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## **GGUSD Teachers Share Dedication for Students in #WhyI Teach Campaign**



# Modernizing Our Schools

In November, Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) passed Measure P, a \$311 million bond measure to improve our schools. We are grateful to have received overwhelming support from the community with 76.3% approval from voters. Measure P will fund important seismic, safety, air conditioning, and modernization projects. The bond will be issued over the course of several years and only a portion of the funds are available now. Here is a look ahead at the work slated for 2017:

- Measure P will fund air conditioning in all 25 of the district's non-air-conditioned schools over the next five years. The first phase of the work has begun and five elementary schools will start the 2017-2018 school year with air conditioning.
- Work on the new Michael Monsoor Memorial Stadium at Garden Grove High School is underway and scheduled for completion by the 2017-2018 school year. The stadium at Bolsa Grande High School will receive the same state-of-the art renovations, and athletic facilities at GGUSD high schools will receive important upgrades.

- Earthquake safety improvements, including roof replacements, updated building electrical systems, and new science and technology classrooms are among the Measure P projects.

We will continue to keep parents and community members informed about the progress of Measure P improvements. An independent oversight committee, along with annual audits, will ensure funds are spent as promised. The approval of Measure P provides the district access to state and federal funds that would otherwise go to other communities. We will continue to take a proactive approach to securing additional funding and maximizing our resources to benefits our schools and students. We have seen firsthand the difference Measure A made to modernize and improve our schools. Measure P will continue that great work and make a lasting impact on the education experience at GGUSD for years to come.

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The Board of Education is proud of our steadfast focus on the district's strategic plan, The Garden Grove Way, and our goals to equip each and every student with the academic and personal skills necessary for lifelong success. The 2016-2017 school year has been packed full of accomplishments that prove that our work is making a difference, where it matters the most – in the lives of students.

### Academic Skills

Our youngest learners are experiencing great success in full-day transitional and full-day kindergarten. The transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students attending our first Spanish dual immersion program at the Monroe Language Academy are on their way to receiving "Pathway to Biliteracy" awards from the Orange County Department of Education, and the program will grow each year. Despite the rigor of California's new state standards, students continue to show significant growth in critical core areas like Math and English Language Arts. Our intermediate and high schools have embraced the college-readiness strategies of the AVID (Advanced via Individual Determination) program and have received numerous state and national accolades for how well they are implementing it. Many of our high schools have added new Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education courses this year to give students a competitive advantage after graduation.

### Personal Skills

Students are getting excited about kindness campaigns, community service, and are making a difference in their schools and communities. They are developing innovative ideas to solve real-world issues like hunger, promoting awareness about integrity on social media, and are developing clubs designed to connect students with special needs with social activities and friends. Many schools are implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions Systems), a proven practice that promotes a positive school culture.

### Lifelong Success

It's crunch time right as high school seniors are making decisions about which college to attend. Students are busy taking Advanced Placement exams and getting their scholarships in order. In May, we will launch a College Signing Day website to celebrate all of our college-bound students and in June, we look forward to our favorite time of year – graduations. And then, we will get ready for 2017-2018 and continue to improve upon all we have to offer with The Garden Grove Way.

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### Reaching New Heights

Each year, Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) graduates are prepared for lifelong success through the PreK-12 development of their academic and personal skills. We are delighted to provide students and staff with critical resources that empower them to reach new heights.

GGUSD would not be as successful as we are without the support of our fantastic staff and community. This year, we capitalized on the power of social media and launched a #WhyITeach campaign which honored the work our teachers do each day. To check it out visit, <http://ggusdwhyiteach.weebly.com/>. Congratulations to our bus drivers who earned 11 of the 23 awards presented at the annual Bus Rodeo, a regional safe driving competition among school bus drivers. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our community who overwhelmingly, with 76.3% of the vote, approved Measure P, our district's \$311 million bond measure to improve our schools.

We consistently encourage our students to pursue their individual interests outside of the classroom. We offer a robust Visual and Performing Arts Department with a wide range of programs for students. This year, five of our schools were selected to participate in the Disney Musicals in Schools program in which hundreds of students brought the magic of fairy tales to life with their productions of *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*, and the *Jungle Book*. More than 600 students participated in our First Impressions Art Show, submitting a wide variety of art, including paintings, photography, digital media, sculptures, and more. Our schools are consistently adding new after-school clubs for students to participate in, including culinary arts, engineering, forensic science, guitar, robotics, video production, and more.

GGUSD places a strong emphasis on nurturing students' socio-emotional well-being and promoting students' personal success. Thanks to a Project Cal-Well grant, our district has increased mental health services for students and families, improved collaboration and student access to



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community-based services, and delivered extensive professional development to ensure staff can identify and help students experiencing mental health challenges. We're also stepping up our fight against bullying with the launch of WeTip, an anonymous tip hotline piloted at several schools that gives parents and students another avenue to report any incident that threatens student safety.

As a system, we also celebrated several school-wide successes. Cook Elementary School was named a 2016 national Blue Ribbon School, one of the highest honors a school can earn. Alamitos, Bell, and Ralsten were named 2017 California Gold Ribbon Schools and Pacifica High School earned the state's top award for civic education. Doig Intermediate School and Santiago High School were officially re-validated as AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) National Demonstration Schools. Only 125 schools across the nation and a select few in Orange County earn the prestigious designation which signifies exemplary school-wide implementation of AVID's proven college readiness systems and strategies. Thousands of our students at schools across GGUSD participated in the Hour of Code to gain computer programming skills critical for 21st century careers.

In March, the California Department of Education unveiled a new school performance and accountability website called the California School Dashboard. The website replaces the more narrowly-defined Academic Performance Index (API) and contains multiple student and school accountability measures that extend beyond test scores. The Dashboard demonstrated tremendous growth from our students, including English Language Arts scores which grew by 14.3 points and math scores which grew by 16.2 points from the previous year. Additionally, the Dashboard showed that GGUSD continues to beat the county and state in graduation rates which increased to 92.7% while suspension rates decreased to 2.1%. The Dashboard is only a snapshot of the academic success demonstrated by our students day in and day out.



# Modernizando Nuestras Escuelas

En el mes de noviembre, el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Garden Grove (GGUSD), aprobó la Medida P, autorizando \$311 millones de dólares en bonos para mejorar nuestras escuelas. Estamos agradecidos por haber recibido un apoyo tan significativo de la comunidad, con el 76.3% de aprobación de los votantes. La Medida P financiará proyectos importantes sísmicos, de seguridad, aire acondicionado y proyectos de modernización. Los bonos serán emitidos durante el transcurso de varios años y sólo una parte de los fondos está disponible ahora. Aquí les presentamos un adelanto del plan de trabajo programado para el 2017:

- En el transcurso de los próximos cinco años, la Medida P financiará la instalación del aire acondicionado en todas las 25 escuelas del Distrito que carecen del mismo. La primera fase del trabajo ha empezado en cinco escuelas primarias, las cuales iniciarán el año escolar 2017-2018 con aire acondicionado.
- El trabajo en el nuevo estadio del Distrito en Honor de Michael Monsoor en la Escuela Secundaria Garden Grove, está en progreso, y se estima que estará finalizado para el año escolar 2017-2018. El estadio de la Escuela Secundaria Bolsa Grande,

también recibirá las mismas renovaciones innovadoras, y las instalaciones deportivas en las escuelas secundarias del GGUSD también recibirán actualizaciones importantes.

- Entre otros de los proyectos de la Medida P, están, las mejoras en la seguridad para temblores, incluyendo, reemplazos de techos, actualización en los sistemas eléctricos de edificios; y los nuevos salones de ciencia y tecnología.

Continuaremos manteniendo informados a los padres de familia y miembros de la comunidad acerca del progreso en las mejoras de la Medida P. Un comité de ciudadanos independientes, junto con las auditorías anuales, asegurará que los fondos se utilicen como se ha prometido. La aprobación de la Medida P le provee al Distrito acceso a fondos estatales y federales, que de otra manera irían a otras comunidades. Seguiremos tomando un enfoque proactivo para asegurar fondos adicionales y maximizar nuestros recursos para beneficiar a nuestras escuelas y alumnos. Todos hemos visto de primera mano la diferencia que ha hecho la Medida A al modernizar y mejorar nuestras escuelas. La Medida P continuará ese excelente trabajo y tendrá un impacto duradero en la experiencia educativa en el GGUSD en los próximos años.

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La Mesa Directiva de Educación está orgullosa de nuestro firme enfoque en el plan estratégico del Distrito, A la Manera de Garden Grove (The Garden Grove Way), y en nuestras metas para equipar a cada uno de los alumnos con las habilidades académicas y personales necesarias para el éxito de por vida. El año escolar 2016-2017, ha estado lleno de logros que confirman que nuestro trabajo está haciendo una diferencia en las áreas donde se requiere más - en las vidas de los alumnos.

**Habilidades Académicas:** Nuestros alumnos más pequeños están teniendo un gran éxito en el Kinder de Transición y Kinder regular de día completo. Los alumnos de Kinder de Transición, Kinder regular, y los alumnos de primer grado que están asistiendo a nuestro programa de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas – en Inglés y Español, en la Academia de Idiomas de la Escuela Primaria Monroe, están por recibir premios de “Camino a la alfabetización” del Departamento de Educación del Condado de Orange. El programa irá creciendo cada año. A pesar del rigor de las nuevas Normas Académicas Estatales de California, los alumnos continúan demostrando un crecimiento significativo en las áreas básicas esenciales como, Matemáticas y en las Artes de Lenguaje en Inglés. Nuestras escuelas intermedias y secundarias, han acogido las estrategias de preparación universitaria del Programa de Superación por Iniciativa Personal (AVID, por sus siglas en inglés), y han recibido numerosos premios estatales y nacionales por lo bien que están implementando el programa. Muchas de nuestras escuelas secundarias han agregado

este año escolar, cursos nuevos de Asignación Avanzada y de Carreras de Educación Técnica, para brindarles a los alumnos una ventaja competitiva después de la graduación.

**Habilidades personales:** Los alumnos están entusiasmados de participar en las campañas de actos de generosidad, servicio comunitario, y están haciendo la diferencia en sus escuelas y comunidades. Ellos están desarrollando ideas innovadoras para resolver problemas de la vida real como lo es el hambre, promoviendo la concientización sobre la integridad en los medios sociales, y están desarrollando clubs diseñados para poner en contacto a los estudiantes con necesidades especiales con actividades sociales y amigos. Muchas escuelas están implementando Intervenciones del Comportamiento Positivo y Apoyo (PBIS, por sus siglas en inglés), una práctica probada que promueve una cultura escolar positiva.

**Éxito de por vida:** Se acerca el momento decisivo para que los alumnos del doceavo grado en las escuelas secundarias tomen decisiones sobre cuál Universidad deben asistir. Los alumnos están ocupados tomando los exámenes de Asignación Avanzada y organizando sus becas. En el mes de mayo, lanzaremos el sitio web del Día de Comprometerse a la Universidad (College Signing Day), para celebrar a todos nuestros estudiantes que van a ir a la Universidad; y en el mes de junio, llega nuestra época favorita del año – las graduaciones. Y luego, nos prepararemos para el año escolar 2017-2018, y seguiremos mejorando en todo lo que tenemos que ofrecer A la Manera de Garden Grove.

## Alcanzando nuevas alturas

Cada año, los estudiantes que se gradúan del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Garden Grove (GGUSD), están preparados para lograr el éxito de por vida, por medio de su desarrollo académico y las habilidades personales que van adquiriendo desde el nivel preescolar hasta el 12.º grado. Estamos encantados de poder proporcionarles a los estudiantes y al personal escolar, los recursos fundamentales que los capacitan para que puedan alcanzar nuevas alturas.

El GGUSD no tendría tanto éxito como el que tiene, sin el apoyo de nuestro fantástico personal escolar y nuestra comunidad. Este año, aprovechamos el poder que tienen los medios sociales y lanzamos la campaña de #PorquéEnseño (#WhyITeach), la cual reconoció el trabajo que nuestros maestros hacen cada día. Para informarse acerca de esta campaña, visite la página de nuestro sitio web en: <http://ggusdwhyiteach.weebly.com/>. Felicitaciones a nuestros conductores de autobuses escolares, quienes recibieron 11 de los 23 premios que fueron presentados en la Ruta Anual de Autobuses Escolares (School Bus Roadeo), una competencia regional de manejo seguro, entre conductores de autobuses escolares. Deseamos expresarle nuestro más profundo agradecimiento a nuestra comunidad, que aprobó significativamente la Medida P, con un 76.3% de los votos, para la emisión de bonos de \$311 millones de dólares para nuestro Distrito, destinados a mejorar nuestras escuelas. Usted puede obtener más información sobre la Medida P, en la página #.

Nosotros motivamos constantemente a nuestros estudiantes para que sigan sus propios intereses individuales más allá del salón de clases. Les ofrecemos un Departamento de Artes Visuales y Escénicas sólido, con una amplia variedad de programas para los estudiantes. Este año, cinco de nuestras escuelas fueron seleccionadas para participar en las Presentaciones Musicales de Disney en los Programas Escolares, en las que cientos de estudiantes le dieron vida a la magia de los cuentos de hadas, con sus producciones de Aladdin, La Cenicienta (Cinderella) y el Libro de la Selva (The Jungle Book). Más de 600 estudiantes participaron en nuestra Exhibición de Arte Primeras Impresiones (First Impressions Art Show), en donde presentaron una amplia variedad de piezas de arte, incluyendo pinturas, fotografías, medios digitales, esculturas y muchas otras más. Nuestras escuelas están constantemente agregando nuevos clubs después de las clases regulares, para que los estudiantes participen en ellos, incluyendo clubs de artes culinarias, ingeniería, ciencia forense, guitarra, robótica, producción de video y muchos más.

El GGUSD pone un gran énfasis en fomentar el bienestar socio-emocional de los estudiantes y promover el éxito personal de los mismos. Gracias a una subvención del Proyecto Cal-Well, nuestro Distrito ha aumentado los

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servicios de salud mental para los estudiantes y sus familias, mejoró la colaboración y el acceso estudiantil a los servicios que están disponibles en la comunidad, y ofreció un desarrollo profesional extensivo, para asegurar que el personal escolar pueda identificar y ayudar a los estudiantes que enfrentan retos de salud mental. También estamos intensificando nuestra lucha en contra de la intimidación o acoso, con el lanzamiento del programa piloto WeTip, una línea telefónica directa nacional anónima que se ha puesto a prueba en varias escuelas del Distrito, la cual les proporciona a los padres de familia y a los estudiantes, otro medio para reportar anónimamente cualquier incidente que ponga en peligro la seguridad de los estudiantes.

Como sistema, también celebramos varios éxitos a nivel escolar. La Escuela Primaria Cook fue nombrada como Escuela Nacional de Listón Azul del año escolar 2016, uno de los más altos honores que una escuela puede obtener. La Escuela Intermedia Doig y la Escuela Secundaria Santiago fueron oficialmente revalidadas, como Escuelas de Demostración Nacional para el Programa de Superación por Iniciativa Personal (AVID, por sus siglas en inglés). Solamente 125 escuelas de todo el país y unas pocas seleccionadas en el Condado de Orange, obtuvieron esta prestigiosa distinción, la cual representa la implementación ejemplar a nivel escolar de las estrategias y sistemas de preparación universitaria que han sido comprobados en el programa AVID. Miles de estudiantes en las escuelas del GGUSD, participaron en la Hora de Codificación (The Hour of Code), para adquirir habilidades en la programación de computadoras, las cuales son imprescindibles para las carreras profesionales del siglo XXI.

En el mes de marzo, el Departamento de Educación de California dio a conocer un nuevo sitio web, para el desempeño y responsabilidad escolar, conocido en inglés como California School Dashboard (Tablero de Datos para las Escuelas de California). El sitio web reemplaza el más estrictamente definido Índice de Rendimiento Académico (API, por sus siglas en inglés), y contiene múltiples medidas estudiantiles y de responsabilidad escolar, que se extienden más allá de los resultados de los exámenes. El Tablero de Datos mostró el tremendo desarrollo de nuestros estudiantes, incluyendo en los puntajes de las Artes de Lenguaje en Inglés, que aumentaron en 14.3 puntos, y los puntajes de Matemáticas que aumentaron en 16.2 puntos, en comparación con los del año pasado. Adicionalmente, el Tablero de Datos mostró que el GGUSD continúa superando los índices de graduación del condado y del estado, cuyo índice de graduación aumentó al 92.7%, mientras que el índice de suspensión disminuyó al 2.1%. El tablero solo refleja una imagen instantánea del éxito académico que nuestros estudiantes demuestran tener día tras día.

# Cải tiến trường của chúng ta

Khu Học Chánh Garden Grove đã thông qua Dự Luật P vào tháng 11 vừa qua, một loại trái phiếu trị giá \$311 triệu Mỹ kim để cải tiến các trường học của chúng ta. Chúng tôi rất trân trọng biết ơn vì đã nhận được sự ủng hộ mạnh mẽ của cộng đồng với tỉ lệ bầu thuận rất cao – 76.3%. Dự Luật P sẽ tài trợ các dự án quan trọng nhằm phòng ngừa động đất, đặt máy điều hoà không khí, hệ thống an toàn, và tân trang trường sở. Công khổ phiếu sẽ được cung cấp trong nhiều năm và hiện nay chỉ có một phần của quỹ đang được dùng. Sau đây là sơ lược những công việc dự trù sẽ thực hiện trong năm 2017:

- Dự luật P sẽ cấp quỹ để gắn máy điều hoà không khí cho 25 trường trong học khu hiện chưa có máy điều hoà không khí trong vòng 5 năm sắp tới. Đợt 1 đã bắt đầu và 5 trường tiểu học sẽ có máy điều hoà vào đầu niên học 2017-2018.
- Xây dựng Sân Vận Động Tưởng Niệm em Michael Monsoor tại Trường Trung Học Cấp II Garden Grove và dự tính sẽ hoàn thành vào niên học 2017-2018. Sân vận động tại Trường Trung Học Cấp II Bolsa Grande cũng sẽ nhận phương tiện cải tiến tương tự và các cơ sở thể thao tại các trường trung học cấp II khác cũng sẽ lần lượt được nâng cấp.

- Dự Luật P sẽ tài trợ những dự án gồm cải tiến hệ thống an toàn phòng bị động đất, thay mái mới, nâng cấp hệ thống điện trong các toà nhà, các lớp học với những trang bị những thiết bị khoa học kỹ thuật tân tiến
- Chúng tôi sẽ tiếp tục thông báo để phụ huynh và cộng đồng theo dõi tiến độ sửa chữa theo Dự Luật P. Hội Đồng Công Dân Giám Sát Độc Lập cùng với việc kiểm toán hằng năm sẽ bảo đảm việc sử dụng quỹ đúng như đã hứa. Dự Luật P cũng sẽ giúp học khu có thêm phần tài trợ của tiểu bang, nếu không những cộng đồng khác sẽ được số tiền này. Chúng ta sẽ tiếp tục nỗ lực để có thêm tài trợ và tận dụng tối đa các nguồn tài trợ để mang lại lợi ích cho nhà trường con em học sinh chúng ta. Chúng ta đã thấy được những tiến triển tốt đẹp nhờ Dự Luật A khi các trường học của con em được tân trang. Dự Luật P sẽ giúp tiếp tục công việc này và sẽ có ảnh hưởng lâu dài đến việc giáo dục con em học sinh trong những năm sắp tới.

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### Bản Tin của Hội Đồng Giáo Dục

Hội Đồng Giáo Dục vô cùng hãnh diện với cương quyết luôn chú tâm vào sách lược toàn diện của học khu, Đường hướng Garden Grove, và mục tiêu trang bị cho mỗi học sinh những kỹ năng học vấn và năng lực cá nhân cần thiết cho các em thành công trên đường đời. Năm học 2016-2017 với rất nhiều thành tựu, đã chứng minh việc làm của chúng ta tạo nên những thay đổi quan trọng trong cuộc sống của học sinh.

### Kỹ Năng Học Vấn

Các học sinh nhỏ nhất của chúng ta đang đạt nhiều thành công ở cấp lớp mẫu giáo sơ học và mẫu giáo toàn thời gian. Học sinh lớp mẫu giáo sơ học, mẫu giáo, và lớp một đang theo học chương trình song ngữ tiếng Tây Ban Nha đầu tiên của học khu tại trường Monroe đang sắp sửa nhận bằng tưởng thưởng “Hành trình Song Ngữ” (Pathway to Biliteracy) của Sở Giáo Dục Hạt Orange. Chương trình này vẫn đang tiếp tục phát triển từng năm. Dầu cho những tiêu chuẩn mới của tiểu bang California có khó khăn đến đâu, học sinh chúng ta tiếp tục có những tiến bộ rõ rệt ở những môn chính như Toán và Anh ngữ. Chương trình AVID (Cá Nhân Quyết Tâm Thăng Tiến) tại các trường trung học cấp I và cấp II của học khu tiếp tục giúp các em hiểu rõ cách thức để chuẩn bị sẵn sàng vào đại học và đã được tiểu bang và toàn quốc công nhận những thành quả xuất sắc mà chương trình đã thực hiện. Nhiều trường trung học đã bổ túc thêm các lớp Trình Độ Cao và Huấn nghệ trong năm nay nhằm tạo thêm lợi điểm cho học sinh thi thố với đời sau khi tốt nghiệp trung học.

### Vườn Đến Đỉnh Cao Mới

Mỗi năm, học sinh tốt nghiệp Khu Học Chính Garden Grove (GGUSD) được mang hành trang với những kiến thức học vấn và năng lực cá nhân, bồi đắp từ lớp vườn trẻ đến lớp 12 để thành công trên đường đời. Chúng tôi rất vui khi cung cấp cho học sinh và nhân viên những nguồn hỗ trợ quan trọng nhằm giúp các em vươn đến đỉnh cao mới. GGUSD không thể nào có được sự thành công khi không có đội ngũ giáo viên, nhân viên ưu tú và sự hỗ trợ của cộng đồng. Tận dụng sức mạnh của phương tiện truyền thông xã hội, năm nay chúng tôi đã thực hiện cuộc Cổ động “Lý Do Trở Thành Nhà Giáo” nhằm tuyên dương công việc của giáo viên mỗi ngày. Để xem trang mạng này, mời quý vị vào địa chỉ <http://ggusdwhyiteach.weebly.com/>. Chúc mừng những tài xế xe buýt trường chúng ta đã đạt 11 trong 23 bằng khen do Giải Xe Buýt An Toàn (Bus Roadeo) hằng năm trao tặng, chương trình tranh tài lái xe an toàn giữa những tài xế xe buýt trường trong vùng. Chúng tôi cũng muốn gửi lời chân thành tri ân toàn thể cộng đồng đã hết lòng ủng hộ Dự Luật P với tỉ lệ 76.3% nhằm cải tiến trường sở học khu với công khổ phiếu \$311 triệu Mỹ kim. Để biết thêm chi tiết về Dự Luật P, mời quý vị xem trang #.

Chúng tôi luôn khuyến khích học sinh theo đuổi những sở thích riêng ngoài việc học của mình. Chúng tôi có Chương Trình Nghệ Thuật Tạo Hình và Trình Diễn tổng hợp và đa dạng cho học sinh. Năm nay, năm (5) trường của chúng ta được chọn tham gia chương trình Trình Diễn Nhạc Disney Tại Trường với sự trình diễn của hàng trăm học sinh, đã đưa sự ly kỳ của các truyện cổ tích vào đời thực như: Thần Đèn Aladdin, Công chúa Cinderella, Chuyện về Cậu Bé Sống Trong Rừng ‘Jungle Book’. Trong Chương Trình Triển Lãm Nghệ Thuật Ấn Tượng, trên 600 học sinh tham gia đã gửi tác phẩm nghệ thuật thuộc nhiều thể loại như hoạ phẩm, nhiếp ảnh, truyền thông điện tử, điêu khắc và nhiều thể loại khác. Các trường của chúng tôi luôn mở thêm nhiều câu lạc bộ sau giờ học khác nhau để học sinh tham gia như gia chánh, kỹ thuật công trình, khoa học điều tra hình sự, đàn guitar, ngành người máy, sản xuất băng video và những chương trình khác.

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Dr. Gabriela Mafi

và tình cảm giao tiếp khoáng đạt. Nhờ vào Quỹ Hỗ Trợ Dự Án Sống Lành Mạnh “Project Cal-Well”, học khu đã có thể gia tăng các dịch vụ dành cho học sinh và gia đình, cải thiện sự hợp tác, tạo cơ hội cho học sinh tham gia các dịch vụ của cộng đồng, mở rộng các chương trình tu nghiệp chuyên môn để nhân viên trường có thể nhận biết và giúp học sinh khi có những vấn đề ảnh hưởng sức khoẻ tâm thần. Chúng tôi cũng ra sức chống nạn uy hiếp qua việc hợp tác với Chương Trình Báo Tin Có Thưởng ‘WeTip’, đường dây nóng nhận tin báo ẩn danh đang làm thí điểm tại rất nhiều trường, giúp phụ huynh và học sinh có cơ hội báo bất kỳ trường hợp nào đe dọa đến sự an toàn của học sinh.

Là một hệ thống giáo dục, chúng tôi cũng mừng về những thành công của các trường học. Trường Tiểu Học Cook đoạt Giải Nơ Xanh toàn quốc năm 2016, một trong những bằng khen danh dự và cao quý nhất. Trường Trung Học Cấp I Doig và Trường Trung Học Cấp II Santiago được chính thức công nhận là Những Trường Thành Công với Chương Trình AVID (Cá Nhân Quyết Tâm Thăng Tiến). Chỉ 125 trường trên toàn quốc và vài trường trong Hạt Orange được nhận bằng khen cao quý nhất trong việc Áp Dụng Thành Công Chương Trình AVID Toàn Trường với những phương pháp giúp học sinh vào đại học. Hàng ngày học sinh các trường thuộc GGUSD tham gia Giờ Học Mã Hoá nhằm thu thập các kỹ năng quan trọng trong lãnh vực lập thảo trình diện toán thể kỷ 21.

Vào tháng 3, Bộ Giáo Dục California cho biết việc thành lập trang mạng mới nhằm báo cáo thành quả và trách nhiệm nhà trường với tên gọi California School Dashboard (Bảng Kiểm Tra Học Đường). Trang mạng này thay thế Chỉ số Thành tựu Học vấn (API), mang tính hạn hẹp trong cách đánh giá và bao gồm nhiều cách đo lường sự tiến bộ của học sinh và trách nhiệm nhà trường không chỉ dựa trên số liệu điểm thi. Bảng Kiểm Tra cho thấy sự tiến bộ đáng kể của các em học sinh, kể cả điểm môn Ngữ văn tăng 14.3 điểm và điểm toán tăng 16.2 so với năm trước. Ngoài ra, Bảng Kiểm Tra cho thấy GGUSD vẫn tiếp tục vượt trội các trường trong quận hạt và tiểu bang về tỉ lệ tốt nghiệp, tăng đến 92.7% , trong khi tỉ lệ đuổi học giảm xuống còn 2.1%. Bảng Kiểm Tra Học Đường chỉ là nét sơ lược về sự thành công học vấn của học sinh mỗi ngày.





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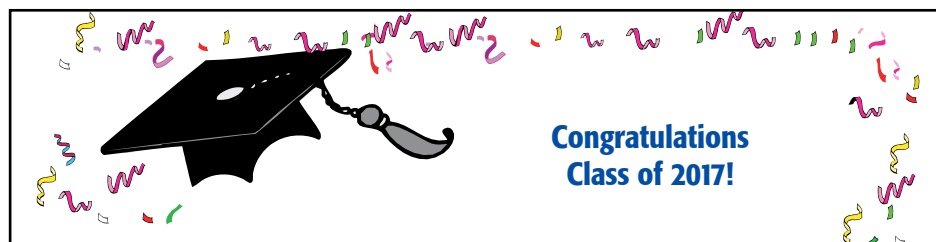
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We are at the end of another school year. The Superintendent's message brings you up to date on the successful year. Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

In this issue, you will read about students giving back to the community, earning top honors in the

OC Academic Pentathlon, reaching reading goals, AVID, STEM, computer science skills, college and career readiness, schools designated as Gold Ribbon schools, and so much more...

Our next issue is November 8 when we'll be back publishing the excellence from the classrooms. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!



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## Alamitos *Intermediate School*

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### Alamitos Students Give Back

It has been an inspiring year at Alamitos Intermediate. In addition to being recognized as a Gold Ribbon School for excellence in academics,

**Christine Pflughoff**  
Principal

Alamitos works diligently to create a positive school culture including giving back to the larger community.

In February, students raised funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Exciting homework competitions took place to inspire and excite students. ASB designed the lesson to present to students. The last "push" for contributions was "stuck for a buck" where students taped the assistant principal to the wall! In total, \$3037.61 was raised, more than double than last year. Thank you to all students and staff for fundraising for such a worthy cause.



**Alamitos Intermediate Schools students tape Assistant Principal Nick Clark to the wall to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.**

## Teachers See the Possibilities

In Jennifer Swanson's high school English class, seniors master material that prepares them for college and careers, gaining writing and communication skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.



Arroyo High School, Expository English Class, Teacher: Jennifer Swanson '96, M.A.Ed. '99

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## Allen *Elementary School*

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### Students Soar in Academics and Arts

Ethan Allen Elementary has established itself as one of the top ranked elementary schools in Orange County. In addition to our students receiving top scores on state tests, Allen students have achieved top



**Andrew Heughins**  
Principal

honors in the Orange County Academic Pentathlon for the past four years. The Allen community also takes great pride in providing our students with a foundation in the arts and local culture. Allen students and their families participated in our annual Lunar New Year celebration, and we just finished our second year of Disney Musicals in Schools with our production of "Aladdin."



**Students wowed audiences with their production of Disney's "Aladdin."**





**Tricia Chinn**  
*Principal*

## Anthony *Elementary School*

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

### A Fun Place to Learn and Grow

Anthony scholars have been enjoying exciting activities this school year: the Brainstorm STEM program to develop 21st century technology skills; a College and Career Mentor program; FIBO Art; and Pure Games. These additional activities have allowed our students to experience many fun aspects of learning to support their academic and personal growth.

In addition, as a school, we have celebrated the diversity of our community with a wonderful Tet and Cinco de Mayo celebrations for our students and families. Thank you to our Anthony parents for your fundraising efforts to make Anthony a fun place to learn and grow. We appreciate and enjoy your parental presence at our Friday Flag Deck where we celebrate our school and student successes and reinforce positive behavior, scholarly habits, character traits, and much more.



**The school hosted a festive Tet Celebration in honor of the Lunar New Year.**



**Wayne Kelley**  
*Principal*

## Barker *Elementary School*

12565 Springdale St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6164 • <http://barker.ggusd.us>

### Fostering a Strong and Safe Learning Environment

At Barker Elementary School, we continue to foster a strong learning environment, which previously earned us the recognition as "A California Distinguished School." Our staff works hard to ensure that every student reaches their highest potential by developing skills in language arts, mathematics, science, and social science.

are recognized each month for their hard work. Through our character awareness program, students focus on being responsible citizens and contributors to our school and community. We are fortunate to have active parent volunteers in the classrooms on a regular basis as well as for special events and activities. Recently, we installed a wrought iron fence around our school to ensure the safety of all students.



**Barker students enjoy wearing colorful shirts for Rainbow Day.**



**Matthew Lambert**  
*Principal*

## Bell *Intermediate School*

12345 Springdale St., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6466 • <http://bell.ggusd.us>

### Bell Named Gold Ribbon School

It has been an eventful year for our students and staff. Bell continues to earn academic distinctions, and just recently was named a California Gold Ribbon School. Our staff and students were recommended to the state for being a school of distinction for building literacy. We are also very proud of the way our students think outside themselves and are learning to serve others. The Bell ASB and student body have given of themselves and their time to support our local Ronald McDonald House, Pennies for Patients, writing and delivering individualized

cards for senior citizens living at our neighborhood retirement home, and making special blankets for children battling cancer. We are proud of our students becoming well-rounded individuals and learners.



**Bell students collect food for the Ronald McDonald House.**



**Louise Milner**  
*Principal*

## Bolsa Grande *High School*

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### Matador Futures are Bright

Bolsa Grande High School is committed to preparing students for success after high school. One way we are doing this is through a new career pathway in engineering and manufacturing. The Intro to Engineering Design course was placed alongside our Product Design Studio 1 and 2 course offerings.

Intro to Engineering Design teacher Ryan Tonthat has our Matadors bringing their ideas to life! Several students participated in a preliminary MESA Day Competition at UC Irvine where Matadors advanced to the regional competition at San Diego State University.

Product Design 1 and 2 teacher Cesar Villalobos provides students with practice in product design challenges through project based learning. For the last three years,

students have competed and placed in the top three at the UCI Energy Invitational.

Students are demonstrating innovation, critical thinking skills, and teamwork, proving themselves to be career ready.



**Bolsa Grande engineering students assemble an electric vehicle.**





**Dianna Rangel**  
Principal

## Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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### Award Winning Program to Promote Reading Among Students and Parents

On March 22, 2017, parents at Brookhurst Elementary School celebrated their completion of the Latino Family Literacy Project (LFLP). The award-winning program

teaches and encourages parents to read with their children in English and/or Spanish and establishes a successful family reading schedule at home. Parents create a memory book aligned with the themes of the books read. The celebration included a sharing of the family memory books created, a brunch, and guests from the GGUSD Community Outreach Center.



**Parents create memory books in the Latino Family Literacy Project**



**Tanya De Leon**  
Principal

## Bryant *Elementary School*

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### Students Develop Math Mindset

Bryant Elementary School has made exciting progress toward building a positive Math Mindset. This year, all Bryant teachers participated in Irvine Math Project (<http://sites.uci.edu/irvinemathproject>) lesson studies to refine their understanding of the new standards and reflect on their delivery of the research-based, hands-on lessons. Additionally, Bryant has partnered with ST Math to extend math learning beyond the school day with game-based instructional software designed to boost math comprehension and proficiency through visual learning. Bryant's PTO has embraced our school's math focus by creating a beautiful ST Math bulletin board in our MPR celebrating Spring with Jiji the Penguin, the star of ST Math. Please be sure to stay up to date on our accomplishments by following @BryantGGUSD on Twitter.



**Jiji the penguin reminds students about the importance of math.**



**Kim Kroyer**  
Principal

## Carrillo *Elementary School*

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### Congratulations to Teacher of the Year

Carrillo Elementary School is proud to share and congratulate Mr. Carlos Primiani as GGUSD's Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mr. Primiani brings to the table

the best qualities anyone could want in an educator. He holds both himself and his students to the highest standards. On any given day, you will see him more in the role of facilitating the learning while allowing students to seek out, research, and explore the answers to his questions. He gives up his lunch break on a daily basis, to practice softball or play basketball with the students. His students have become masters with technology and learn not only academics, but also the value of teamwork and the joy of working together to achieve a single goal.



**Teacher of the Year, Carlos Primiani**



**Sharla Staab**  
Principal

## Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

1150 Santa Rosalia St., Stanton, CA 90680 • 714/663-6177

### Nurturing Love of Learning

The Early Childhood Education Center has had a very busy year. Our focus is on setting a foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Our teachers have been hard at work to address students' unique learning

needs in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment. We have enjoyed some fantastic family events, including our second annual Halloween parade, winter concert, and movie nights. We look forward to planning many more opportunities for our families to participate in during the upcoming school year.



**Students explore their love of reading by playing the part of Dr. Seuss.**





**Sue McClellan**  
*Principal*

## Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

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### Preparing Early Learners for Kindergarten

This year has been an exciting one for the GGUSD State Preschool Program! This is our third year participating in the state Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). All of our classrooms have received four and five star ratings which indicate a high

quality program! Our teachers have had the opportunity to participate in Early Childhood Education conferences and trainings, as well as an ECE STEM Symposium. They have implemented many of the wonderful ideas from these workshops into our classrooms. With our QRIS funds we have purchased STEM materials to enhance our curriculum. All of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms are ensuring that our students are ready for TK and Kindergarten next year!



Preschool teachers share their love of teaching.



**Jason Shabet**  
*Principal*

## Clinton *Elementary School*

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### Students Reach Rigorous Reading Goals

Clinton Elementary School students continue to showcase their love of reading by working hard to reach goals set for them by their teachers.

and curiosity. Many students are participating in our after-school 100 Mile Club that provides a fun and safe way for kids to learn the value of exercise!

Students are participating in the Accelerated Reader program and are trying to reach several reading reward benchmarks, including an exclusive t-shirt for A.R. University that states "Today a Reader and Tomorrow a Leader." Reading rewards are made possible by the fundraising efforts of Clinton's PTO. In addition, Clinton's staff completed a book study on Paul Tough's book "How Children Succeed" that has led to a new character strength system that educates kids on several virtues like ambition, optimism, self-control,



**Sandi Ishii**  
*Principal*

## Cook *Elementary School*

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### Cook Named National Blue Ribbon School

Our student scholars and staff have achieved many exciting accomplishments this year. Most notably, Cook was recognized in Washington D.C. as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The prestigious honor was awarded to less than 300 public schools nationwide. Our school-wide promotion of the growth mindset coupled with our supportive culture helped us stand out on the national

stage. Our students have embraced student leadership programs, such as Tech Squad to develop leadership in 21st century technology skills, the Peace Ambassadors Project, and the K Kids Club, a chartered Kiwanis club run in collaboration with Bolsa Grande High School Key Club. Thank you to our Cook parents for their support in adding joy and community spirit to Cook with events such as TET, Trunk or Treat, and the Color Run.

Stay in touch with the Cook community through our website.



The Cook choir performed at the school's national blue ribbon celebration.



**Kristine Levenson**  
*Principal*

## Crosby *Elementary School*

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### Students Invest Time in Serving the Community

It has been a great school year at Crosby Elementary. Students enjoyed the Art Masters program, Imagination Machine writing program, the school's Tet Celebration, and Talent Show. Our wonderful PTA hosted several community events such as the Fall Carnival, the Pancake Breakfast with Santa, our Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Tailgate Party, and movie nights. We are very proud of the Crosby Student Council

for working diligently all year to serve our community. They coordinated our annual Canned Food Drive and assisted the Elks Lodge in distributing the food and made donations to The Friends & Helpers Organization, which provides support for domestic violence victims. They hold regular beach cleanups and have visited the Chapman Care Center several times this year, bringing cards and singing songs to the residents. They fundraised for several years to purchase two Buddy Benches which provide a safe space for students feeling lonely or needing a friend to play with on the playground.



Crosby Elementary School students sing for the residents at the Chapman Care Center to brighten their day.





**Louie Gomez**  
*Principal*

## Doig *Intermediate School*

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### Top-Notch College Readiness Program

This year Doig Intermediate School has achieved some great accomplishments. Our teachers and students worked diligently and we are pleased to say we again attained the title of “AVID National Demonstration School.” The process involved a full day rigorous observation from the AVID Center with many classroom visits to ensure that instruction and student

learning are equipping students for college readiness. Additionally, Doig Intermediate received a certificate of AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction. This designation represents the highest level of AVID implementation demonstrating excellence in instructional practice and promotion of college readiness school-wide. It is an honor to work with a staff that is exceedingly committed to ensuring that all of our students are equipped with the tools to achieve success in their future.



**Beth Cusimano**  
*Principal*

## Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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### Students Enjoy Year Packed Full of Learning and Fun

In addition to our core academic program, Eisenhower students participate in many innovative academic and enrichment activities. We recently performed Disney's *Cinderella*, a

musical for kids. Teachers helped students learn how to act, sing, and dance. Other students created backdrops, props, and acted as crew for the production. Additional enrichment is offered in computer programming, coding, and robotics.

All students receive the opportunity for after-school extra support in reading or English Language Development. This opportunity extends through the summer for

students and families.

Our career fair introduced students to 30 unique careers, with an embedded emphasis on goal-setting and tenacity. Other programs include mentoring, gardening, and running challenges.

Please follow our activities by liking us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EisenhowerGGUSD/>



**Eisenhower Elementary School students ignited the magic of fairytales with the school's production of *Cinderella*.**



**Michelle Askew**  
*Principal*

## Enders *Elementary School*

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### Students and Parents Unite in Academic Activities

Enders Elementary School provides a nurturing environment committed to

achieving excellence. We believe that

the home school connection should be strong to ensure success. This year our parents and students participated in our first STEM Family Night, incorporating hands-on activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We just planted in our teachable garden, which offers many experiential learning opportunities in a wide array of disciplines. We plan to harvest the fruits and vegetables for the community. Enders has also added two afterschool courses for

enrichment activities. Enders students and staff enjoyed participating in our campus beautification project. Our most recent endeavor is our tile art, fostering school pride and a positive culture.



**Enders Elementary School encourages parent engagement in school activities.**



**Tyleen Perez**  
*Principal*

## Evans *Elementary School*

12281 Nelson St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6558 • <http://evans.ggusd.us>

### Students Tackle Academic and Personal Goals

Evans Elementary School students are working to meet their academic and personal goals, learning what it means to have a growth mindset, and encouraging one another as they work through academic challenges. Teachers are working hard developing lessons that challenge and inspire critical thinking. One of our most popular activities this year has been our after-school Coding and Robotics classes. Students get hands-on experience coding while working on the skills of teamwork, communication, and problem solving. Our annual Spring Math & Science Night is also popular. This year, the event featured Orange County Astronomers who brought high-powered telescopes for viewing of distant planets and stars. These are just a few reasons why Evans is a great place to learn!



**Evans students enjoy problem solving in the after-school Robotics Club.**





**Sarah Mershon**  
*Principal*

## Excelsior *Elementary School*

10421 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6106 • <http://excelsior.ggusd.us>

### Success Equation

This year, Excelsior students have focused on the success equation: “Academic Skills + Personal Skills = Lifelong Success.” Recently, we hosted our second annual Career Day where 20 professionals from our community came to share about their career. A few of our Career Day volunteers were family members as well.

Students were able to hear about the skills and schooling requirements for each career. Each presenter also shared about how they had to persevere or solve problems in their career. A few other enjoyable activities this year were our sing-a-long where all classes performed, and our PTA jog-a-thon where students were encouraged to practice perseverance. I’m proud of our students’ hard work and success and thankful for our supportive staff and parents.



**Excelsior Elementary School students enjoyed hearing from real-world professionals during Career Day, including a chiropractor who brought in props to help explain the chiropractic practice.**



**Lorrie Klevos**  
*Principal*

## Faylane *Elementary School*

11731 Morrie Ln., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6253 • <http://faylane.ggusd.us>

### Equipping Students with Computer Science Skills

Faylane Elementary School is offering students new opportunities to gain 21st century computer science skills. With support from the Department of Instructional Technology, all students participated in the national Hour of Code activities in their classrooms. We extended the opportunity for EVERY Faylane student to have multiple experiences in this exciting computer skill by offering a Family Night of Coding. Over 40 families had a great time learning together how to code. With the idea that “every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science,” students participated in extended day coding classes, and students with interest moved beyond by attending a multi-week robotics training. Our robotics students demonstrated what they learned at a morning parent meeting, and everyone was amazed! Students continue to develop their coding skills by attending an optional Friday Coding Club, which is available to all students.



**More than 40 families participated in the Faylane Family Night of Coding.**



**Michelle Repsher**  
*Principal*

## Fitz *Intermediate School*

4600 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6351 • <http://fitz.ggusd.us>

### Students Receive Opportunities for Hands-On STEM Learning

Thanks to a partnership between Endologix, the Orange County United Way, the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove, and GGUSD, Fitz Intermediate School students received new hands-on experiences in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) this year. Students toured Endologix, a

biomedical engineering company in Irvine and participated in a question and answer session with Endologix engineers about college and career pathways. Our top four science project finalists, Kaden Le, Honey Morales, Bryan Nguyen, and Jason Nguyen attended a Science Fest Showcase at Endologix and were awarded with certificates and gift cards. Endologix also awarded our first place science fair winner Honey Morales with a college scholarship. We are all very proud of our future scientists!



**Fitz Intermediate School students tour Endologix, a biomedical engineering company headquartered in Irvine.**



**Steve Osborne**  
*Principal*

## Garden Grove *High School*

11271 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6115 • <http://www.gghs.us>

### Social Justice Week Promotes Student Expression

Garden Grove High School’s most notable achievement included Social Justice Week, sponsored by the Bridges Club and the Human Relations Task Force. The forums on gender, race, and social class encouraged students to express their opinions freely. Students recognized how current events and our political climate affect everyone. They gained confidence in speaking skills in order to express their ideas, frustrations, fears, and concerns.



Students engaged in academic and respectful discussions that helped them recognize that our campus is rich in diversity. Concepts such as equality, respect, and listening to others with whom we may disagree emerged as the most important. Our students did an incredible job at holding mature, civil discussions, and reminded us of how fortunate we are to work at GGHS!





**Michelle Morales**  
*Principal*

## Garden Park *Elementary School*

6562 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA, 92845 • 714/663-6074 • <http://gardenpark.ggusd.us>

### Students Embrace STEM

Garden Park Elementary School students are deepening critical thinking skills, engaging in STEM-centered (Science

Technology Engineering and Math) activities, and sharpening their presentation skills through the use of instructional technology tools like Google classroom. We were fortunate to receive grant money, which was used to purchase additional classroom technology. Our dedicated staff and PTA provided a variety of student activities: Art Masters; Million Word Club; Dance Through the Decades; a kindergarten and first grade Thanksgiving performance; sixth grade volcanoes & chicken mummification; Be Brave, Be Safe; Read Across America; Pentathlon; Reflections; and First Impressions Art Show.



**Students celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss for Read Across America Day.**

Additionally, parents, students, and staff have enjoyed attending special events: Glorious Geckos, Trimester Awards, Trunk-or-Treat, Literacy Night, Pi Math Night, and the Sweetheart Dance. Thank you staff and parents for your tremendous school support.



**Charise Santana**  
*Principal*

## Gilbert *Elementary School*

9551 Oranewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6318 • <http://gilbert.ggusd.us>

### Parents and Students Work Together to Build Positive School Climate

Gilbert Elementary School is not only committed to educating students, but also its parents. This year Boys Towns of California provided six sessions of Common Sense Parenting classes in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese focusing on how to address communication, discipline, decision making, relationships, self-control, and school success. We continue to focus on building school

climate by implementing a school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) and have newly added PAL (Peer Assistance Leadership). PAL peer leaders, in grades 5-6, help build a positive school climate through youth leadership, mentoring, conflict resolution, peer helping, service learning, and prevention activities. In February, the PAL students organized a month long anti-bullying campaign that was launched alongside the We Tip pilot which provides students and parents with an anonymous hotline to report bullying and other issues.



**Students showcase Anti-Bullying Campaign.**



**Todd Nirk**  
*Principal*

## Hare *High School*

12012 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6508 • <http://hhs.ggusd.us>

### A Year of Exciting Events!

It's been an exciting year at Hare High School for our students, staff, and community. Our wonderful students

continued to display empathy

and civic mindedness by organizing a two week drive to raise money for cancer research which resulted in a donation of more than \$500 to the Leukemia, Lymphoma Society. We have added an after-school program called Thrilling Thursdays which allows students to participate in a variety of activities each week. And our phenomenal social studies and video production teacher Ms. Jenny Jurgemeyer was selected as Garden

Grove's nominee for the prestigious 2018 Orange County Department of Education's Teacher of the Year program. It's been a tremendous year and we're looking forward to closing out 2017 in style!



**Teacher of the Year nominee Jenny Jurgemeyer gets students excited about school.**



**Melissa Sais**  
*Principal*

## Hazard *Elementary School*

4218 W. Hazard Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703 • 714/663-6403 • <http://hazard.ggusd.us>

### 21st Century Skills

Hazard Elementary School is committed to providing students with the 21st Century skills necessary to flourish in a global society. The unique technology-training model in which all stakeholders teach and learn from one another led to Hazard becoming the California Gold Ribbon Award recipient in 2016. Students have opportunities to participate in Coding and Robotic

Engineering and Project-Based Learning in Math and Science prorams. Monthly parent meetings are designed as opportunities for parents to learn the uses of technology along with the curriculum and instructional practices occurring in the classroom. Students provide testimonials and training for parents during these meetings. We are proud to share that Hazard fosters a community of learners that includes staff, parents, and students!



**Hazard sixth graders teach younger students about computer science.**





**Michelle Pinchot**  
*Principal*

## Heritage *Elementary School*

426 S. Andres Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6108 • <http://heritage.ggusd.us>

### New Opportunities for Students

Heritage is excited to announce the opening of the “Heritage Learning Commons” which will debut in September 2017! Students will have access to a true 21st century learning environment that focuses on technology and collaborative working spaces.

To meet the needs of all learners, Heritage is implementing a proven RTI (Response to Intervention) model with an emphasis on Tier I instruction. Through the work of our Instructional Leadership Team, we will ensure consistent systematic practices to improve student achievement. Tier 2 and 3 interventions have been put into place in key grade levels in order for students to reach their greatest potential.

We are also proud to have our first pentathlon team with members who are shining examples of the character strengths of our school.



**Heritage Elementary School students enjoyed competing in the county's academic Pentathlon.**



**Erin Lara**  
*Principal*

## Hill *Elementary School*

9681 11th St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6561 • <http://hill.ggusd.us>

### A Path for All Students to Succeed

Hill Elementary School has many reasons to celebrate! Students have made remarkable progress in reading and math as a result of strong teaching and intervention programs. We began the school year without any at-risk readers in first grade. Our teachers make time in their busy day to provide intervention

before or after school to make an impact on the progress of struggling learners. The special and general education teachers are celebrating their strong collaboration with fifteen students changing placement to a less restrictive teaching environment. Students and staff are keeping our positive school climate by implementing a character program this year. Stay up to date by liking us on Facebook @HillHoundsGGUSD.



**Hill Elementary School students recreated the magic of Disney with the school's production of *Cinderella*.**



**Bill Gates**  
*Principal*

## Irvine *Intermediate School*

10552 Hazard Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6551 • <http://irvine.ggusd.us>

### Encouraging Success for All Students

At Irvine Intermediate School, we continuously strive to foster a rigorous and supportive environment that increases and develops our students' academic and personal skills, so that they will achieve lifelong success in the years to come. Throughout the year our students are challenged to demonstrate scholarly habits, to achieve academically, and to demonstrate the character traits of caring, fairness, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, and citizenship. Our school leadership clubs (ASB, NJHS and Hawks Club) promote events such as “Got Grades”, “Pennies for Patients,” and the “Great Kindness Challenge.” Our school enrichment programs extend learning beyond the school day into areas like robotics, culinary arts, photography, and dance. Over 300 of our students recently participated in our annual Cardio-a-Thon

and our eighth graders and their parents attended our “A-G Information Night” to prepare for high school in the Fall.



**Board of Education trustees Teri Rocco and Walter Muneton celebrate Irvine Intermediate students Genevieve Nguyen and Tracy Nguyen for winning first and second place in the districtwide Intermediate School Spelling Bee.**



**Chad Ouellette**  
*Principal*

## Jordan *Adult Transition Program*

9915 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 714/663-6486 • <http://jslc.ggusd.us>

### Helping Students Build Independence

The Adult Transition Program at Jordan utilizes community based instruction to build our students' functional independence skills with the goal for them to have a successful transition to life after school. We pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have built with local outside agencies to ensure the individual needs of our students are met when placement decisions are made upon exiting the public school system. A couple of our most popular student activities include accessing the community on the OCTA public transportation system and gaining valuable vocational skills volunteering throughout the district's intermediate school kitchens. Our students strive to learn new work skills, plan bus routes, and manage money to build on their future opportunities to gain employment and live as independent as possible.



**Jordan ATP students learn vocational skills by volunteering in our school kitchens.**





**Tracy Conway**  
*Principal*

## Jordan *Intermediate School*

9821 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6124 • <http://jordan.ggusd.us>

### Jordan Opens New STEAM Lab

Jordan Intermediate is a school that buzzes with activities and interesting courses for all students. Jordan opened a state-of-the-art STEAM lab this year, using Action Labs to allow students to experience a variety of career opportunities from robotics, engineering, and aerospace technology to forensic science, video production, and ecological sciences. The STEAM Lab is the first of its kind at the GGUSD intermediate level. Other diverse course options include digital photography, guitar, and Vietnamese Language. Jordan students are participating in the Endologix Science Fest, Academic Pentathlon, and Spelling Bee. They are taking after-school classes in computer coding, game design and production, keyboarding, culinary arts, and math. There are several new clubs this year including, Latinos Unidos, Vietnamese Student Association, Jordan Dance Club, Jordan Buddies, Math Mentors, and PAL. Jordan is a place where all students are provided with new opportunities and where we practice Respect, Responsibility and Kindness.



**Students utilized critical thinking skills in the school's Science Fest.**



**Denise Halstead**  
*Principal*

## La Quinta *High School*

10372 McFadden Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6315 • <http://www.laquintahs.org>

### Students Achieve in Athletics, Art, and Academics

La Quinta students in 2016-17 have achieved athletically, artistically, and academically and are participating in high level competition and real world experiences. Our Business and Computer Science Pathway students have placed in DECA and CyberSecurity competitions at the state and national levels.

In the arts, students have advanced to final competition level in poetry writing and our visual arts students earned Best in Show and the School Board President award at the First Impressions Art Exhibit. Out on the field, our Varsity Football Team had the most wins since 1998! Many thanks to our parents who continue to support through our La Quinta Parent Association and our Friends of Music boosters who recently purchased \$140,000 worth of new instruments. Go Aztecs!!



**Margaret Feliciani**  
*Principal*

## Lake *Intermediate School*

10801 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6506 • <http://lake.ggusd.us>

### Preparing Students for High School, College, and Beyond

At Lake Intermediate we are excited to offer STEAM elective classes, which focus on design, modeling and automation, and robotics. Using Project Lead the Way curriculum,

students are given hands-on experiences, which prepare them for high school, college, and career pathways.

Lake Intermediate continues to focus on literacy standards. Staff has received professional development specifically in summary writing strategies. This focus allows students to strengthen their writing practices and improve achievement. We've also implemented extended after-school learning opportunities in mathematics.

In November, the Orange

County Philharmonic Society chose Lake to be the recipient of their "Strike-Up the Band" grant. This program is designed to invest in schools that are doing great work, but could use more resources. Lake received \$9,400.00 in musical instruments.



**Lake Intermediate School received a generous donation for new instruments from the Orange County Philharmonic Society.**



**Marie Kennedy**  
*Principal*

## Lawrence *Elementary School*

12521 Monroe St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6255 • <http://lawrence.ggusd.us>

### A Lunar New Year Celebration

Lawrence students, staff, and community members came together for an exciting Lunar New Year celebration. The program began with the master of ceremonies, parent Robert Nguyen, providing information about the celebration. Student entertainment included singing and a dance performed by our Boys and Girls Club members. The Lion Dance commanded the

attention of everyone as they dazzled the crowd. Many distinguished guests were also in attendance. Guests included GGUSD Board Member Teri Rocco, and Garden Grove City Council Member and Lawrence parent Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen. Also present were GRIP staff and law enforcement, as well as members of the GGUSD. Parent and Community Outreach. The Lawrence Staff and Lawrence PTO worked together to organize this fabulous event for all to enjoy.



**Lawrence Elementary School held a special event to celebrate the Lunar New Year.**





## Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

11262 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove CA 92843 • 714/663-6291 • <http://cte.ggusd.us>

### New Pathways for Career and College

Garden Grove Adult Education (GGAE) is a valuable district program that serves our diverse community, including many GGUSD parents. Through new state funding, we have increased our collaboration with community colleges to build pathways and opportunities for students to transition into vocational or academic careers. Students continue to excel in core classes, including English as a Second Language (ESL), Pronunciation, Vocational English as a Second Language

(VESL), High School Diploma (HSD), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and GED/HiSET Preparation. LEC also offers a distance learning Citizenship Preparation class that helps students practice for the real U.S. Citizenship interview and examination as well as a program for adults with disabilities through the Regional Center of Orange County. Adults strengthen their workplace skills in non-core classes like Basic Computer Literacy, Computers in the Workplace (Microsoft Office Core and Quickbooks), and CPR/First Aid. We continue to promote a strong culture offering students many opportunities to get engaged.



## Los Amigos *High School*

16566 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6288 • <http://www.losamigoshs.com>

### Students Focus On PAWS

Students and staff at Los Amigos High School celebrate **Paws-a-tivity** daily by showing our **PAWS: Persevere, Attain, Work, Succeed**. We promote college and career readiness, and as a result have over 150 students accepted into four year universities and ten students have committed to the Armed Services our far this year. This achievement was celebrated during our

Senior Assembly in April. Staff members show their PAWS too. ELD teacher Belen Ortega was honored at the Orange County Department of Education for excellence in teaching students who are acquiring English. Ms. Ortega pays it forward to her students by honoring our newest LOBOS monthly for their achievements towards mastery of the English language. From talent shows to Helping Hands to Ragnar races, there is nothing this staff won't do to support each other, our students, and the community.



Los Amigos High School celebrated its seniors who have been accepted to college or made commitments to the armed forces.



## Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

11802 Loara St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 714/663-6050 • <http://marktwain.ggusd.us>

### The Special Education Center Maximizes Students' Strengths

**Chad Ouellette**  
*Principal*

The Special Education Center at Mark Twain serves students ranging from kindergarten through Adult Transition. Our students have severe to profound disabilities with multiple eligibilities for special education services. We emphasize instruction and piloted curriculum that has now been adopted by our school board for all moderate/severe disabled student classrooms district wide. Our staff is thoroughly trained by our nursing team, which includes a full time licensed vocational nurse, to best support our medically fragile students. We strive to identify students' strengths and areas of needs and have implemented numerous assessment tools. We believe that behavior is communication. Through listening to behavior and introducing innovative technology, our students have been given a voice by making choices.



Students work on gross motor skills and problem solving.



## Marshall *Elementary School*

15791 Bushard Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6528 • <http://marshall.ggusd.us>

### Opportunities for Students to Get Involved

Marshall Elementary School offers many great opportunities for students beyond the classroom. As part of our new 100 Mile Running Club, more than 150 kindergarten through fifth grade students spend time running every morning before school begins. Our student leadership team helps

with morning announcements, school events, Friday Flag ceremonies, school sales, and student leaders share ideas on how to improve the school experience for all students. Our Yearbook Committee works hard all year long taking pictures of school events and formatting our annual yearbook. Our sixth graders are practicing their softball skills to compete against Allen, Carrillo, and Murdy schools in our annual softball tournament. Students enjoy programming, coding, and science experiments in an after-school club called BrainstormSTEM.



Marshall Elementary School enjoys a wonderful partnership with the area police department.





**Tahnee Phan**  
*Principal*

## McGarvin *Intermediate School*

9802 Bishop Pl., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6218 • <http://mcgarvin.ggusd.us>

### A Plethora of Extra-Curricular Opportunities

McGarvin Intermediate is a great place for scholars to grow academically and socially, and develop interests that will help them in their future endeavors. McGarvin is the only intermediate school in Garden Grove Unified School District that has a marching band, marching orchestra and drill team. McGarvin is also home

to an outstanding art program with many of our artists receiving awards and recognitions. We are in our first year of offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) courses and developing the infrastructure to support these classes. McGarvin students stay busy and have many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities such as intramural sports, 3D Printing Club, Hip Hop Club, Cooking Club, Yoga Club, Writing Club, App & Game Development Club, and Craft Club.



**McGarvin Intermediate School's marching band celebrates the Lunar New Year in the community Tet parade.**



**Chris Francis**  
*Principal*

## Mitchell *Elementary School*

13451 Taft Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6131 • <http://mitchell.ggusd.us>

### A Focus on Positive School Climate

Positivity is reigning supreme at Mitchell Elementary School! In addition to the strong instructional program that teachers continue to refine, Mitchell staff has focused on creating a more positive school climate. A growing amount of research shows that school climate strongly influences students' motivation and ability to improve academic performance, making it a very worthy goal.

Mitchell became a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school this year. Teachers have created instructional strategies around positive behavior skills, just as we teach academic skills, and developed a school-wide incentive program. In addition to PBIS, Mitchell has also created monthly Character Awards and "Music Fridays". These efforts combined with engaging classroom instruction have made Mitchell a "fun" place to be!



**Mitchell Elementary School students celebrate Read Across America Day.**



**Nathan Bellamy**  
*Principal*

## Morningside *Elementary School*

10521 Morningside Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6328 • <http://morningside.ggusd.us>

### New Community Garden

Morningside Elementary School has had a great school year and we were excited to establish our new community garden. With the help of many teachers, we received a grant and created a garden for our students and parents to enjoy. It's fun for all to be outside and eat fresh vegetables. Our

teaching staff has done a wonderful job with our new curriculum and students are enjoying the stories and working online in the classroom and at home. The new year has brought on many great activities by our PTA and our families have enjoyed our annual winter nights and movie nights. We will be planning our end of the year activities to say goodbye to our wonderful sixth graders as we help them prepare for intermediate school and beyond.



**Morningside students enjoy planting their new community garden.**



**César Loya**  
*Principal*

## Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

16225 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6264 • <http://monroe.ggusd.us>

### A Successful First Year

Monroe Elementary Dual Language Academy has had a successful first year rollout of our Dual Language Immersion program. I continue to be impressed by the level of Spanish language fluency our students are developing within the program. I am very excited that our students will

have an opportunity to receive their "Pathway Towards Biliteracy" award this year by meeting certain criteria set forth by the OC Department of Education. These benchmark, or pathway, awards are designed to recognize students and encourage the pursuit of language skills in two or more languages. Further, the Pathways to Biliteracy Awards affirm positive attitudes towards biliteracy, and validate the use of multiple languages for all students.



**Students at the Monroe Language Academy are making great strides on their pathway to biliteracy.**





**Marcie Griffith**  
Principal

## Murdy *Elementary School*

14851 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6405 • <http://murdy.ggusd.us>

### Staff and Students Earn Numerous Accolades

2016-17 has been another exciting year at Murdy Elementary School. Mrs. Valerie Del Carlo was named GGUSD

K-6 Teacher of the Year; Principal Marcie Griffith received the California Association for Gifted Distinguished Service Award; and Mrs. Camie Walker was awarded a \$20,000 STEM grant! Murdy students had many rich experiences this year. Every student participated in the Hour of CODE, and many gained valuable skills in our robotics program. We welcomed guest speakers, including Mayor Nguyen, a Tuskegee Airman, and US and Vietnamese veterans. In addition, many students were recognized for their talent in visual and performing arts, and a team of fifth grade students presented at the Orange County STEM

Showcase. We are proud to serve all of our students and continue to see success in our GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program. Follow us on Facebook @murdyelementary.



**Murdy Elementary School sixth graders welcomed Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend for the school's 2017 Gratitude Project.**



**Adam Bernstein**  
Principal

## Newhope *Elementary School*

4419 W. Regent Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6581 • <http://newhope.ggusd.us>

### After School Classes

Newhope Elementary School students have many opportunities to participate in enrichment and academic classes after the school day ends.

Students have designed computer code and interactive media in the Creative Computing Class. They have written and illustrated printed and bound books in the Write Brain Books Class. They have built and programmed robots in the Robotics class! In addition to that, students have designed clay pottery and sculptures in our Ceramics class and have drawn wonderful cartoons in the Young Rembrandts Art class. Beginning in May, students will cook recipes from around the world in

our new Travelling Chef class and gain experience taking digital pictures in our Photography class. We're proud of the work we're doing to motivate students to pursue different areas of interest and provide them with a positive climate and culture at school.



**Gary Gerstner**  
Principal

## Northcutt *Elementary School*

11303 Sandstone St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6537 • <http://northcutt.ggusd.us>

### Connecting Students and Parents through Fun Academic Programs

Northcutt Elementary School has had a busy year with school activities. Every trimester we have a Family

Activity Night in which we highlight reading, math, art or science. Throughout the school year, we offer an Art Masters program that exposes students to influential artists throughout history and gives students an opportunity to create their own artwork using the same techniques as the artists we study. Lastly, we have a lot of fun with reading. Our upper grade students compete in the Battle of the Books, reading literature and answering questions about what they read. Our students with

the most correct answers are recognized during one of our assemblies. These activities and many more are geared towards connecting our parents to our school and building school spirit.



**Northcutt students and parents enjoy Family Art Night.**



**Robin Patterson**  
Principal

## Pacifica *High School*

6851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6515 • <http://www.pacificamariners.com>

### Students Shine in Visual and Performing Arts

Pacifica is proud to have students performing at high levels in visual and performing arts. Seventeen Mariner students were recognized in Orange County for their creations in 2-D and 3-D art and received ribbons at the First Impressions Art Show. Eliana Hardy was nominated for Artist of the Year in the 3-D Art category. In the performing arts, Jordan Small won our local Shakespeare competition two years in a row. The Mariner Encore Group placed first in Music, Show, and Overall in the Chaparral "Showcase" Show Choir Competition. Students Hannah Archer and Kamryn Cobb received Best Performer Awards this season. The Pacifica Marching Band finished the season in

second place at the California State Band Championships and Colorguard currently sits in second place. The Mariner Drumline has placed in each of their competitions and the Pacifica String Orchestra earned unanimous superior ratings at the SCSBOA Festival and qualified for the Regional Festival in May.







**George Martinez**  
*Principal*

## Paine *Elementary School*

15792 Ward St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6118 • <http://paine.ggusd.us>

### Students and Staff Return to Modernized Campus

It has been a wonderful year for students, staff, and parents at Thomas Paine Elementary. After a year at a temporary site, we returned back to a completely modernized campus. Our classrooms are now equipped with new technology, fixtures, and air conditioning. We also have a new kindergarten playground. The Paine staff is proud of our new campus and takes every opportunity to welcome the community to our regular music performances, parent meetings, and student events. Thomas Paine continues to provide the best possible academic opportunities to all students. We take pride in our outstanding overall state assessment scores. We offer academic interventions to give students



**In April, Paine Elementary School held a ribbon-cutting for its brand new playground equipment.**

an additional opportunity to work on ELA and Math skills. We plan to expand these programs to provide the best educational experience for all students.



**Mike Ingalls**  
*Principal*

## Parkview *Elementary School*

12272 Wilken Way, Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6266 • <http://parkview.ggusd.us>

### A Celebration of Academic Success and Classroom Technology

Parkview Elementary School staff and students are committed to academic success. We continue to celebrate being named a 2016 Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Achievement School. Our award came from our Impact Future Success Model (I.F.S.), which gives all students the academic and personal support they need to achieve

efficacy and proficiency. Our school has been named a California Business for Educational Excellence Honor Roll School for two years. Thanks to more than \$140,000 in grants, Parkview offers one-to-one technology to ensure that all students from first through sixth grade, including general education and special education students, have access to technology devices to support 21st century learning. Our parents actively support our school to give students a positive educational experience and help pave the way to a bright future.



**Parkview Elementary School offers a supportive and nurturing culture to equip all students for success.**



**Dr. Jennifer Carter**  
*Principal*

## Patton *Elementary School*

6861 Santa Rita Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6584 • <http://patton.ggusd.us>

### Equipping Students for Success

Patton Elementary School is a place where students are engaged in their learning and are challenged to do their best every day!

Our teachers and volunteers involve students in a wide variety of activities at Patton to help develop the personal skills necessary to achieve academic and social goals. A few of our most popular activities are the Coding & Robotics Class for our sixth grade students, our Running Club for TK-6th grade students, and being part of the musical performance Peter Pan.

Brandon Tran, one of our fifth grade students, was recently recognized for winning first place in the Garden Grove Unified School District Spelling Bee. The whole school is proud of his accomplishment!



**Patton Elementary School recognizes its top spellers.**



**Kyle Benham**  
*Principal*

## Peters *K-3 Elementary School*

13162 Newhope St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6085 • <http://petersk3.ggusd.us>

### Students Strengthen Problem Solving Skills

Peters K-3 Elementary continues to build upon its 2016 California Elementary Gold Ribbon and Title I Achievement awards by providing a rigorous and supportive academic experience that motivates all learners to meet high expectations. Students have been working collaboratively to deepen their critical thinking

and problem solving skills across curriculums and also in activities such as Hour of Code, Coding and Robotics, and the Young Einsteins: STEM Lab. Students also participated in a Tet celebration in honor of the Lunar New Year, a pumpkin decorating contest, math and science night, literacy night, and a color-a-thon. Please be sure to stay up-to-date on our accomplishments by liking us on Facebook at Peters K-3 Elementary School.



**Peters K-3 staff makes storytime fun.**



**Students get creative in pumpkin decorating contest.**





**Gurprit Dhillon**  
*Principal*

## Peters 4-6 Elementary School

13200 Newhope St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6070 • <http://peters46.ggusd.us>

### Students and Staff Celebrate a Wonderful Year

Peters 4-6 students and staff continue to celebrate our recent achievement of being recognized as both a California Gold Ribbon school and a Title I Academic Achievement school in May 2016. Students are engaged in a variety of exciting activities, including Coding and Robotics and Spanish Language Enrichment. We will have 30 students compete in Division 1 at the county's Academic Pentathlon. Students, teachers, and parents joined together to raise funds for 220 sixth grade students to attend Science Camp. Lastly, our Teaching Garden, supported by the American Heart Association and Whole Foods, continues to be a great resource for students to learn about health and nutrition. Our entire school community has come together to plant and care for the garden, harvesting the vegetables for a farmers market!



Students learn about nutrition with the school's Teaching Garden.



**Joy Ellsworth**  
*Principal*

## Post Elementary School

14641 Ward St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6354 • <http://post.ggusd.us>

### New and Improved School

What has Post Elementary School been up to during the 2016-2017 school year? Our modernization has been completed and we are enjoying our "new" school. We are really excited that by the end of this school year we will have a ratio of one computer to every student in grades 3-6 so that students and teachers will be able to access technology whenever needed. We have had our first very successful Multi-Cultural Week where we celebrated cultures from around the world. Family Fun Nights has also been a focus at Post where our families are able to enjoy fun evenings together and build relationships with other families while watching movies and enjoying our "Fun Runs."



Post Elementary School hosted a school-wide celebration to honor the Lunar New Year.



**Ruth Gómez Dietze**  
*Principal*

## Ralston Intermediate School

10851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6366 • <http://ralston.ggusd.us>

### Supporting Growth Mindset and Student Success

Scholars and staff are having a great year at Ralston Intermediate School. Teachers have continued their focus on supporting scholars with the use of academic language school-wide. Additionally, teachers integrate technology and effective instruction to support student mastery of rigorous standards. In addition to continuing

our academic focus, scholars participate in activities, like our recent Pi Day Celebration, and school spirit days. Monthly advisements support our school-wide focus of promoting a growth mindset, scholarly habits, respect, study skills, and much more. Our scholars also attend our after school academic program called A.S.P. to complete assignments, receive support from teachers and college tutors, study, and collaborate. Ralston Scholars are having a fantastic year! Thank you to staff and parents for their continued support.



Ralston scholars celebrate their love of math with Pi Day.



**Mary Jane Hibbard**  
*Principal*

## Rancho Alamitos High School

11351 Dale St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6415 • <http://www.ranchoalamitoshs.com>

### Unique Program to Help Freshmen Excel

Rancho Alamitos offers a number of exceptional programs. One of our most unique programs is FACT, an integrated program for our highest achieving Freshmen. Three English, science, and social science teachers work together to make connections across the curriculum for 50 students who

travel together through a portion of their day. In 2016, we added Advanced Placement Human Geography to the program. This is a college level course in which students learn about how and why cultural patterns differ across the globe. The science and English teachers used this new, challenging class as a focal point for their integration and support. In Spring 2016, over 85% of the students passed the AP exam, earning college credit their freshmen year and we expect a higher pass rate this year!



Rancho Alamitos High School freshmen enjoy earning college credit in the school's unique FACT program.





**Chris Ash**  
Principal

## Riverdale *Elementary School*

13222 Lewis St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6563 • <http://riverdale.ggusd.us>

### Bringing the Magic of Disney to Life

Thanks to a partnership with Disney Musicals in Schools and Segerstrom

Center for the Arts, Riverdale Elementary School brought

the magic of Disney to life in the school's production of "The Jungle Book" with three sold out performances to parents and the community. Students, parents and teachers worked together for 17 weeks to put together this amazing musical. Through this process students became confident young performers while learning important 21st century skills of creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication. The highlight of this process was watching the students perform on the big

stage at Segerstrom Center for the Arts. To see photos and other events happening at Riverdale Elementary follow us on Twitter or Facebook @RiverdaleGGUSD



## Rosita *Elementary School*

4726 Hazard Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703 • 714/663-6418 • <http://rosita.ggusd.us>

### Students Embrace Growth Mindset

Our students and staff have embraced a growth mindset coupled with an "Always Try Your Best!" attitude. This has led us to positive growth

participating in many after-school programs, like March in Motion, Read Across America Week, a color run, nutrition classes with our school garden, sports, and a variety of Spirit Days.



**Don Terreri**  
Principal

in 34 of 36 areas measured by state assessments, district assessments, and our strategic plan surveys from students, parents, and staff. Every student has access and utilizes technology in the classroom, many on a daily basis. We have coding classes that participated in a nationwide competition. Our community participates in a variety of family events like BBQ Movie Night, Kite Day, Skate Nights, Muffins with Moms, and Santa's Breakfast. Our students enjoy



**Kai Chang**  
Principal

## Russell *Elementary School*

600 S. Jackson St., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6151 • <http://russell.ggusd.us>

### Academic Pentathlon Allstars

Russell Elementary Schools students have invested much hard work and dedication to prepare for this year's Academic Pentathlon sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education. Sixth graders participate in the countywide academic competition, taking on challenges in the subject areas of fine arts, literature,

math, science, and social science. Prior teams from Russell have earned first place overall for their division while also earning 48 individual medals. This year's Pentathlon team has been guided by our dedicated teachers and our student scholars have demonstrated excellent commitment to prepare for this year's competition. We are proud of their hard work and wish them all the best in this year's competition!



Russell Elementary School sixth graders look forward to putting their academic skills to the test.

## Santiago *High School*

12342 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6215 • <http://www.santiagohs.org>

### AVID Program Recognized Among Best in the Nation

Santiago is proud to be an AVID Nation Demonstration School. This year Santiago received the highest level of re-validation as an AVID National Demonstration Site for the third time. Only three high schools in Orange County have received this recognition. This recognition is for having a schoolwide program that

supports all students academically in high school with an emphasis on developing a post high school plan for success. All Santiago teachers utilize WICOR throughout the school, which includes effective teaching strategies in all classes, and provides systematic support for all students preparing and applying to college. Additionally, Santiago AVID received the highest certification classification as a School of Distinction. AVID students consist of over 25% of our overall enrollment, and AVID is part of Santiago's culture!



**Michael Kennedy**  
Principal



Santiago High School students and staff celebrate being named an AVID National Demonstration School.





**Jaemie Johnson**  
*Principal*

## Simmons *Elementary School*

11602 Steele Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6096 • <http://simmons.ggusd.us>

### Students Focus on Healthy Choices

In addition to a strong academic program, our parents and students together have completed multiple nutrition programs and have focused on making healthy choices, knowing that healthy, active children spend more days at school and are more academically engaged.

Parent volunteers run engaging physical activities

for students in first through third grades during lunch and recess three days a week, and teachers organize participation in the 100 Mile Club where student learn to set personal goals and persevere through challenges to feel the benefits of success.

Many teachers remain in contact with students into their adult years and have seen that well-rounded students become responsible citizens. We are so proud of our current and past students who are out in the world making great choices!



**Parent volunteers offer fun activities to students during lunch and recess.**



**Lynn Hardin**  
*Principal*

## Stanford *Elementary School*

12721 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6458 • <http://stanford.ggusd.us>

### Academic Accolades

Stanford Elementary School's most notable achievements include being honored as a 2016 California Gold Ribbon Elementary School and 2016 National Title I Academic Achieving School. Our students and staff were recognized for collaboration and

academic discourse with an emphasis on listening and speaking skills. Well done to our sixth grade students and coaches for having two teams participating in the countywide Pentathlon. Our students enjoyed cultural school activities such as a Tet Festival of Friendship in honor of the Lunar New Year and a Cinco de Mayo celebration with dances of the Aztecs. For the second year, we have successfully implemented the school-wide Positive Behavioral and Intervention Support (PBIS) program. A special thank you to our Stanford PTA and parents for all of their fundraising efforts and support. Congratulations to all staff and students for their hard work, accomplishments, and caring attitude.



**Stanford Elementary School students enjoy the dragon dances at the school's Lunar New Year celebration.**



**Jamie Shippee**  
*Principal*

## Stanley *Elementary School*

12201 Elmwood St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6484 • <http://stanley.ggusd.us>

### Opportunities Abound!

This year has been a time of opportunity for Agnes Ware Stanley. The campus is undergoing a modernization effort that includes both updating

the infrastructure, which includes air conditioning every classroom, and moving the classrooms towards 21st century learning. For the second year Stanley students had the opportunity to work with Disney Musical in Schools to continue the journey towards a sustainable music theater program. The students, with the support of teachers and parents, engaged the audience in the wonderful world of Aladdin Weeks spent at the TGP lab and the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center gave Stanley scholars the opportunity to engage in hands-on scientific exploration. Students at Stanley continue to demonstrate that they are proud, respectful, responsible scholars.



**Stanley students wowed audiences with the school's production of Aladdin.**



**Susie Dollbaum**  
*Principal*

## Sunnyside *Elementary School*

9972 Russell Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6158 • <http://sunnyside.ggusd.us>

### Students Focus On Acts of Kindness

Sunnyside students are recognized for many things, such as, academics, effort, goals achieved, miles ran, and more. This year we are adding another element of recognition that raises the awareness of the outstanding character traits of our students. Students now receive tickets for their "Acts of Kindness" toward others. The greatest outcome is that students are becoming aware of the simplest gestures that make a difference in other people's lives, including their own. We are finding that students are more complimentary, smile more often, exchange greetings without effort, and strive to be the kind of friends they value. Their relationships are becoming more caring. Teachers are celebrating the kindness of our students, which research has also shown increases academic performance.



**Sunnyside Elementary School's Jeremy Nguyen placed second in the district's Elementary School Spelling Bee.**





## Violette *Elementary School*

12091 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6203 • <http://violette.ggusd.us>

### Students Enjoy a Productive School Year

2016-2017 has been a tremendous year for Violette Elementary School. Our teachers and students were excited to see a huge increase in access to

technology with all of our upper graders able to use Chromebooks within their classroom. Mrs. Rodriguez also implemented the “Girls Who Code” after school that saw 20 sixth grade girls learn the fundamentals of coding. This was our fifth year of the 100 Mile Club which encourages all students to try to run 100 miles before the end of the school year. Thank you to our wonderful parents who volunteer their time each morning to count student laps! Finally, we were

very proud of our sixth graders and their families for their fundraising efforts which allowed our sixth graders to go to The Pali Institute for science camp.



**At Science Camp, students enjoyed learning about the environment, habitats, astronomy, and making lasting memories with friends.**



## Wakeham *Elementary School*

7772 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6407 • <https://wakeham.ggusd.us>

### Supportive Environment for Students

Wakeham Elementary School has been fortunate to partner with many community organizations. Students have opportunities to receive

college, career, and social mentoring through our partnerships with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Pure Games Soccer, Boys and Girls Club and the surrounding high schools.

Staff continues to use research-based instructional strategies and classroom technology to help students excel at rigorous state standards in language arts and math. Wakeham Elementary School is proud to have five GGUSD Demonstration Teachers on staff.

Parents participated in a six session class Padres en Accion. They were trained to lead playground games at recess. Working together, students, staff, and parents will continue to increase academic scores while supporting the emotional development of all students.



## Walton *Intermediate School*

12181 Buaro St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6040 • <http://walton.ggusd.us>

### Supporting Lifelong Success

Walton Intermediate continues to focus on Goal 1 (Academic Skills) and Goal 2 (Personal Skills) of our district's Strategic Plan. Developing and strengthening literacy skills across all content areas is at the core of our

school plan. With the visioning and guidance of our Instructional Leadership Team, Walton teachers strategically focus on making complex text accessible for all learners. Lesson emphasis is on literal and inferential comprehension of both literary and informational text as demonstrated by students' analytical and evidence-based

writing.

Development of students' personal skills also continues to be at the heart of Walton's PBIS implementation plan. Our teacher-developed monthly advisement lessons center on the 5 key competencies of Socio-Emotional Learning: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, self-management and relationship skills.



## Warren *Elementary School*

12871 Estock Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6331 • <http://warren.ggusd.us>

### Students Give Back

Warren Elementary School is committed to helping all students achieve lifelong success. This year, we have placed a high priority on empowering students to affect positive change and increasing parent engagement.

Our students have demonstrated tremendous leadership skills in creating a positive impact in their own community. A group of student leaders, who named their group Mission Very Possible, is working to help families in need by collecting food, developing strategies to reduce food waste at Warren, donating pillows, and partnering with local non-profit organizations.

Warren Elementary School staff and parents united for a program called P.I.E. (Partners in Education). Parents spend time learning content, observing instructional strategies, and gaining resources to help support their child's academic growth at home.



**Warren Elementary School students collect pillows to donate to families in need.**





**Rose Jansz**  
Principal

## Woodbury *Elementary School*

11362 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6461 • <http://woodbury.ggusd.us>

### Scholars are Working Toward Bright Futures

Woodbury scholars have been part of many exciting accomplishments and healthy programs this year. Students gained 21st century technology skills in a new after-school program where they learned computer science coding while applying mathematical algorithms to program robots. Additionally, our sixth grade scholars are participating in a six-week college career mentor program. This year, every scholar received a free dental check-up and dental work with Healthy Smiles, as well as a free eye examination and glasses through the generosity of the Essilor Vision Foundation-Kids Vision for Life. All scholars take part in the 100 Mile Club and Harvest of the Month, trying a new fruit and vegetable and exercise class each month. Woodbury scholars enjoy giving back through our annual food drive and we donated over 1,200 pairs of socks to the homeless.



**Woodbury scholars receive free eye exams.**



### Book Review By Katrina



**Katrina D.**

#### A Gripping Crime Novel

*The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is a book about a team of teenagers brought together because of their unique talents. But unlike other books, their talents aren't supernatural. Talents like profiling just by looking at someone, being a human lie detector and managing to

remember stats just to name a few came naturally. Now, this team of teens must solve cold cases that not even the



finest CIA members could. Even with an unknown murderer on the loose. This book is filled with snarky comments, obsessive mystery and a writing style that cannot be matched. Honestly I couldn't stop reading this book until the very end, hungry to learn the murderer's identity. The characters are developed, the plot moves at a perfect speed and you find yourself holding your breath with every page. If you're looking from a gripping crime novel, then this is for you! I rate this book 5 out of 5 medals.

Katrina is a ninth grader who loves reading books as much as writing her own stories and enjoys watching anime. Katrina hopes to be an author one day very soon. Katrina will rate the books from 1 to 5 medals with 5 being the best.



**Sarah Van Dam**  
Principal

## Zeyen *Elementary School*

12081 S. Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6535 • <http://zeyen.ggusd.us>

### A great place to learn

Zeyen's active campus is a great place to learn. Our Library-Makerspace provides opportunities for students to explore STEM

Thanks to community support of Measure P, Zeyen will be air conditioned this summer! Please be sure to stay up-to-date by liking us on Facebook at Zeyen Elementary School and following us on Twitter @ZeyenCobras.

concepts and our Makerspace

Family Nights and Hour of Code are popular events. The Zeyen community celebrates its diversity through our Heritage Language programs, Tet Celebration, and annual Mother's Day Festival. Student athletes have many opportunities to participate at Zeyen with Kids Run the OC, Reebok's BOKS Kids program, and Parents in Action. Our cadre of parent volunteers lead recess games, conduct fundraisers, and host engaging family events.



**Zeyen held a special school-wide assembly to celebrate the school's rich cultural diversity.**

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## Alana’s BookReview

### Wonder



By: Raquel J. Palacio  
At first, the Pullman family doesn't seem that different. Two kids, mom, dad, drama, fights, Star Wars infatuations- what could be different? The answer is simple- Auggie. August Pullman is the younger of the Pullman children. Since he was born, Auggie has been different- to put it simply, his face doesn't look "normal". Auggie knows this- in fact, he's known it from a young age. But when Auggie is sent to school with other kids for the first time, will any innocence he has be shattered? Will he only witness from his peers evil and rejection, or will he receive the acceptance he deserves?

I'd give this book five stars because it really speaks to people nowadays. This book is sure to tug at your heartstrings more than a few times, and can teach anyone a thing or two about loving others no matter what



Alana is a student columnist. When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she enjoys playing video games and writing fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest.



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## Book Review by Abbas

### Amazing Graphic Novel



**Abbas D.**

*Roller Girl* is a graphic novel by Victoria Jamieson.

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



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



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## Naomi’s Book Review



**Naomi**

### A Magical Box

*The Secret Kingdom*  
by Rosie Banks is a book full of mystery, suspense, adventure, thrills and excitement.

This book is about three girls called Jasmine, Ellie and Summer who found a magical box that gave them a riddle. That the girls couldn't solve. Therefore the box sent the three girls to another world where they saw fairies, kings, queens, and trolls. Where they also went through different stages in weather. After going through all that adventure the three girls solved the riddle. Then the box sent the three girls back home. Where they made sure to put the box in a safe place where no one could ever find it again.

I give this book 5 stars because it is interesting and has many different scenes that just make me want to keep reading it over and over again. This is why I recommend this book to everyone.



Naomi is a fourth grader that enjoys reading and writing. But aside from her joy of reading she loves to play the piano, drawing, coloring and be involved in any school event. She rates her book from 1-5 stars with 5 being the highest.

## Summer Fun Word Search Contest

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**Congratulations to **Kristen Ngac** Winner of the last Word Search Contest!**





Katies Review

The Forgotten Sisters



Katie C.

*Princess Academy-The Forgotten*

*Sisters* by Shannon Hale is about a girl named Miri Larendaughter of Mount Eskel who goes to teach three abandoned princesses. Miri, although heartbroken that she must stay with the three girls (Astrid, Felissa, and



Sus) and cannot go home, she knows that it is her duty to tutor the girls to act like princesses. This is crucial because it will help save two kingdoms at war stop fighting. The princesses learn as taught. However, as time unravels, Miri learns that they are part of a deep buried secret that they themselves do not know. Then, she is faced with a question that is bigger than her mountain home. Will she risk her own life to save the others? This tale is wrapped in mystery, excitement, suspense, and the heartwarming presence of a reunited family. I strongly recommend this book and give it a five out of five stars.

Katie is a 7th grader that loves to read and write. Fictional books are her favorite. Besides writing and reading, she loves soccer, acting, dancing, and playing the violin. She hopes to publish her own book someday.

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