tộc, nguyên quán, khuynh hướng giới tính/tính dục, khuyết tật, tôn giáo hay lý do nào khác;
- Trang bị cho mọi học sinh những kỹ năng cần thiết để nâng cao động lực và tinh thần cầu tiến và tham gia nhiều hơn vào việc học và cộng đồng trường;
- Cung ứng những dịch vụ tinh thần lành mạnh có phẩm chất cao tại trường và kết nối với những dịch vụ tinh thần lành mạnh sẵn có của cộng đồng dành cho các học sinh, gia đình, và nhân viên GGUSD;
- Nhấn mạnh tầm quan trọng của việc hỗ trợ tinh thần

lành mạnh do những người có bằng chuyên môn cung cấp như các chuyên viên tâm lý, tư vấn giáo dục, y tá và nhân viên xã hội trường, cũng như tỷ lệ học sinh trên số người chăm sóc tinh thần lành mạnh tại các trường cần phải thấp;

- Đưa những hỗ trợ tinh thần lành mạnh và sức khoẻ tâm thần vào trong những ngày học để xây dựng môi trường văn hoá tích cực tại tất cả các trường.

Nghị quyết này phù hợp với mục tiêu thứ hai của kế hoạch sách lược của GGUSD, Đường Hướng Garden Grove, rằng “tất cả học sinh sẽ phát huy năng lực cá nhân cần thiết nhằm đạt thành tựu học vấn và xã hội.” Cuộc vận động, “Chọn Tinh Thần Lành Mạnh GGUSD” sẽ khuyến khích sự tham gia của mọi thành viên cộng đồng và chiếu sáng những nguồn hỗ trợ học sinh nhằm hỗ trợ động lực, sự lành mạnh về cảm xúc và giao tiếp xã hội, môi trường và văn hoá của học sinh—ba thành phần của mục tiêu thứ hai.

Là những thành viên hội đồng giáo dục, chúng tôi mong muốn tất cả học sinh, nhân viên học khu, thành viên cộng đồng và các gia đình đặt vấn đề sức khoẻ và tinh thần lành mạnh là ưu tiên hàng đầu. Chúng ta không bao giờ muốn học sinh của mình cảm thấy tuyệt vọng. Học khu chúng ta có những nguồn hỗ trợ sức khoẻ tâm phong phú và hàng ngàn nhân viên tận tâm sẵn sàng và mong mỗi sẽ mang đến cho học sinh sự chăm sóc mà các em cần đến khi gặp khó khăn.

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La resolución se alinea con la meta dos del Plan Estratégico del GGUSD, “A la Manera de Garden Grove”, que establece que “todos los estudiantes desarrollarán las habilidades personales necesarias para alcanzar las metas académicas y sociales”. La campaña “Elije el Bienestar GGUSD” incluirá a todas las partes interesadas y resaltará los recursos escolares que apoyan la motivación y el bienestar socioemocional de los alumnos y el ambiente y la cultura; los tres componentes de la meta dos.

Como miembros de la Mesa Directiva de Educación, queremos que todos los alumnos, los miembros del personal escolar y las familias le den prioridad a la salud mental y al bienestar. Nunca queremos que nuestros alumnos se sientan desesperados. Nuestro Distrito tiene una infinidad de recursos para la salud mental y miles de miembros del personal escolar dedicados que están listos y dispuestos para darles a los alumnos el cuidado que ellos necesitan durante una crisis.

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What Makes A Pregnancy High Risk?



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Each year, nearly 4 million babies are born in the U.S. The majority of women experience a routine pregnancy. However, some women experience medical difficulties, making their pregnancy high-risk. Conditions that cause a pregnancy to become high-risk can put mom and baby at an increased risk for complications. Factors that increase a woman's chance of having a high-risk pregnancy, include:

- Pre-existing health problems, such as diabetes, obesity or high blood pressure.
- Use of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.
- The mother's age (younger than 17 or over 35).
- Multiple babies (i.e., twins or triplets).
- Multiple prior miscarriages.
- The baby being diagnosed with a genetic condition, poor growth or a physical malformation.
- Development of preterm labor or pre-eclampsia.
- Abnormal location of the placenta, especially with a previous cesarean section delivery.
- Problems during a previous pregnancy.

When a woman is diagnosed with a high-risk pregnancy, she'll need to see a physician with special training, like a maternal-fetal specialist, also known as a perinatologist. At the Cherese Mari Lauthere BirthCare Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, a maternal-fetal specialist is available in the hospital 24/7 to manage complex maternity and fetal care. Just down the hall from the delivery suites is a level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Our neonatologists and an expert care team are available to care for newborns and their families under one roof.

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Alamitos *Intermediate School*

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Christine Pijl
Principal

Condor PRIDE Kick-Off

On Friday, August 30, Alamitos students participated in lessons focused around our five tenets of PRIDE (Purpose, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence). The schoolwide goal was for students to have a clear understanding of positive behavior everywhere they go throughout campus. Students rotated through their classes and teachers taught a lesson focused on an overview of each of the five PRIDE traits in each period.

In celebration of kick-off day, a pizza party at lunch occurred followed by a celebration in the quad filled with various activities including a Hula Hoop Race, Sack Race, a DJ and dancing, and a photo booth. The day ended with a refreshing otter



Students show off their CONDOR Pride and commitment to the school's values of purpose, responsibility, integrity, determination, and excellence.

pop treat and a water balloon toss. Students were able to understand, exhibit, and now make positive choices throughout the school year by following our motto: Condors Fly with PRIDE... even when no one is looking.

Allen *Elementary School*

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Dr. Andrew Heughins
Principal

Weekly Elective Class

At Allen Elementary we are proud of our tradition of academic excellence that annually places us as one of the top schools in Orange County on state standardized tests and in academic competitions.

We also take seriously our responsibility to care for the socio-emotional well-being of our students.

To that end, Allen students participate in our Lunar New Year celebration, Disney Musicals in Schools production, and this year will partake in a weekly

elective class where they can learn new skills such as woodworking, ukulele, robotics, cooking, science, dance, 3D design, and foreign languages.



Students participate in a woodworking elective class.

Anthony *Elementary School*

15320 Pickford St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6104 • anthony.ggusd.us



Tyleen Perez
Principal

School of the Future

Anthony Elementary School scholars are off to a great start to the new school year!

Students and families received a warm welcome at the Rubber Ducky Races and Family Barbecue. Fun times were had by all as students and staff raced to see who had the fastest rubber ducky!

This year the fun and learning will continue as we inspire and prepare young learners for the future. We will continue our very popular coding and robotics classes along with instruction in video production. At Anthony Elementary, scholars are not only building skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, but also in confidence building, technology application, and life skills. At Anthony Elementary we're working to create the school of the future now!



Scholars enjoyed the excitement of the Rubber Ducky Races!

Barker *Elementary School*

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Wayne Kelley
Principal

New Playground

Barker School students were very excited to return to school from their summer break to see newly installed playground bars that they can play on. The Garden Grove Unified School District chose Barker School as one of the schools to receive this wonderful new equipment. The new playground bars and slide replaces old bars and a slide that have been part of our playground from when the school first opened. As you can see from the

picture, our students are truly enjoying their recess playing on this newly installed playground equipment.

We are also very excited to share that our 3rd – 6th grade students scored very well on the California state standards test administered last May. In English Language Arts, 83% of our student met or exceeded state standards. In math, 77% of our students met or exceeded state standards. We are very proud of the hard work our students put into this test, and the wonderful support of our community of involved parents. Barker is truly a great place to play and learn.



Bell *Intermediate School*

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M'Liss Patterson
Principal

Bell Pride

Welcome to Bell! I'm honored to be starting another year as the proud principal of Bell Intermediate School.

The GGUSD vision and mission statements will continue to guide the staff as we collaborate and develop school wide practices that foster the future success of our students. In a continued quest to help all students feel safe and connected on campus, we hosted our first 7th Grade/New Student Orientation. I am also excited to be a year #1 Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) School! Students will receive Bell Pride Cards and incentives for positive actions and behaviors. We will continue to offer supportive academic classes, VAPA electives, and an array of student support programs. Additionally, we now offer CTE S.T.E.A.M classes.

I am thrilled that our campus will be alive with positive activities that will help students develop robust 21st Century academic, technology, and social skills.



8th Grade Mentors and the Roadrunner Mascot met early to prepare to welcome peers to the First 7th Grade/New Student Orientation.

Bolsa Grande *High School*

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Tracy Conway
Principal

New Athletic Stadium

Bolsa Grande High School opened its brand new multimillion dollar stadium on Friday, August 23rd in its season opener versus Bosco Tech. A big thank you goes out to the Garden Grove community members who shared a vision for this project, and who voted to approve Measure P in 2016 which funded two new district stadiums.

The Bolsa Grande Stadium includes a synthetic turf field and 9 lane all-weather track, brand new bleachers with seating for 5,000 fans, and a new press box. Near the new Concession Stand are two air-conditioned team rooms, the second largest video scoreboard in the county, and renovated rest rooms. We welcome all community members to come out to support



our football, soccer, track and cheer teams, along with our marching band who will all perform in this new arena, along with teams from other GGUSD high schools.

Thank you, again, to the community for supporting this stadium, which will serve as a wonderful venue for GGUSD athletics for years to come.

Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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Dianna Rangel
Principal

Dolphin Pride

The 2019–20 school year is here! Our Brookhurst Dolphins have already begun to dive into what promises to be a successful year! We have spent the first few weeks of school

focusing on scholarly habits and behaviors to ensure all our scholars have a successful year! At Brookhurst school success is measured in academic growth, social-emotional development and a sense of school connectedness. The learning of these scholarly habits and behaviors continued outside the classroom.

On September 5, students visited various areas around campus to hear staff presentations on being safe, responsible and respectful, which we call “Dolphin Pride.” Students have been earning Dazzling Dolphin tickets for showing Dolphin Pride.



Students learn about being safe, responsible, and respectful, as well as demonstrating dolphin pride.

As a school community we come together to celebrate our students whether that is at our Friday Flag Assembly, Student Of The Month Assembly, or rolling out the Red Carpet on the first day of school. We look forward to working with our school community to ensure Brookhurst continues to be a great place to learn.

Bryant *Elementary School*

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Tanya De Leon
Principal

Positive Behavior, AVID & Arts!

Bryant Elementary teachers and staff are so proud to welcome back our students to a plethora of exciting programs to support learning and engagement.

This year, we have taken a team approach of sharing our positive

behavioral expectations with students explicitly in all areas of the Bryant campus. At Bryant we have “GROWL Pride” & we “Love to Learn!”

This summer, seven Bryant teachers attended the AVID Summer Institute, a rigorous approach to learning and studying which will be implemented school-wide. Additionally, Bryant has added exciting arts programs such as Art for the Sky, Little

Kids Rock, and our own Mariachi group. Bryant teachers are integrating arts into their content areas which will boost student engagement and creativity. Building on the excellent academic and arts programs in GGUSD, we are educating your children for a beautiful future!



Staff welcomes students and families back to academics enriched by positive behavior, AVID and the arts.

Carrillo *Elementary School*

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Kim Kroyer
Principal

Promoting Peace

Teachers and students at Carrillo Elementary are starting the year off with Motivational Mondays. “We wanted a fun and positive way to get students involved and excited about starting off each week,” said

organizing teacher Kelly Lenahan. She proposed the idea of having students and staff wear t-shirts with motivational messages every Monday.

Carrillo’s annual Peace Day event will coincide with the United Nation’s Peace Day at the end of September. The day is celebrated with a special assembly, the release of a giant globe balloon, and readings and songs featuring the students. It’s an opportunity to “see the world beyond their own lives, and realize the importance of each individual’s efforts toward making the world a happier place,” said founding teacher



Staff show off their t-shirts worn on Motivational Mondays.

Paul Portner. “We want everyone to remember to practice the ideas discussed on Peace Day all year,” noted Lenahan. And, it’s always fun to get a new t-shirt!

Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

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Brian Ball
Principal

Learning to Learn

We’ve had a great start to the 2019-20 school year in our Early Childhood Education Centers at Carver, Heritage, and the newly opened Skylark.

Our shared vision is to educate the “whole child”, by focusing on our

students’ academic (through Big Day, TouchMath, and Handwriting Without Tears), school readiness (learning-to-learn skills), and social-emotional development.

Our staff works diligently to foster a kind, safe, and nurturing learning environment, so our early intervention provides all of our students with a positive, meaningful, and beneficial first-step in their educational careers!

As we begin this year, I have had the good fortune to see the growth our returning students have demonstrated, which validates the efforts of our families and staff as we work together to best prepare our students for success in kindergarten and beyond!



Preschool students learn through whole group instruction in their special small chairs.

Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

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Emma Druitt
Principal

Early Learning

At Clinton Corner, we strive to provide a high-quality safe and nurturing learning environment for all students. We focus on the whole child and ensure a developmentally appropriate

program that includes social-emotional, physical and cognitive development. We develop life-long learners by building strong communities between home and school.

Our state preschool program also offers many opportunities for parents to attend classes and meetings on topics pertinent to their preschoolers. We also highly encourage parent volunteers in the classroom to foster the relationship between school and home.

We are looking forward to another great year with our preschoolers.



Clinton Corner hosted a photo station to welcome students to the first day of school.

Clinton *Elementary School*

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Jason Shabet
Principal

Awesome Academic Gains

Last school year, Clinton students and staff focused heavily on making academic gains to satisfy Goal 1 of our strategic plan. This effort led to double digit gains in both Math and ELA and it stands as amongst the highest growth in all of the district! In order

to continue this growth the Clinton staff is placing a greater emphasis on expanding Goal 2, which addresses the social and emotional needs of the students.

The first step was to implement knowledge gained from participation in PBIS trainings from OCDE. The students and staff kicked the year off by reviewing not just rules for the school, but the “why” for each rule as well as aspects of our character traits program that was developed with research from Paul Tough.

All students will continue to learn throughout the year in character assemblies the importance of Respect, Responsibility, and having Pride in themselves and their school.



Principal Jason Shabet speaks to students about the school's values including respect, responsibility, and pride.

Cook Elementary School

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Sandi Ishii
Principal

Learning and Grow!

The Cook Lion's Pride embraces its scholars and community through a warm welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. Many new possibilities for growth lie ahead. Our Cook team is excited to roll out new programs and opportunities

to learn including: Schoolwide Positive Norms and Practices, GATE training for a primary team of teachers and scholarly growth through AVID training. While we are excited for the new school year, we launched opening day with a huge debt of gratitude to the City of Garden Grove for the newly installed left turn signal at Brookhurst. Our opening and dismissal traffic have never been so smooth! Thank you to the City of Garden Grove and thank you parent leaders who made this safety initiative possible! Together we can all make a difference!



Students enjoy classroom learning as well as time outdoors on the playground.

Crosby Elementary School

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Kristine Levenson
Principal

Campus Makeover

Our campus got a face lift! Crosby was modernized over the summer, and our

students, teachers and staff members are now enjoying classrooms with air conditioning,

energy efficient windows, new cabinetry, and a new sound system in our multi-purpose room. In addition, the exterior of the school buildings were painted a new color, giving us a brand new look.

Another great addition is our newly renovated library, with ample new book cases to go with our colorful soft seating.

Thanks to these renovations, our students are excited to spend even more time engaged in reading in our bright and cheerful library.



Crosby Elementary opened a renovated library with new book cases and colorful seating.

Doig *Intermediate School*

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Louie Gomez
Principal

Welcome Spartans!

Doig Intermediate welcomes students to an exciting new year! Here at Doig, we offer a robust academic program and are delighted to provide some amazing opportunities for our students.

We are extremely proud that we will continue to be an AVID National Demonstration School, which prepares all students to be college and career ready. We

are pleased that this year we will be able to offer several new programs including a coding and robotics program and after-school programs that will provide both intervention as well as enrichment activities. Continuing this year, eighth grade students will be able to apply to the Dual Enrollment Program through Santiago High School, which gives students the opportunity to earn college credit along with their high school requirements.

We are pleased to be able to offer so much to our students and look forward to a successful school year!



Staff provided students with a warm welcome on the first day of school.

Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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Beth Cusimano
Principal

Full STEAM Ahead

Eisenhower Elementary School is excited to continue to expand our innovative STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programs. This year we will continue to provide coding or robotics for our students and will be adding further engineering

components as well. Some of our students will be designing cars for a Nat Car competition while others will be learning how to design with 3D printers. We will continue to compete in local robotics competitions. Our visual and performing arts programs are also thriving and students will once again perform a Disney musical. This time, we chose the challenge of performing a junior high-level musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. The performance is a higher difficulty level and allows us to include more students. We can't wait to see the new levels Eisenhower students will achieve in all of our STEAM areas!



Students put their engineering skills to work with the help of their 3D printers.

Enders *Elementary School*

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Michelle Askew
Principal

Enders PRIDE

To start the 2019-2020 school year, Enders Elementary revealed our new PRIDE mural in the multi-purpose room. The mural was commissioned to celebrate the pride our staff and students display at our school and in our community.

At Enders, PRIDE is the motto of our PBIS program and represents Positivity, Respectful/ Responsible, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. PBIS, positive behavioral interventions and supports, is a program that emphasizes the socio-emotional well-being of our students and promotes a positive school culture and climate



The staff poses in front of our new PRIDE mural.

Evans *Elementary School*

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Lynn Hardin
Principal

Celebrating Modernized Campus

Our teachers and staff could not be happier as we welcome back the Evans scholars and families to our newly modernized school. During July and August, the Evans site underwent a major

renovation. New ceilings, windows and air conditioning were added to each classroom, as well as ceiling projectors to enhance instruction.

On the first day, students and families encountered a warm welcome by principal, teachers and staff with cheers, applause and words of encouragement to a new beautiful school.

Also, over the summer new robotics, 3-D printers, apps for

artificial intelligence and kits for mechanical engineering arrived for our new STEAM lab.

Evans continues to be an innovative school with a strong child-centered community.



Students pose for a photo at the school's newly renovated campus.

Excelsior *Elementary School*

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Sarah Mershon
Principal

Completion of Modernization Project

Excelsior Elementary is so thankful to the great support from our PTA, our community and our neighbors.

At the end of last year, through a PTA fundraiser and a local business donation, Excelsior was able to add a play structure to our playground. This allows more of our students to be active and play safe during recess.

We are also celebrating the completion of our modernization project. The 2019-2020 school year will be the first year of full air conditioning in all buildings and classes. This is due to the generosity of our community. We are hearing over and over from staff and students that this is a “game changer” and students are more engaged than ever.

It is going to be a great year!



Students enjoy the school's new playground equipment.

Faylane *Elementary School*

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Mike Ingalls
Principal

Award-Winning PBIS Program

Faylane's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports have been integrated within our Multi-Tiered Support Systems approach to learning. For leaders and staff alike, our systems have been established to promote positive student success in all three GGUSD Goals; including academic skills, personal skills, and lifelong success.

Our PBIS team leaders have worked tirelessly to define positive behaviors related to Safety, Ownership, Acceptance and Respect (S.O.A.R.), and then lead our staff in a committed, cohesive reinforcement of these behaviors. (Thanks to coaches/ PBIS team Mrs. Graham, Wilkerson, Padget, Redmond and Montoya!)

Our Student Success Teams have focused on students with struggles beyond the norm in academics, attitude and/or attendance, working with parents to find relevant solutions to help move to positive success. (Props to leaders Mrs. Roberts, Redmond, Montoya and Clark!)

We have combined PBIS with a whole lot of dedicated parents and staff members to round our circle of growth. Gold for today, platinum is surely in the PBIS future of Faylane!



Fitz *Intermediate School*

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Feather Hocking
Principal

New Computer Science Academy

It is an absolute honor and pleasure to announce that for the 2019-2020 school year, Stephen R. Fitz Intermediate has transformed into the Stephen R. Fitz Computer Science Immersion Academy!

As a Computer Science Immersion Academy, Fitz will offer a comprehensive computer science immersion program for ALL students! Through our partnerships with

Code to the Future and Project Lead the Way, Fitz Computer Science Immersion Academy will develop computational thinking and problem-solving skills that 21st century students must acquire to be college and career ready!

ALL Fitz students will learn to code through the building of websites, web-based applications as well as gain experience in designing and engineering Robotics through CTE courses. The numerous opportunities that all Fitz students will be given will prepare our Fitz Falcons to SOAR into the 21st century as global citizens!



The staff at the new Fitz Computer Science Immersion Academy are thrilled for the opportunity to teach students 21st century technology skills!

Garden Grove *High School*

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Todd Nirk
Principal

PBIS Award Winner

Garden Grove High School is proud to announce receipt of the Bronze Award from the California PBIS Council for successful PBIS implementation!

PBIS is a program focused on improving the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of schools and ultimately results in positive social, emotional and academic outcomes for all students. By implementing strategies designed to develop positive behaviors and set

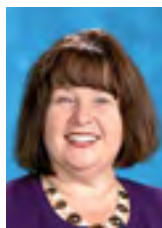


schoolwide expectations, PBIS helps establish a supportive and nurturing environment for all students.

It's no surprise then that GGHS scored exceptionally high on the GGUSD Strategic Plan Survey when it comes to both parents' and students' perception on school climate! Being presented with the Bronze Award is a reflection of excellence in promoting the core features of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and also the fidelity in which it is implemented.

Garden Park *Elementary School*

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Michelle Morales
Principal

Respectful Scholars

Here at Garden Park we are blooming with respect, as students practice the Three R's: Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect our School.

We are also in our second year of our school-wide focus on Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). Students are learning the importance of organization, a key component of AVID. Every student has

a "backpack tag" attached to their backpack to help remind them of important items they need to bring to school every day to help them stay organized and ready to learn.

All students are learning specific study skills to help them develop scholarly habits. Students in third through sixth grade use their Agenda/Planner as a tool for initiating tasks and communication between school and home. Our fifth and sixth grade students use their AVID binders with dividers, take two and three column notes, and use learning logs to reflect on their learning.



Students show off their scholarly habits with organized AVID binders that prepare them for academic success.

Gilbert *Elementary School*

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Charise Santana
Principal

Grizzly PTA

Assemblies, prizes, family fun and more! The Gilbert PTA, a community organization for over 20 years, actively promotes a teacher, student and family connection. The PTA

President, Lan Greene, is a "home grown" Garden Grove alumni, a working mom with three children, who is passionate about organizing memorable events to make each child's school day exciting.

Recently, PTA sponsored a sweet event, "Doughnuts and Coffee with the Principal" where parents and kids enjoyed donuts and hot coffee, and an opportunity to meet with Principal Santana. Another favorite event is the Annual Spring Carnival. Games, food trucks, and raffle winners bring the community together for a fun afternoon.



PTA sponsored a fun event for parents and students to foster a positive school community.

The funds generated from events like this, allow the kids amazing field trips and special assemblies like "The Imagination Machine" which make Gilbert Elementary a hub of learning and a fun place to be.

Hare High School

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Stephanie Heflin
Principal

Huskies are Ready to Kick Off a New Year!

Hare High School students are off to a great start for the 2019-20 school year.

Over the summer, the Hare Front Office was remodeled and updated, creating an even more welcoming space for Hare families and community.

Once school got underway, Hare received the exciting news that they received the Silver level award for excellence in implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports). PBIS encourages positive behavior, supports increased student performance, and improves school climate. The award from the California PBIS Coalition recognizes schools that are among the best in applying PBIS strategies to promote positive school climate and student behavior.

Hare's PBIS team and the staff have embraced PBIS strategies and mission, creating a welcoming and safe environment for all of the students and their families.



The Hare Husky helps provide school spirit, and a warm and welcoming environment for all students!

Hazard Elementary School

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Olivia Hufnagel
Principal

Full STEAM Ahead!

Hazard Elementary is proud to be recognized as an Honor Roll School by the Educational Results Partnership. Our scholars are soaring to great heights and achieving academic excellence in all core areas!

I'm excited to serve as the new principal of Hazard Elementary and to work alongside our exemplary team of teachers and staff to continue the legacy of success established here through innovation and integration of core subjects.

To launch the new school year, our Hazard team charged full steam ahead by hosting a Summer Bridge Program

with integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Throughout the year, we will continue to provide enriching experiences for students in our Innovation and STEAM Labs that will also include coding and robotics. Through STEAM challenges, Hazard scholars are focusing on becoming the next generation of problem solvers, critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.



Our team holds high expectations for our scholars and is committed to fostering 21st century skills that will equip students to thrive in a global society.

Heritage *Computer Science Academy*

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Michelle Pinchot
Principal

Gold Award

We've got the gold! This year we are proud to have been honored by the California PBIS Coalition with a Gold Medal Award for our second year of implementation.

Heritage is excited to add AVID to all grade levels to support scholarly habits. We will also be the first elementary school in the district to offer National Honor Society to an elite group of sixth grade students.

We continue to be proud of our partnership with Code to the Future. In our second year of implementation our students will have more experiences integrating coding, robotics and programming within all content areas. We are committed to our students well being and academic successes. Our MTSS model allows us to look at each student and address both social emotional needs and academic needs and enrichment opportunities.

We continue to be #allin! Follow us on Facebook @ HeritageGGUSD



Staff celebrates the school's gold medal award for excellence in PBIS implementation.

Hill *Elementary School*

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Toby Vares
Principal

Hello Hill Hounds

I am extremely excited to join the Hill Hound family for the 2019-2020 school year!

This year we will celebrate the tremendous growth of our 2019 state standardized test scores in both Math and English Language Arts. The growth is a direct result of

the hard-working staff, dedicated scholars, and supportive families. We will continue to foster a school culture that promotes inclusion throughout the day for all of our students.

Hill Elementary also provides many opportunities for students to engage in fun-filled academic and enrichment activities. Students will again have the opportunity to participate in our annual musical, as well as robotics, Hill Leadership Ambassador Program, FIBO art for all students, and Pure Game, a program that teaches character building through sports.



Leadership Ambassadors welcome students to school each morning greeting them at the front gate with a smile and hello

I am looking forward to a great year and being a part of the Hill community! Please stop by and say hello. Go Hounds!

Irvine *Intermediate School*

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Bill Gates
Principal

Professional Development Day

On September 12th, all Irvine Intermediate School students participated in our school's annual "Student Professional Development Day."

This year, our focus was on "Informal & Formal Communication," skills that students will need in order to increase their success with literacy inside the classroom, and

preparing them for college and their careers. During the training, students had many opportunities to practice applying what they learned using active listening and speaking strategies.

The Irvine Intermediate staff is dedicated and determined to provide our students with the necessary learning skills that will support them in reaching their academic potential, developing their personal skills, and realizing a successful future. ~Siempre Adelante!~ Luôn Hướng Tới!~Always Forward!~



Students learned informal and formal communication skills to prepare them for success in high school and college.

Jordan *Intermediate School*

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Nick Clark
Principal

Respectful, Responsible, and Kind

As the new principal of Jordan Intermediate, it is difficult to choose one area of excellence to showcase to our larger community.

Of all our excellent programs, our Silver Award winning Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program stands out. In September 2019, Jordan was recognized by

the California PBIS Coalition as one of ten GGUSD schools that met the requirements for any level of recognition. PBIS is a multi-tiered support system that teaches and encourages appropriate behavior; prevention and not punishment.

Our PBIS Pillars are Respect, Responsibility and Kindness and these values permeate all aspects of campus life. Respect, responsibility and kindness are the characteristics we want our Jaguars to demonstrate at school, at home and in the larger community.

PBIS is so important that Jordan devotes an entire day to teaching behavioral expectations, "The Circus." During the Jordan Circus, students participate in a quick lesson followed by a team building activity to demonstrate understanding. This year, we expanded staff involvement beyond the teaching staff. We even had participation from our school resource officer!

I am proud to showcase our students and staff who are respectful, responsible and kind.



Jordan promotes pillars of respect, responsibility, and kindness.

Jordan Adult Transition Program

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Tricia Chinn
Principal

Hard Work Pays Off

The Adult Transition program at Jordan (ATP) provides many opportunities for our adult students to continue to develop skills for lifelong success. One of many student success stories is 20-year-old student Sophia.

When she entered ATP at 18, she had no previous work experience, but Sophia possessed a positive attitude and zeal to learn. Through our program, she was given the opportunity to work with Food Services at Walton Intermediate and volunteer at Mark Twain supporting students with severe disabilities. Due to her strong work ethic and her teachers' guidance and support, she earned work positions through the GGUSD Workability Program. With each job experience Sophia was offered, she succeeded, and she learned to independently get to and from her jobs via OCTA.



Student Sophia learned work skills that led her to a position at Vons as a Courtesy Clerk.

Sophia's hard work has paid off. She currently is an employee at Vons as a courtesy clerk and attends North Orange County School of Continuing Education, taking child development classes while also still volunteering at Mark Twain. She independently manages her schedule between college, work, and ATP and is doing a wonderful job transitioning into adulthood! We can't wait to see what the future holds for Sophia and our students at ATP.

La Quinta High School

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Denise Halstead
Principal

Developing Leadership

La Quinta students strive to achieve the La Quinta vision statement "From Learners to Leaders" by developing leadership through skilled competition. La Quinta musicians, athletes, and artists are well known for their accomplishments on the field, on the court, on the stage, or in a gallery!

Academically, students challenge themselves in their chosen pathway through organizations like DECA for competition in the business

world, Cyberpatriots for Cyber Security competitions in computer science, and HOSA for competition within the Health Occupations industry. Students join Academic Decathlon to test their academic knowledge in all subjects, develop oratory skills in Speech and Debate tournaments, test their computation skills in Math competitions, and experience the courtroom preparing as attorneys for cases through Mock Trial.

Every Aztec, no matter what their interest or talent, can invest in an opportunity to compete and challenge themselves academically, creatively, or athletically through local, state and national level competition.



The DECA team excels in regional and state competitions about skills necessary for success in the business world.

Lake *Intermediate School*

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Margaret Feliciani
Principal

ERP Honor Roll School

Lake Intermediate School was recently recognized as a 2018 - 2019 Educational Results Partnership (ERP) Honor Roll School for our high achievement in student success. The ERP Honor Roll program, sponsored by the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), is part of a national

effort to identify higher-performing schools and districts that are improving student outcomes.

The Honor Roll utilizes public school student achievement data to identify successful schools and districts. Our school stands above others in the state because of our demonstrated ability to get students to grade-level achievement and beyond.

The Honor Roll distinction demonstrates our school's consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and a reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.



Students proudly display the school's Honor Roll banner.

We are thankful for the hard work of our students and teachers at Lake and their commitment to academic success.

Lawrence *Elementary School*

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Julie Kawai
Principal

A Warm Welcome

The amazing staff at Lawrence Elementary enthusiastically welcomed students back to the 2019-20 school year! Our new playground structure was completed over the summer, and staff and students

alike were excited about this new addition as they returned to campus.

We have had a strong start back! Our Roadrunners have engaged in class-building and team-building activities that build perseverance and community with new classmates through promoting and practicing positive interactions with

each other while learning about each other. In addition, we have been strengthening academic foundations and launching into new content. Students are diligently sharpening their academic and interpersonal skills and we are ready to work hard and have a great year!



Staff celebrated the school's new playground structure.

Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

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Robin Patterson
Director

Achieving Lifelong Success

Yamilex Cisneros graduated from Lincoln Education Center in June and was awarded the LEC/GGSAA Scholarship. Although born in the US, Yamilex was raised in Mexico. When she was 19 years old, she returned to the US on her own, in hopes of attaining a better education. Determined to obtain her diploma, she began taking ESL classes and High School Diploma courses, all while working to support herself.

Yamilex took advantage of the resources available to her through GG Adult Education and as a result, graduated with stronger academic skills. Earning her high school diploma represents a major milestone for Yamilex, but it is only the beginning. “In the past 18 months, I transitioned from the intermediate ESL level to the Academic transitional class, and earned my diploma. Going to Santa Ana College is the next chapter in my life where I will continue my journey to become a Bilingual Elementary School Teacher.”



Los Amigos *High School*

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Amy Avina
Principal

Kindness Matters!

What an exciting year at Los Amigos! Our staff has been looking forward to promoting a safe and healthy environment for our students by greeting students at the door,

starting class with “Good Things,” and being intentional about building positive relationships. We know that students come to school ready to learn when they feel that their teachers care about them and want them to be successful.

The Los Amigos campus is filled with inspirational posters and messages from our ASB and AVID programs. Our staff continues to pepper our social media accounts with words of inspiration and success stories from the classroom. Students have even agreed to show their Lobo spirit by taking “selfies with the principal” for our Instagram account.



Lobos ASB students take a “selfie with the principal” on the first day of school.

You can follow all of the good things coming out of Los this year at [los_amigos_high_school](https://www.instagram.com/los_amigos_high_school) on Instagram and LosAmigosHS on Facebook.

Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

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Tricia Chinn
Principal

Communicating with Technology

Mark Twain Warriors are off to a great 2019-2020 school year. Our students started off the year excited to be back at school and eager to learn. Mark Twain's wonderful teachers, speech therapists, and school psychologist work effortlessly to engage our students with the use of innovative technology. Strong collaboration between our staff assists our students with using various technologies to communicate their requests, understanding, needs and much more.



Students use technology to communicate with teachers.

When you enter the classrooms, it is exciting to see our students engaged, gaining access, and overall enjoying learning. These technology tools and opportunities allow our students to shine and show their ability and knowledge. In addition, an environment is created so students that are nonverbal have opportunities to communicate throughout the day.

McGarvin *Intermediate School*

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Tahnee Phan
Principal

Owls are WISE

McGarvin Intermediate is a great place for scholars to grow academically, socially and develop interests that will help them in their future endeavors.



Our P.B.I.S. program motto is "McGarvin Owls are W.I.S.E." Our motto reminds students to be Welcoming, to Improve Every Day, to be Socially Aware and to be Ethical. Teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors helps to develop valued character traits and habits that will help them be successful in all aspects of their lives. Through PBIS, we have created an environment where students feel welcomed, connected and supported through our tiered levels of intervention and support.

We were recently awarded the 2019 Gold PBIS Implementation Award and will continue to build our PBIS program and develop an even stronger culture and climate that supports and motivates ALL scholars.

Marshall *Elementary School*

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Eileen Young
Principal

Bound for Success

I am honored to serve as the new principal of Marshall Elementary School, a state recognized award-winning Honor Roll School! At Marshall, we are excited to provide a quality learning experience for students in an environment where teamwork, problem solving, responsibility, and respect are valued. It remains our goal to create an environment where expectations are clear and consistent. Effort, as well as achievement, is celebrated. Our most important responsibility to our students, parents and community is to create a safe and caring learning environment where students understand that school is a place for learning. We aim to protect and nurture the uniqueness of each child, as well as his or her capacity for intellectual and emotional growth.



Marshall students lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our belief continues to be that effective education results from a positive partnership of parents, students, community members, and staff members. This partnership is built on a strong foundation of commitment to student achievement and continues to grow with open communication between home and school. One event families participate in is our Friday Flag Assemblies. Families, students and staff members spend a few moments each Friday to sing a Marshall song, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and honor children for successes. With the support of our families and community, Marshall creates lifelong skills with all children for the 21st century and beyond!

Mitchell *Elementary School*

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Chris Francis
Principal

Teaching with Technology

Mitchell is proud to announce its launch as an Apple School! We have incorporated a one-to-one iPad program that focuses on developing 21st century skills in our students. Teachers are participating in ongoing, specialized training to increase student creativity, critical thinking, communication and

collaboration.

In addition to our work with iPads, we have developed a Technology Lab. The lab will provide coding activities with robots, green screen filming, and STEM Lab participation. Teacher and student excitement is already high as students will be engaging with technology in meaningful ways that will not only prepare them for college, but far beyond.



Our Mitchell Eagles are certain to soar to new heights this school year!

Morningside *Elementary School*

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Nathan Bellamy
Principal

Learning is Cool

The summer of 2019 might have been a cool one, but the warm weather has returned and the students at Morningside couldn't be happier! Thanks to Measure P,

Morningside Elementary now has air conditioning throughout the entire campus.

Measure P was a \$311 million bond measure that was approved by the GGUSD community to provide the funding for our modernization of our buildings. Each and every student is grateful to our community for their support! Students are more engaged in their classroom work, and more excited about coming to school thanks to the addition of air conditioning.

This makes learning cooler than ever.



Kindergarten students show off their excitement as they can now work in a nice cool room environment.

Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

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César Loya
Principal

Investment in Technology

Now in our fourth year of implementing our Spanish Dual Language Immersion program, the Monroe Elementary Language Academy (M.E.L.A.) staff is very proud of our accomplishments thus far and equally excited for the wonderful things to come.

Last year, M.E.L.A. was awarded the prestigious Golden Bell Award – a well-deserved

accomplishment that speaks volumes about the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

This year, we are looking forward to expanding our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) program. Our PTA has raised more than \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing technology that will enhance our student's experience and knowledge in coding and robotics.

Additionally, we are very excited to be able to bring the Meet the Masters art program to Monroe! At Monroe Elementary Language Academy, we strive to provide all our students a well-rounded education that will prepare them to be bilingual, bi-literate and multi-cultural global citizens.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, please call our office for important information and to sign up for one of our enrollment orientation meetings.



The staff is committed to providing exceptional instruction in English and Spanish that prepares students with the academic skills and personal skills needed for lifelong success.

Murdy *Elementary School*

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Marcie Griffith
Principal

Rich Learning Experiences

Murdy Elementary teachers and staff are delighted to welcome students and families to our newly renovated and air conditioned school!

At Murdy, we are proud to be a California Distinguished School, and committed to provide all students with a rigorous and supportive academic experience that will prepare them for success. Murdy students will have rich learning experiences and opportunities to participate in visual and performing arts, robotics and coding, and after school enrichment programs. We are proud to offer Gifted and Talented Education services, and to continue The Gratitude Project, a "living history" project which challenges students to explore how gratitude can persevere in the face of great hardship. 2019-20 marks the third year of our Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program, which

has grown to include students in transitional kindergarten through first grade. To learn about all the wonderful things happening at Murdy, follow us on Facebook and other social media @murdyelementary.



A sixth grade student from Murdy interviews Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend as part of The Gratitude Project.

Newhope *Elementary School*

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Adam Bernstein
Principal

Poetry Out Loud

At Newhope we believe that learning great poetry by heart not only addresses state learning standards, but also develops the mind and the imagination. It is for these reasons that each year we host

a competition called “Poetry out Loud.”

For this event, third through sixth grade students who have proven their ability to recite poetry in their classrooms participate in a school wide competition in the recitation of high quality poems by memory in front of an audience.

The students are scored on a variety of criteria including physical presence, voice, articulation, dramatization, and understanding of the poem.

We are already looking forward to this year’s “Poetry Out Loud” competition!



The winners of last year’s “Poetry Out Loud” competition proudly display their trophies.

Northcutt *Elementary School*

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Ryan Loberger
Principal

Ready to Learn

Northcutt Bulldogs returned to school excited to start and ready to learn. The school has been

recognized on the California Honor Roll by Educational Results Partnership for demonstrating exceptional academic progress for all students. In addition, Northcutt Elementary supports social skills and positive behavior through the Character Counts program, a nationally recognized program to develop strong citizenship skills for students.



Fifth grade students spend time collaborating and working in teams.

New to Northcutt this year is the idea of Bulldogs BARK. This phrase reminds students to Be safe, Accountable, Respectful, and Kind. BARK supports the traits used in the Character Counts program, and is a good reminder for expectations at Northcutt. Students will also be receiving regular opportunities to review and discuss positive social interactions through the Project KIK program, a series of engaging assemblies for all students. These supports encourage growth for students in social-emotional well-being while they continue to progress academically.

Northcutt staff and students are committed to the idea of both academic and social development as described in our motto: Community, Commitment, Character. We are looking forward to a great year!

Pacifica High School

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Steve Osborne
Principal

Voice Competition First Place Winner

The performing arts are vibrant and alive at Pacifica High School! Our students were well represented in the 2019 Voice of Garden Grove Competition that took place at Eastgate Park as part of the Summer Concert series.

Pacifica
Vocal Music
students

Makaila Mabry, Isaac Galeano, Kasey Crosby, and Cassidy Fleeman were awarded four out of the five spots in the Finals. Isaac placed 1st in the Finals and earned a \$500 scholarship singing "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." The PHS Vocal Music program received \$500 from the Garden Grove Community Foundation. It was a phenomenal performance!

Pacifica's new state-of-the-art auditorium will open in November, with seating for 450 guests. The auditorium will host events that range from theatrical plays, dance shows, band and choral performances, award ceremonies, and much more. It will be a wonderful addition to showcase the hard work and incredible talent of our performing arts students.



Student Isaac Galeano won first place in the Voice of Garden Grove competition.

Paine Elementary School

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George Martinez
Principal

Students Helping Students

One of the building blocks that creates a strong community at Paine Elementary School is older students serving as helpers and leaders for the younger

students. This was on display the second week of school, as 6th grade students took part in helping and encouraging the younger students during the bus evacuation drill.

This is just one of the ways school-wide connections are made on campus. The older students are thrilled to feel needed, as they develop their abilities and strengths. The younger students thrive on the individual attention and interaction with positive role models.



Sixth grade students lend a helping hand by assisting with the bus evacuation drill. Paine's upper grade students step up in many ways throughout the year to be positive role models and school leaders.

Parkview *Elementary School*

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Ryan Baker
Principal

Technology Infused Learning

Parkview Elementary School students returned for the 2019-20 school year eager to learn and anxious to settle in to their new classrooms.

In their classrooms, each student found their own Chromebook

or iPad and will be using this technology daily in preparing presentations, reports, experiments and research. This access to technology, and high quality instruction from their teachers, helps Parkview consistently outperform the county and state averages in both Math and English Language Arts on the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test.

This year, our brand-new STEAM Lab will be a creative space for students to code, work with robotics, and find solutions to unique problems to showcase their higher-level thinking skills.

We are extremely proud of all Parkview teachers and students and look forward to another successful year!



Students are excited about the success that awaits them during the 2019-2020 school year.

Patton *Elementary School*

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Dr. Jennifer Carter
Principal

A Win for Technology

We are excited to start this school year with new technology! Last Spring, the California State Treasurer Fiona Ma visited Patton Elementary School to present the

school with a \$25,000 check for technology. Patton Elementary School was one of only three schools across California to receive an oversized check for \$25,000 as part of the Treasure's 2019 Scholar Dollar Program.

After the check presentation, Treasurer Ma joined with the school's staff and approximately 950 students to duct tape Ms. Kawai and I to the wall. The school-wide duct-taping event was promised to our students for winning the competition. I appreciate all



Principal Jennifer Carter and previous Assistant Principal Julie Kawai allowed students to duct tape them to a wall as a prize for winning a school technology grant.

the staff, parents, and community for voting for Patton Elementary School during the Scholar Dollar Competition. The new technology will help promote student innovation and prepare the students for the future.



Kyle Benham
Principal
K-3



Gurprit Dhillon
Principal
4-6

District Wide Impact

Peters K-6 students returned to a newly modernized and air-conditioned facility. Along with upgraded classrooms, our students were proud to open as

the first school in the district with eco-friendly lunch trays.

Students from the Peters' Environmental Club-Step It Up began an initiative and petitions more than five years ago to help make our district more environmentally friendly. With the support of director Agnes Lally and food services, our student's voices were heard! We will now be utilizing not only the new eco-friendly trays district wide, but also implementing food sharing bins in each cafeteria.

Food waste being the primary concern, Peters students saw that there was a better way than to just throw away uneaten food daily. Students now have a chance to access unopened food packages such as apple slices if they want an extra something during lunch. We are so proud of our students to stand up for what is right!



Students proudly display their new eco-friendly food trays, a positive change they were able to implement districtwide with the help of their teacher and Environmental Club Advisor Mrs. Walker.

Post *Elementary School*

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Joy Ellsworth
Principal

Peace at Post

At Post Elementary, we are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growing both academically as well as socially and emotionally.

Post kicked off

the school year with a week of PEACE. PEACE stands for People Exhibiting Appreciation and Compassion for Everyone. The purpose of PEACE is to promote peaceful interactions among students on and off school grounds and encourage important lifelong behaviors demonstrating responsibility, respect, and courage. A Week of

PEACE was a great way to lay a positive foundation to the school year which will be filled with outstanding academic experiences led by a wonderful team of teachers and staff.



Students returned to the 2019-2020 school year ready and eager to learn!

Ralston *Intermediate School*

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Ruth Dietze
Principal

A Great Start

Ralston Intermediate School scholars and staff are off to a great start! We welcomed our scholars on the first day with smiles, fist bumps and a selfie station where staff and students could take pictures. Additionally, we had a great turn out at Back To School

Night, where our families attended a general session in the MPR with the Principal and Assistant Principal followed by visits to each of their student's classes. During those visits, teachers presented course objectives, homework/study requirements, and grading policies. Families also had the opportunity to purchase Ralston spirit wear, yearbooks and popsicles.

Additionally, Ralston's after-school programs have begun! Students can receive assistance in Math, Science, History and English on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school by attending ASP (Academic Success Program). During ASP, students can work in small groups and receive



Students are ready for a successful school year.

assistance from teachers and AVID college tutors. Our library (AKA The Eagle's Nest) is also open before and after school for students to use computers and complete homework.

As you can see, we are in full swing and looking forward to another great year at Ralston Intermediate.

Rancho Alamitos *High School*

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Mary Jane Hibbard
Principal

Cross Country Champions

Led by a trio of talented seniors, excitement and pride permeates Rancho Alamitos High School as the Boys' Cross-Country team defends their title as Garden Grove League champions!

Beginning the season ranked 10th in the Division

and 99th in the state of California, the class of 2020 has led a resurgence of the Vaquero success of the early 70's. They have led their team to two undefeated seasons in the Garden Grove League culminating in two League Titles, four 1st team All-League honors, and the first CIF Finals appearance since 1983.

Over the last three years, in grade level and varsity competitions, they earned four firsts, six seconds, and three third place finishes. Currently, they are ranked seventh in their division which would qualify them for the State meet. Their goals are to win a third League title and make it to the State meet in Fresno.



Members of the class of 2020 show off some of the hardware they have won.
Randy Araujo, Jeremy Santos, Andrew Hernandez, Daniel Rioquinto, Raymond Ruvalcaba, Jesus Salas, Brendon Maus.

Riverdale *Elementary School*

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Chris Ash
Principal

New Riverdale Tech Academy!

The teachers and staff are thrilled to welcome all students and families to Riverdale Tech Academy!

Our campus was under construction all summer and exciting updates have been made, including air conditioning, new lights, new windows

and the replacement of all old portable classrooms.

In addition to the new updated campus, this year we are proud to announce a new partnership between the education program of Apple and Riverdale Tech Academy! Each Riverdale student will be assigned his or her own Apple iPad. Students will use these iPads daily in their classrooms to enrich learning and encourage creativity. Each classroom has been equipped with new projectors

which will allow teachers and students to share their work wirelessly.

Through this partnership teachers have also been preparing to welcome your children into Riverdale's new technologically advanced learning environment.



Students show off their new iPads.

Rosita *Elementary School*

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Don Terreri
Principal

College Ready Culture

We look forward to another great year for the Distinguished Scholars of Rosita.

After a warm Red Carpet Welcome on the first day for the students and parents of the Rosita Community, they excitedly entered their classrooms to meet their teachers.

Our scholars looked ready and eager to take on the challenges of their new grade level to find success in learning

the college and career readiness standards that lead to lifelong success.

We promote college as an attainable and desired goal with monthly College Promotion Days and participation in the College and Career Mentoring Program for our 6th grade students.

In addition to our college-ready culture, Rosita provides a full academic program. We have preschool for three and four year olds, as well as an after-school program with Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove. Technology is used daily in each classroom with one to one access for every student. We have our Robotics Club participating in a Lego League Competition.

After school, students take advantage of an Extended Day Program to tackle challenging coursework, and strengthen academic and personal skills that will lead to lifelong success.



Fifth and sixth grade students display college pennants that depict the college their classroom represents.

Russell *Elementary Language Academy*

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Kai Chang
Principal

Dual Language Learning

Russell Elementary Language Academy proudly hosted PrepaKinder, a two-day orientation for parents and students entering the dual language immersion program. Teachers welcomed transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students in classrooms to introduce key concepts and expectations for success.

Meanwhile parents and families participated in an interactive orientation program that focused on opportunities to support their scholars at home. Parents navigated online curriculum resources and communication platforms like ParentSquare and

ClassDojo, as well as key Spanish language standards. This is the second year that Russell has hosted this orientation and will continue hosting parent and family workshops throughout the year that support program goals.

At the Russell Elementary Language Academy, students learn all academic content (language arts, math, science, and social science) in both English and Spanish. All instruction is provided by state credentialed teachers who have been trained to teach in English and Spanish.

All students who enroll in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten will be placed in the Biliteracy Program. Students will have the opportunity to earn the Pathway to Biliteracy Award from the Orange County Department of Education.



Parents and students attended an orientation to learn how to be successful in school!

Santiago *High School*

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Michael Kennedy
Principal

Chapter of the Year

Santiago students are members of a statewide youth leadership program called Friday Night Live. These students serve our school and community through prevention efforts on various topics. These topics include drug prevention, acceptance and kindness

campaigns, digital media literacy for our elementary and middle school feeder students, anti-bullying campaigns, distracted driving prevention, assistance with parent education nights, and youth leadership programs.

There efforts were instrumental in making Santiago High School last year's Orange County recipient of "Chapter of the

Year." Additionally, these students have been role models to their peers with efforts in public speaking as well as bridging relationships throughout the campus with other clubs, staff and students. These students are difference makers, game changers, and they exemplify what it means to be a Cavalier at Santiago High School.



Friday Night Live students celebrate being named Chapter of the Year in Orange County.

Simmons *Elementary School*

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Jaemie Johnson
Principal

Fresh Fruit for Everybody!

Simmons Elementary School is excited to begin a new partnership with the Feeding America program and Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.

We are so excited to be able to extend the gift of healthy food to all of our families this year through an invaluable school pantry program, which will bring a small scale Farmers Market to the Multi Purpose Room on our campus once every month.

Members of our school community and any other local neighbors who wish to participate will receive fresh fruits and vegetables for their whole family at no cost. Everyone is welcome and nobody will be turned away.

Healthy diets boost school attendance and academic success for students. This is a great opportunity for all families to obtain important nutrients their children need for optimal health and learning potential.

Our parent volunteers are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to serve you and your family!



Simmons offers free fresh fruit and vegetables to families and neighbors through the school's Mobile Food Pantry program.

Skylark *PreK*

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Cammy Devereux
Principal

Learning Pathways

Preschool students at Skylark are off to a vigorous start and making great strides in their first month of school. Skylark teachers and staff strive to provide a strong foundation for future success for all students by implementing a comprehensive

approach to educating and enriching the whole child.

After dedicating their morning to the core curriculum, students spend their afternoons exploring, creating and imagining through play. Whether they are building castles with foam rocks, painting fall leaves, singing songs about friendship, or learning colors in Spanish, our students are enjoying exciting learning opportunities in the arts, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), physical education, and Spanish language.

We are confident Skylark students are on the path to academic success.



Students enjoy imaginative play in the school's pretend kitchen.

Stanford *Elementary School*

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Melanie Mathovich
Principal

Supporting Student Success

Stanford Stallions have had a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year!

This year, one of our goals is to continue building on our AVID program. Our teachers are implementing school-wide systems and practices that support students with their organizational skills, having a college mindset, and improving their note

taking and study skills.

We are also excited to be opening a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Lab this year! The STEAM Lab will be a space where students can create, collaborate, explore robotics and coding, and engage in project-based learning that supports our state standards. Students will be able to practice problem solving and critical thinking skills in more engaging and meaningful ways.

Stanford School is also proud to offer the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program, beginning with our third grade students and continuing in fourth through sixth grades in the coming years!

Be sure to follow Stanford Elementary on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see the great things our scholars are doing this year!



Sixth grade scholars show off their AVID binders!

Stanley *Elementary School*

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Jamie Shippee
Principal

Safe and Welcoming Schools

Stanley elementary teachers and staff are taking time during the 2019-2020 school year to focus on building safe and welcoming schools. Each and every day teachers greet students at the door. Many students

start the day by selecting a handshake, high five, hug or fist bump as a greeting with teacher when entering the classroom door.

In addition to the morning greeting, teachers are focusing on the little acts that make a big difference. This includes celebrating a student's ability to "make your mark" or make a difference. This idea came to life during Stanley's second annual International Dot Day Celebration, based on the ideas from *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds.



Students use fruit to paint a mark on International Dot Day

Sunnyside *Elementary School*

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Susie Dollbaum
Principal

Teaching with Tech

Sunnyside students are starting off the 2019 - 2020 school year with brand new iPads in their hands. We are so excited to be a part of this wonderful endeavor that involves three of our district schools. Having one to one technology school wide will impact how students learn and how

teachers teach dramatically. Students will have the opportunity to develop the important skills that will prepare them for the 21st Century.

The four C's of technology – Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Communication will be the focus for lessons that will emphasize grade level standards.

Students will cultivate creativity through innovative ways of demonstrating knowledge and understanding. Collaboration will be enhanced as students work and create together. iPad technology will allow students to think critically while allowing the applications to work for them in other ways.

Communication will be about sharing questions, ideas, and solutions to a variety of audiences.



Students develop critical thinking through lessons supported by iPads and innovative teaching strategies.

Violette *Elementary School*

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Sarah Van Dam
Principal

Garden Grove Way

Violette Elementary staff and PTA welcomed students back to school with a red carpet, balloons, and welcome signs. Students got right to work having fun learning!

This year, PTA will sponsor our Fall Festival, school dances, field trips, a family movie night, and much more! Thanks to Second Harvest Food Bank, we will continue to host a free farmers market on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Parents in Action invites all parents to volunteer at lunch recess to keep our kids moving and engaged. All parents are also invited to our weekly parent education opportunities on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.



First grade students collaborate to learn about measurements.

As an AVID Elementary School, Violette will support all students with the academic skills and the personal skills needed for lifelong success. This is The Garden Grove Way!

Wakeham *Elementary School*

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Michelle Rushall
Principal

Wildcats ROAR

Wakeham scholars enjoyed a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. We had our annual kick-off assembly where the theme for the school year, Be Kind, was announced. Students and staff read books around the theme and discussed how to better support students with kind words and actions.

Wakeham scholars kicked off the school year by participating in many enrichment programs including College and Career Mentoring, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Parents in Action, GRIP, and Pure Game Soccer.



Students are excited for the 2019-2020 school year.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the fall. We invite all families to attend our weekly Friday Flag Assembly. There are also many special events to look forward to such as our annual Halloween Parade, Movie Night, Holiday Sing Along, and Winter Concert.

Warren *Elementary School*

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Chris Holland
Principal

21st Century Learning Skills

I am so excited to begin my first year as the principal at Warren Elementary. Warren is a supportive school, where the teachers, staff, parents, and community work together to ensure all students reach their full potential.

To prepare all our students for College and Career readiness, we incorporate AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) strategies schoolwide. These strategies are designed to help students with time management and note-taking skills, as well as building relationships with their peers and teachers. 21st-century learning skills are also a priority at Warren.



Staff attended a district-wide conference about incorporating AVID strategies at a school-wide level.

We believe incorporating technology into our daily lessons allows students to be more creative, collaborative, and allows them more opportunities for critical thinking. We strongly believe it is important that all of our scholars are equipped with the tools to thrive in all areas of their life.

Walton *Intermediate School*

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Sandra Valencia
Principal

Exciting Start

It is exciting to be starting another year as Principal at Walton Intermediate. Once again, Walton has received for the second year the state-recognized Honor Roll School award for our high achievement and continued success! Walton's rich culture and commitment to providing its students with the highest quality educational experience is one I am proud to be part of and is the "Walton Way."



As we continue our PBIS initiatives, students continue to embrace "ROAR," which focuses on character traits of Respect, Ownership, Attitude, and Responsibility. The teaching and reinforcement of positive behaviors assist in maintaining a positive school culture and motivating learning environment for all students.

This year we are proud to announce the addition of our STEM Lab, elective classes. We are excited to see our wildcats dive into the world of robotics and coding. At Walton, every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Walton is proud to be developing 21-century learners!

Woodbury *Elementary School*

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Rose Jansz
Principal

Built on P.R.I.D.E.

While upholding the rigor of the state standards, we believe in educating and nurturing the whole child. Woodbury is a school where students feel safe, comfortable, challenged and engaged in class. Everything we do at

Woodbury, from the academic to

the social and emotional pieces of education, stands on the foundation of instilling scholarly habits, sustaining a growth mindset, and a focus on our core values of PRIDE: Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence. Students and staff celebrate these core values as a school community to encourage and spread kindness and compassion towards one

another in all our school endeavors. Our dedicated group of teachers and staff members work extremely hard to provide high quality instruction every day as well as guiding and teaching positive behaviors and celebrating the great accomplishments of our students. Woodbury is an exciting place where our students' love of learning flourishes!



Zeyen *Elementary School*

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Gary Gerstner
Principal

Positive Character Traits

Welcome to the new 2019/2020 school year! Our staff welcomed our Cobra Scholars to school with big smiles, encouraging cheers, and warm greetings. Here at Zeyen Elementary each new school year brings a plethora of opportunities for our students to grow academically and personally.

We will continue our

monthly focus on positive character traits. Students are reminded of these traits daily through the morning announcements, visual posters, and adult modeling. At the end of every month, twenty-seven students are recognized as exemplary models of the character trait that was highlighted.

Our active and energetic PTO regularly strives to connect our families with

the school as well as raise funds to support many of our financially dependent programs. A good example is our Parents in Action program which provide alternative physical activities during lunch for our students.

The Zeyen staff is committed to helping all of our students learn at their highest levels. We believe that effort, a growth mind-set, and practice will open the doors of learning. This is going to be a great year!!



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Chatoie Bakery (French Bakery)
Fire & Ice Grill and Bar
Gozen Edo Fusion
Grasslands Brazilian BBQ
Huckleberry Lunch & Breakfast
Imli Bakery and Cafe
Johnny Rockets
King Coffee (Vietnamese Coffee)
McBormick & Schmick's Grill
MoMo Tea
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NOV

Veteran's Specials (11/11)

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