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We are at the end of another school year and I want to thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

Our next issue is October 30th. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your activities.



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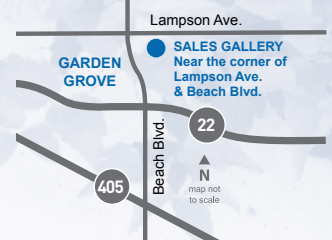
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## SUPERINTENDENT

The 2018-2019 school year is coming to a close and our students and schools have once again exceeded expectations, surpassed goals, and soared to new heights. We are finishing strong and ending in an even better place than we began.

I want to highlight several of our exciting accolades:

- Bolsa Grande, Garden Grove, and Pacifica high schools were named 2019 Distinguished Schools and GGUSD had more high schools on the list than any district in Orange County!
- Hare High School was one of 31 schools recognized as a 2019 Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education (CDE)!
- Cook Elementary was one of only two schools in the entire state of California to be named a 2019 ESEA National Distinguished School for exceptional student performance!
- Monroe Elementary Language Academy was honored for its outstanding Spanish dual language immersion program during the 2018 Golden Bell Awards by the California School Boards Association.
- GGUSD was one of only four districts in Orange County and 18 across California to receive the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education Award for outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to all students.



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

These accolades add to our growing list of success, including a multitude of awards earned in 2018, including our title as the first and only Exemplary District in Orange County, as well as 11 elementary California Distinguished Schools, 40 California Honor Roll Schools, 7 best high schools by *U.S. News and World Report*, and more. We know that these awards are a reflection of the exceptional opportunities we provide for students.

GGUSD leaders are steadfast in creating new opportunities that will catapult our students to success in the 21st century. A few exciting changes on the horizon include a new fee-based preschool which will allow us to serve more of our community's youngest learners, and our district's second Computer Science Academy which will be offered at Fitz Intermediate School next year. At the high school level, we launched an Early College program at Santiago High School that provides students with an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.

As we bring this school year to a close, we reflect on our best practices and identify areas for improvement to ensure the 2019-2020 school year will deliver on new and exciting promises for our students. We remain committed to ensuring students are equipped with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success! That's the Garden Grove Way!



**Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco, Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, district administrators and school staff celebrate Cook Elementary School being named a 2019 ESEA National Distinguished School for exceptional student performance! Cook was one of only two schools in the entire state of California to receive this prestigious award.**

## SUPERINTENDENT

El año escolar 2018-2019 está por terminar y nuestros estudiantes y escuelas una vez más han sobrepasado las expectativas, superaron las metas y se elevaron a nuevas alturas. Estamos terminando el año fuertes y finalizando en un lugar aún mejor de donde empezamos.

Quiero destacar varios de nuestros emocionantes galardones:

- ¡La Escuelas Secundarias Bolsa Grande, Garden Grove, y Pacífica fueron nombradas Escuelas Distinguidas del 2019 y el GGUSD tuvo más escuelas secundarias en la lista que cualquier otro distrito en el Condado de Orange!
- ¡La Escuela Secundaria Hare fue una de las 31 escuelas reconocidas por el Departamento de Educación de California (CDE) como Escuela Secundaria de Continuación Modelo del 2019!
- ¡La Escuela Primaria Cook fue una de solo dos escuelas en todo el estado de California en ser nombrada Escuela Distinguida Nacional ESEA (Ley de Educación Primaria y Secundaria) del 2019, por el desempeño académico excepcional de los estudiantes!
- La Academia de Idiomas de la Escuela Primaria Monroe fue reconocida por su sobresaliente programa de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas en español durante los Premios Golden Bell del 2018 otorgados por la Asociación de Mesas Directivas Escolares de California.
- El GGUSD fue uno de solo cuatro distritos en el Condado de Orange y 18 en todo California que recibió el Premio a las Mejores Comunidades para la Educación Musical del 2019 por sus logros sobresalientes en brindar acceso a la música y a la educación musical a todos los estudiantes.

Estos galardones se suman a nuestra lista creciente de éxitos, que incluye una multitud de premios ganados en el año 2018, incluyendo nuestro título como el primer y único Distrito Ejemplar en el Condado de Orange; así como también 11 escuelas primarias Distinguidas de California, 40 escuelas en el Cuadro de Honor de California, 7 mejores escuelas secundarias según US News y World Report, y aún más. Sabemos que estos premios son un reflejo de las oportunidades excepcionales que les brindamos a los estudiantes.

Los líderes del GGUSD se mantienen firmes en la creación de nuevas oportunidades que impulsarán a nuestros estudiantes al éxito en el siglo XXI. Algunos cambios emocionantes a la vista incluyen una nueva escuela preescolar en base a una cuota, que nos permitirá atender una mayor cantidad de los alumnos más pequeños de nuestra comunidad, y también la segunda Academia de Ciencias de la Computación de nuestro Distrito, que se ofrecerá en la Escuela Intermedia Fitz el próximo



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

Năm học 2018-2019 đang sắp kết thúc và một lần nữa các em học sinh và các trường của chúng ta đã thành công quá sự mong đợi, đạt được nhiều mục tiêu, và tiến đến đỉnh cao mới. Chúng ta đã kết thúc thật vững mạnh và đến đích ở nơi tốt đẹp hơn lúc khởi đầu.

Tôi muốn nhân đây nêu lên vài thành tích của học khu chúng ta:

- Các trường Trung Học Cấp II Bolsa Grande, Garden Grove, và Pacifica được vinh danh là Trường Ưu Tú và học khu GGUSD có nhiều trường trung học ưu tú nhất so với các học khu khác trong Hạt Orange!
- Trường Trung Học Cấp II Hare là một trong 31 trường được Bộ Giáo Dục Tiểu Bang California (CDE) tuyên dương là trường Trung Học Tiếp Liên Kiểu Mẫu năm 2019!
- Trường Tiểu Học Cook là một trong chỉ hai trường trong toàn tiểu bang California được vinh danh là Trường Ưu Tú ESEA Toàn Quốc năm 2019 nhờ vào thành tích vượt trội của các học sinh!
- Trường Tiểu Học Monroe được Hiệp Hội Các Hội Đồng Trường 'California School Board Association' tuyên dương có chương trình Song Ngữ Tiếng Tây Ban Nha-Tiếng Anh xuất sắc trong buổi Lễ Trao Giải Thưởng Chuông Vàng 'Golden Bell Awards' năm 2018.
- GGUSD là một trong chỉ bốn học khu trong Hạt Orange và 18 học khu trong toàn California nhận giải thưởng 'Best Communities for Music Education Award' năm 2019 về thành tích xuất sắc trong việc giảng dạy và mang âm nhạc đến cho mọi học sinh.

Những thành tích này thêm vào danh mục về sự thành công đang tiếp diễn của học khu, trong đó có nhiều giải thưởng năm 2018 như Học Khu Gương Mẫu đầu tiên và duy nhất trong Hạt Orange, 11 Trường Tiểu Học Ưu Tú, 40 Trường Danh Dự California, 7 Trường Trung Học Dạy Giỏi Nhất Hoa Kỳ của báo U.S. News và World Report, và còn nhiều nữa. Chúng ta đều biết rằng những giải thưởng trên phản ánh những cơ hội vượt trội mà học khu đã đem đến cho các học sinh của chúng ta.

Học Khu GGUSD luôn quyết tâm trong việc tạo nhiều cơ hội mới để đưa học sinh đến thành công trong thế kỷ 21. Một vài thay đổi đầy thú vị gồm có việc thành lập vườn trẻ trả học phí để chúng ta có thể phục vụ thêm các em nhỏ trong cộng đồng, và Trường Khoa Học Điện Toán thứ hai trong học khu tại trường Trung Học Cấp I Fitz vào năm học tới. Ở bậc trung học cấp II, chúng ta sẽ mở chương trình Vào Đại Học Sớm tại Trường Trung Học Cấp II Santiago để học sinh có cơ hội lấy tín chỉ đại học trong khi còn ở trung học.

Năm học sắp kết thúc, chúng ta cùng nhìn lại những mặt thành công nhất cũng như những lãnh vực cần thăng tiến thêm để bảo đảm năm học 2019-2020 sẽ đem đến những hứa hẹn mới mẻ và hào hứng cho con em học sinh của chúng ta. Chúng tôi quyết tâm trong việc trang bị cho học sinh năng lực học vấn và năng lực giao tiếp cần thiết để thành công trên đường đời! Đó là Đường Hướng Garden Grove!

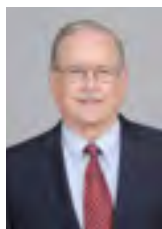
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Listening is one of the most important responsibilities of school board members. As elected officials, we take seriously our commitment to represent the interests of our communities and respond to the needs of our families. To do that, we must listen. We consistently attend school and district events where we meet parents who share their ideas with us. Often, we are able to listen to concerns, help answer questions, and get parents connected to programs that benefit their children.

In the era of digital communication, GGUSD launched an online Suggestion Box to provide our community with another opportunity to ask questions or propose ideas to improve our schools and our district. You can find our Suggestion Box on the home page of the district website at <https://www.ggusd.us/pages/suggestion-box/>. Through an online form, community members can leave their suggestions and request a response if they would like one. To date, more than 60 individuals have sent in ideas or questions and our Public Information Office is in the process of responding. The online *Suggestion Box* is our version of a comment card and helps us as we work to improve our “customer service.”

Our board and school district values timely and transparent communication. It is important to remember that most parent questions and concerns are resolved at the school level. We have fabulous administrators, teachers, and staff who work hand-in-hand with parents to meet the unique needs of each student. If you are unsure where to direct your questions or concerns, check out our “Communication Guidelines,” posted on our website at <https://www.ggusd.us/parents/communication-guidelines>. These handy guidelines provide the steps for who to contact with questions or concerns as well as phone numbers to call for various topics.

While we love meeting parents at all school events, our favorite events are fast approaching. High school graduations are right around the corner. Save the date for Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14. As board members, we each attend one or two high school graduations as well as several of our eighth grade promotion ceremonies to congratulate students and their families on these important academic milestones.



The Board of Education honored students for their award-winning artwork from the district’s 41st Annual First Impressions Student Art Exhibit.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

El escuchar es una de las responsabilidades más importantes de los miembros de la Mesa Directiva de Educación. Como funcionarios electos, tomamos seriamente nuestro compromiso de representar los intereses de nuestras comunidades y responder a las necesidades de nuestras familias. Para hacer eso, debemos escuchar. Constantemente asistimos a eventos escolares y del Distrito, donde conocemos a los padres de familia quienes comparten sus ideas con nosotros. A menudo, podemos escuchar sus inquietudes, ayudar a responder preguntas y conectarlos con programas que benefician a sus hijos.

En la era de comunicación digital, el GGUSD lanzó un Buzón de Sugerencias en línea llamada Suggestion Box, para proveerle a nuestra comunidad otra oportunidad para hacer preguntas o proponer ideas para mejorar nuestras escuelas y nuestro Distrito. Usted puede encontrar nuestro Buzón de Sugerencias en la página principal del sitio web del Distrito en <https://www.ggusd.us/pages/suggestion-box/>. Por medio de un formulario en línea, los miembros de la comunidad pueden dejar sus sugerencias y solicitar una respuesta si así lo desean. Hasta la fecha, más de 60 personas han enviado ideas o preguntas y nuestra Oficina de Información Pública está en proceso de responderlas. El Buzón de Sugerencias en línea es nuestra versión de la tarjeta de comentarios y nos ayuda mientras trabajamos para mejorar nuestro “servicio al cliente”.

Lắng nghe là một trong những bốn phạm quan trọng nhất của các uỷ viên hội đồng giáo dục. Là những viên chức dân cử, chúng tôi cam kết hết lòng thực hiện đúng những nguyện vọng của cộng đồng và đáp ứng nhu cầu của các gia đình. Để làm điều này, chúng tôi phải biết lắng nghe. Chúng tôi thường xuyên tham dự những sinh hoạt của học khu và các trường để gặp gỡ và nghe phụ huynh chia sẻ ý kiến với chúng tôi. Chúng tôi thường lắng nghe những mối quan tâm, tìm cách giải đáp, và kêu gọi phụ huynh tham gia vào những chương trình hữu ích cho con em họ.

Trong thời đại thông tin kỹ thuật số, Khu Học Chính Garden Grove (GGUSD) đã thiết lập Hộp Thư Góp Ý trên mạng để cộng đồng có cơ hội đặt câu hỏi hay đưa ra những đề nghị để cải tiến học khu và nhà trường. Quý vị có thể tìm thấy Hộp Thư Góp Ý trên trang mạng của học khu tại <https://www.ggusd.us/pages/suggestion-box/>. Với mẫu đơn trên mạng, các thành viên cộng đồng có thể góp ý và yêu cầu được trả lời nếu muốn. Cho đến nay, đã có hơn 60 người gửi ý kiến hay thắc mắc và Phòng Quảng Bá Thông Tin của chúng tôi đang trong trình trả lời. Hộp Thư Góp Ý trên mạng cũng giống như phiếu góp ý nhằm giúp chúng tôi cải tiến việc “phục vụ khách hàng.”

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año escolar. A nivel de la escuela secundaria, lanzamos un programa preuniversitario llamado Early College en la Escuela Secundaria Santiago, que les brinda a los estudiantes la oportunidad de obtener créditos universitarios mientras están aún en la escuela secundaria.

A medida que finalizamos este año escolar, reflexionamos

Nuestra Mesa Directiva y el Distrito Escolar valoran la comunicación oportuna y transparente. Es importante recordar que la mayoría de las preguntas e inquietudes de los padres de familia se resuelvan a nivel escolar. Tenemos fabulosos administradores, maestros y personal que trabajan mano a mano con los padres para satisfacer las necesidades únicas de cada estudiante. Si no está seguro a dónde dirigir sus preguntas o inquietudes, consulte nuestras Guías de Comunicación (“Communication Guidelines”) publicadas en nuestro sitio web en <https://www.ggusd.us/parents/communication-guidelines>. Estas guías accesibles proporcionan los pasos a seguir para saber con quién comunicarse si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, así como también los números de teléfono para llamar acerca de diversos temas.

Si bien nos encanta conocer a los padres de familia en todos los eventos escolares, nuestros eventos favoritos se acercan rápidamente. Las graduaciones de la escuela secundaria están a la vuelta de la esquina. Aparte la fecha para el día jueves, 13 de junio y el viernes, 14 de junio. Como miembros de la Mesa Directiva, cada uno de nosotros asistimos a una o dos graduaciones de las escuelas secundarias, así como también a varias de nuestras ceremonias de promoción del octavo grado para felicitar a los estudiantes y sus familias por estos importantes logros académicos.

Hội đồng giáo dục và các trường trong học khu rất trân trọng việc liên lạc minh bạch và kịp thời. Một điều quan trọng cần ghi nhớ là những quan tâm và thắc mắc của phần lớn phụ huynh sẽ được giải quyết trong phạm vi trường học. Chúng tôi có thành phần ban giảng huấn, giáo viên, và nhân viên trường rất xuất sắc trong việc hợp tác cùng phụ huynh để đáp ứng những nhu cầu riêng biệt của từng học sinh. Nếu quý vị không biết nơi nào để nêu những quan tâm hay thắc mắc, hãy vào phần hướng dẫn “Communication Guidelines” trên trang mạng của chúng tôi <https://www.ggusd.us/parents/communication-guidelines>. Những hướng dẫn này rất tiện lợi và cho biết các bước thực hiện để tìm người liên lạc, đặt câu hỏi, nêu thắc mắc cũng như số điện thoại để gọi vào hỏi về nhiều đề tài.

Chúng tôi mong muốn được gặp gỡ phụ huynh trong mọi sinh hoạt trường và những sinh hoạt được ưu chuộng nhất đang tiến tới rất nhanh. Lễ tốt nghiệp trung học đang gần kề. Hãy để dành ngày thứ năm, 13 tháng 6 và ngày thứ sáu, 14 tháng 6 để đến tham dự. Là uỷ viên hội đồng giáo dục, mỗi người chúng tôi tham dự một hay hai buổi lễ tốt nghiệp trung học cũng như nhiều buổi lễ tốt nghiệp lớp 8 để chúc mừng các em học sinh và gia đình trên những chặng đường học vấn quan trọng này.

sobre nuestras mejores prácticas e identificamos áreas donde podemos mejorar para garantizar que el año escolar 2019-2020 cumplirá nuevas y emocionantes promesas a nuestros estudiantes. ¡Seguimos comprometidos en asegurar que nuestros estudiantes estén equipados con las habilidades académicas y personales para obtener éxito de por vida! ¡Esto es, A la Manera de Garden Grove!



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**Age for Kids to Have a Cell Phone**



The right age to give kids their first cell phone is really up to parents. Age isn't as important a kid's maturity level, ability to follow home (and their schools') rules, and their sense of responsibility. But when you hand your children cell phones, you're giving them powerful communication and media-production tools. They can create text, images, and videos that can be widely distributed and uploaded to websites instantly. Parents really need to consider whether their kids are ready to use their phones responsibly and respectfully.

If you think your kids' technological savvy is greater than their ability to use it wisely, pay attention to the gap. You may need to say, "No, not yet."

Here are some questions to consider:

- Do your kids show a sense of responsibility, such as letting you know when they leave the house? Do they show up when they say they will?
- Do your kids tend to lose things, such as backpacks or homework folders? If so, expect they might lose an (expensive!) phone, too.
- Do your kids need to be in touch for safety reasons?
- Would having easy access to friends benefit them for social reasons?
- Do you think they'll use cell phones responsibly -- for example, not texting during class or disturbing others with their phone conversations?
- Can they adhere to limits you set for minutes talked and apps downloaded?
- Will they use text, photo, and video functions responsibly and not to embarrass or harass others?

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## Helping Children Manage End-of-School-Year Stress



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It's the beginning of spring, the air feels warmer and the excitement of summer is present. However, as the school year winds down, anxiety can ramp up.

The end of the school year is a time of transition. Children and parents internalize stress in different ways and finding ways to alleviate anxiety will help families have a more enjoyable summer.

There are various stressors that can impact their well-being, including:

- Changes to sleep and diet along with other routine activities
- Changing schools or needing to attend summer school
- Leaving a friend or beloved teacher behind
- Moving to a larger campus
- Studying for and taking exams

Although it's difficult to predict how a child will respond to change, it's important to communicate. Parents can help with their child's transition by creating closure, so that their child doesn't assume the worst about the upcoming year. With any transition, it's important to have a meaningful conversation, so parents can be aware of how a child is handling the situation.

Some tips to deal with stress and anxiety, include:

- Encouraging involvement in non-verbal activities, like sports, reading, writing and art
- Establishing coping skills they can engage in when they're feeling overwhelmed, such as taking the dog for a walk, playing a video game or talking to someone
- Celebrating the completion of milestones
- Highlighting the independence they'll gain because of the new transition
- Scheduling a walk-through at the new school or sit-down with their next teacher
- Writing a card to a beloved teacher they're leaving



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## Bullying in Children

Watching your child endure the anguish of bullying can make you feel helpless and heartbroken, but there are ways to help your child grow from the experience.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children, involving a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Classifications include: Social Bullying (publicly embarrassing, alienating target from others), Verbal Bullying (name calling, degrading language), Cyberbullying (text, apps or online where people can view or share content), and Physical Bullying (pushing, spitting on, tripping, etc.)

### What if My Child is Being Bullied?

Time is of the essence. Your child may feel ashamed. Watch for the signs of sadness, stress and withdrawal. Ask direct questions. Talk to your child about bullying and determine the degree of the bullying. If it is physical, go straight to school officials — or the authorities, depending

on the severity. Physical bullying is defined as assault. Remind your child that bullying has nothing to do with them and everything to do with the bully. Meet with school administration. Show your child you that support them. Find a pediatric therapist who specializes in helping children who are bullied.

### What if My Child is a Bully?

If your child is displaying bullying behaviors, they might be experiencing anxiety or depression, and have difficulty regulating emotions and behavior. Try to get to the root of what is bothering your child. Remind your child that you love them but are disappointed in their choice to transfer their problems into hurting someone innocent. Seek a pediatric therapist who specializes in this area. Work with the school on how your child can make amends.

Most children will be touched by bullying in some way. An open and honest dialogue can make all the difference.



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## Alamitos *Intermediate School*

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**Christine Pijl**  
*Principal*

### **Nationally Recognized AVID Program**

Alamitos Intermediate School was named an AVID National Demonstration School in December 2018, making it the ninth school in Orange County to earn the prestigious title. Less than 200 schools nationwide share this distinction which signifies exemplary school-wide implementation of AVID's proven college readiness systems and strategies.

Officials from the AVID Center and Alamitos Principal Christine Pijl made the announcement to a packed multipurpose room of excited students and staff. Officials commended Alamitos for being a model campus for the life-changing impact AVID can have for students when implemented at the highest level. Additionally, officials called the encouraging environment provided to students and the professional learning support for teachers among the best they have witnessed during their validation visits.



**Alamitos and GGUSD staff and administrators pose with the school's AVID National Demonstration School banner.**

## Allen *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Andrew Heughins**  
*Principal*

### **Excellence in Arts and Academics**

Ethan Allen Elementary School is known for its academic excellence. Allen students continue to receive top scores on state tests, while the Allen pentathletes placed first at the Orange County Academic Pentathlon for the eighth time in nine years. Allen also has a tradition of celebrating the arts, such as our annual Lunar New Year celebration, and participation in Disney Musicals in Schools, including this year's production of

"Cinderella." Students impressed parents and community members alike with their stunning performance of this classic fairytale. Allen Elementary is committed to preparing our students for the technology of the present and future, offering opportunities for students to participate in video production, robotics, and 3D printing. Recently, we launched a morning announcement newscast run by our very own Allen scholars. Students involved in developing and delivering the newscast have sharpened their skills in writing, video editing, and public speaking, all while having fun at the same time.



**Allen Elementary students serve as hosts of the school's morning announcement newscast.**

## Anthony Elementary School

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**Tyleen Perez**  
Principal

### Technology Enhances 21st Century Learning

Anthony Elementary School continues to inspire young learners and prepare them for the future. During our very popular robotics class, fourth grade students program robots to navigate obstacle courses. Their culminating task was an actual soccer game!

The Anthony Student Council also engages in technology through their weekly

school news broadcasts. Families can even watch the weekly broadcast by clicking the link on our school website at <https://anthony.ggusd.us>. Our students are very proud of their ability to compose and edit scripts, perform in front of a camera, and produce and edit their very own broadcasts.

At Anthony Elementary, scholars are not only building skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, but also in confidence building, technology application, and life skills. At Anthony Elementary we're working to create the school of the future now!



**Anthony's new School News broadcasts are sharpening student skills with writing, technology, and public speaking.**

## Barker Elementary School

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**Wayne Kelley**  
Principal

### Academic Pentathlon Team Doubles

During the 2017-2018 school year, Barker Elementary jumped into the academic pentathlon ring with one team. We were excited with the success we achieved and the support of our school community.

This year,

we have two teams participating in the pentathlon competition that is sponsored and run by the Orange County Department of Education. We are proud of our increase in student participation this year and of our students' hard work in preparing for this exciting competition.

Barker's teams are led by our sixth grade

teachers, Jeannie Mercurio, and Stephanie Bertelson. We also appreciate the support with this endeavor from a retired school teacher, Sue Nettleton. We look forward to seeing our students show off their academic prowess.

Go Barker Lions!



**Students competed well during the 2017-2018 Academic Pentathlon.**

# Bell *Intermediate School*

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**M'Liss Patterson**  
Principal

## Roadrunners Give Back to Community

Academics and 21st century learning skills are always a focus at Bell, but this spring our students and staff also focused on several philanthropic endeavors.

In February, students and staff made more than 100 fleece knot blankets for cancer patients. Many of the blankets were made by groups of friends who

gathered together in the ASB room during lunch. The students enjoyed working together knowing that the blankets would help keep patients warm as they endured chemotherapy.

In March, our CJSF students promoted Pennies for Pediatric Cancer Patients. Together we exceeded our school goal and raised more than \$3,000.

We are so proud of our Bell Scholars and their ability to carve out time to generously give back to the community.



**ASB students delivered more than 100 fleece blankets for cancer patients.**

## Teachers See the Possibilities

During her first year teaching in her own classroom, Rene Engle discovered that reaching high-school learners means setting clear expectations while getting to know students' hearts and strengths. Growth happens together every day, she says—for both student and teacher.



Gladstone High School, 9th Grade English Class, Teacher: Rene Engle '16, Single Subject Teaching Credential '17

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# Bolsa Grande *High School*

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**Louise Milner**  
*Principal*

## Earning Exciting Academic Accolades

It has been an exciting year with Bolsa Grande High School students earning an impressive list of academic accolades.

During the summer, our STEM Club earned an astonishing second place in a highly-competitive national engineering design competition. The accolades continued when our Saturday Academy of Law club was awarded a Civics Learning

Award of Merit for demonstrating participation and engagement in democracy and stalwart dedication to civic learning.

After receiving a silver medal as part of U.S. News and World Report's rankings of America's Best High Schools for the seventh consecutive year in a row, Bolsa Grande High School was recognized by the California Department of Education with the prestigious California Distinguished School Award.

It is a great year to be a Matador!



**Students participating in the school's Saturday Academy of Law (SAL) program celebrate earning a Civics Learning Award.**

# Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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**Dianna Rangel**  
*Principal*

## Learning with Pleasure

As Alfred Mercier said, "What we learn with pleasure we never forget." And since kids love to play with robots, teachers are excited to facilitate new computer coding learning experiences at Brookhurst Elementary!

Coding is the language of computers. With technology already embedded into daily instruction and coursework, learning to code is an exciting next step for our tech-savvy students.

Our goal is to have students develop:

- a better picture of how the modern world works
- practical and computational thinking
- code-awareness in a fun way

There are a total of four classrooms participating in this first round of our After School Coding & Robotics. We are hoping to expand the program in the year to come. Our students are excited to learn the language of coding and to develop skills that put them on a path to success in the 21st century.



**Students are excited about new opportunities to learn coding and robotics.**

# Bryant *Elementary School*

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**Tanya De Leon**  
*Principal*

## Community Awaits New Arts Academy

Our students and staff are thrilled to announce that beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, Bryant will be deepening our learning through the arts! Our students will benefit from increased opportunities for arts integration during the school

day in Social Studies and Science as well as increased arts exposure through arts assemblies, arts field trips and new arts after-school programming. Bryant's focus on the arts will enhance our supportive, college-going culture and excellent academics. This year, Bryant scholars have been embracing exciting arts activities, such as vocal music in grades K-6, ukulele instruction and instrumental music in fourth through sixth grades.

Thank you to our Bryant parents for attending our first annual Family Arts Night in January 2019, where we announced our special news! We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students to Bryant's Arts Academy this Fall.



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## Carrillo *Elementary School*

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**Kim Kroyer**  
*Principal*

### 3...2...1...Action!

Carrillo Elementary recently launched a monthly student production called the Carrillo Morning Show. The show is viewed online and highlights all of the amazing events and activities occurring at the school.

These student-run shows are designed to bring us

closer together as a school community. Through Flipgrid, the shows are interactive by inviting students, teachers, and parents to participate in segments that focus on engaging topics such as school beautification projects and celebrating our cultural diversity.

Carrillo embraces and celebrates our cultural diversity by hosting our

annual Lunar New Year celebrations and traditional Mexican Folklorico dances. Such events teach us about the cultures and traditions of our students and families.

Information about these and other events along with episodes of the Morning Show can be found on our website at carrillo.ggusd.us.



**Carrillo scholars enjoy using green screen technology to produce their school's own morning show.**

## Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

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**Brian Ball**  
*Principal*

### A Caring School Community

We are grateful for our wonderful families and community members who have invested time and talent to help strengthen our kind and caring educational environment.

In early February, a group of Pacifica High School students designed and painted a stunning CARVER CUB MURAL on the wall of our multipurpose room. Our students, staff, and families experience pride and joy as they pass this beautiful mural each and every day when they enter our school. One parent even commented, "It just makes the school so much nicer and more comfortable!"

Additionally, one of our parents saw a need for more playground equipment and created and coordinated a "Spare Change Fundraiser" for our school. With the support of our families, we were able to raise over \$1,100 for new playground equipment, which our students get enjoyment from each and every day!



**Students enjoy new playground equipment which was made possible by the donations of families and community members.**

As the principal of Carver, I am truly grateful for the generosity and kindness that continues to support our thriving school community!



## Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

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**Emma Druitt**  
*Principal*

### Gaining STEAM at an Early Age

GGUSD's youngest students are engaging in 21st century learning at Clinton Corner's brand new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Lab.

The lab was made possible through an exciting collaboration among Clinton Corners' teachers, teacher on special assignment (tosa), preschool coach, and director.

Additionally, off-site preschool teachers can check out innovative materials to bring to their students and classrooms. The lab contains a variety of materials that students don't typically have access to in their regular classrooms such as coding activities, a large magnetic wall, engineering projects, a wind tunnel, and light tables.

We look forward to providing our students with new hands-on STEAM learning opportunities.



**Students are enjoying the school's new STEAM Lab that introduces preschool students to a variety of STEAM concepts.**

## Clinton *Elementary School*

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**Jason Shabet**  
*Principal*

### Students with 21st Century Skills

Clinton Elementary School has well-rounded students who take advantage of exciting 21st century activities during and after school.

Students in fourth through sixth grade take advantage of our partnership with Code.Ed that teaches students next generation coding skills in Scratch and Python. Thanks to the highly qualified staff at Code.Ed, our sixth grade students will eventually be in a position to apply for college credit due to the rigor of the instruction.

Students also enjoy after-school activities such as Boys and Girls Club, College and Career Mentoring, karate, solo vocal performances, Science Olympiad, Robotics, and several academic intervention programs.



**Folklorico dancers enjoy performing at school and district events.**

We are especially proud of the work of our Folklorico dancers who have performed at school and district functions. They consistently represent the Latino culture in a positive light.

## Cook Elementary School

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**Sandi Ishii**  
Principal

### National Recognition

A.G. Cook Elementary was recognized with the prestigious ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) National Distinguished School Award this school year. Cook is one of only two schools in the State of California and 100 nationwide to receive the award for outstanding academic achievement. ESEA is a law that provides additional support for students' exceptional

learning needs. ESEA federal funds received at Cook help support and enrich the learning needs of all our students.

A couple of the programs the ESEA helps fund are the Battle of the Books group and the Percussion Club. In the Battle of the Books, students compete with other GGUSD schools on their knowledge of books they have been studying all year. Percussion Club fosters student creative abilities through the exploration of percussion instruments.

There are many opportunities to learn and grow as a Cook Lion!



**District administrators and Cook's outstanding team celebrate the school's recognition as a national Distinguished School.**

## Crosby Elementary School

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**Kristine Levenson**  
Principal

### Field Trip Encourages Engineering

In February, students from Crosby were invited to participate in "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" at Eaton Aerospace Corporation in Irvine. This event was part of Engineering Week, which

focuses on inspiring young women to become engineers.

Our girls spent the day at Eaton learning from their WAVE members about the importance of women entering STEM careers. They participated in hands-on projects and learned about forces of flight and principles of engineering. They also heard from Eaton employees about their career journeys.

Thanks to Eaton Aerospace's WAVE group and Orange County United Way for such an amazing and inspiring day for our future engineers!



**Students pose for a photo during their visit to Eaton Aerospace Corp, where they participated in "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day."**

## Doig *Intermediate School*

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**Louie Gomez**  
*Principal*

### Model for College and Career Readiness

We are excited to announce that Doig Intermediate has again achieved the title of “AVID National Demonstration School.”

Our teachers continue to provide rigorous instruction and students are learning skills necessary for college and career readiness. Additionally, we held an AVID Showcase where we welcomed members of other school

districts in Orange County to demonstrate the benefit of establishing an AVID program or strengthening an existing AVID program.

Another accomplishment this year is our new Doughnuts with the Principal events. These monthly meetings have been a tremendous success and are a great way to continue our outreach with the community as we invite parents to learn about topics that directly affect their students.



**District and school administrators and teachers celebrate Doig Intermediate's title as an AVID National Demonstration School.**

## Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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**Beth Cusimano**  
*Principal*

### Innovation at Work

Eisenhower continues to offer and up-level exciting and innovative enrichment opportunities for all of our dedicated scholars. Our third through sixth grade Robotics Competition Teams competed at RobotNation in April, with a strong showing

at every grade level again this year.

Every one of our third grade students medaled! In addition to the robotics and coding instruction that upper grade students receive, 18 students have been studying and preparing to be the first GGUSD sixth graders to take the “Advanced Placement Computer Science A” exam in May! The MakerSpace engineering classes have expanded to include students in first through sixth grade. Finally, we celebrated five years of performing Disney Kids musicals.

Eighty students delivered an incredible performance of Aladdin on multiple nights. We are so proud of our students and families who support them! We are committed to providing students with new and innovative opportunities to engage in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and to equip students with the skills for lifelong success.



**Every Eisenhower third grade student medaled in the competitive RobotNation tournament for their exceptional coding and robotics skills!**

## Enders *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Askew**  
*Principal*

### Promoting School P.R.I.D.E.

Enders Elementary School is complementing our excellent academic program by focusing on Goal 2 of the Garden Grove Unified School District's Strategic Plan.

To support Goal 2 in the areas of motivation, socio emotional well-being, and school climate, we have introduced our P.R.I.D.E. Program which stands for Positivity, Respectful and Responsible,

Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. We've participated in several classroom and school-wide assemblies, and our students have been designing posters depicting PRIDE to motivate everyone to show Enders P.R.I.D.E.! Enders students are also earning PRIDE slips for monthly drawings and working on a PRIDE mural for our Multi-Purpose Room.

We are so proud of our students for helping to foster a positive school culture each and every day.



**Students create posters to encourage their classmates toward behavior that is positive, respectful and responsible, and full of integrity, determination, and excellence.**

## Evans *Elementary School*

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**Lynn Hardin**  
*Principal*

### An Exciting and Successful Year!

Our students, staff members, and families have enjoyed a full year of academic gains and fun school activities. Recently, we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss and students' love of reading with our friends from the Garden Grove Fire Department. Students have continued learning after the school day with enrichment activities

such as AVID's college readiness skills program, coding and robotics, fine arts, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities. We are proud of the academic and social-emotional growth of each of our Evan's scholars. Follow us on Instagram @ggusd.evans.elementary to stay up-to-date on our events, accomplishments and activities.



**Students welcome Garden Grove fire fighters for the school's Read Across America Day celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss.**

## Excelsior *Elementary School*

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**Sarah Mershon**  
*Principal*

### Soaring with STEAM

Excelsior Elementary is proud of its commitment to district goals of equipping all students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success.

Our theme this year is “Let’s SOAR!” and to help with this, our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) team created trimester projects that soar. These projects allow students to develop

their engineering skills by themselves, with a peer, or with a family member. In the first trimester, our students designed parachutes with the goal of being the slowest parachute to land. Our top five slowest parachutes came from kindergarten through fifth grade!



**Scholars show off projects that allowed them to put their engineering skills to work.**

## Faylane *Elementary School*

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**Mike Ingalls**  
*Principal*

### Students Take a Stand Against Bullying

Faylane Falcons have embraced a growth mindset in our anti-bullying attitude. In the second year of development, our “K.I.K. Bullying for Happiness” program has implemented a new student leadership component.

Focusing on kindness and happiness, more than 20 upper grade leaders meet with anti-bullying trainer Nikki Turner monthly, then act as mentors to their lower grade peers, enacting potential bullying situations with a goal of proper responsiveness. Each grade level participates in monthly training workshops which promote positive decision making and a bully-free school environment.

Also demonstrating anti-bullying skills, students who

participated in the school’s production of Aladdin deliver a stunning musical performance and have fun working as a team.

Additionally, the Faylane Boys and Girls Club recently adapted anti-bullying goals and a leadership team which highlights that it is cool to be kind.



**Students take to the stage for a stunning production of Aladdin.**

## Fitz Intermediate School

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**Feather Hocking**  
Principal

### March Mile Madness

Fitz Intermediate students learn confidence, grit, and dedication as they strengthen their cardiovascular health by collectively running 10,000 miles in the month of March. March Mile Madness is a physical education unit aimed at helping students realize their physical and mental strength. Students ran a minimum

of one mile a day for the month of March. The average student ran 20 miles, while the leading student ran 49.5 miles in only 17 instructional days! Teachers, staff, and administrators participated in the madness as well, running alongside students for close to 70 miles. March Mile Madness had many positive results for students including building endurance, weight loss, and increased cardiovascular health. However the results are not limited to physical strength but mental strength too--students gained mental endurance, motivation, and higher self confidence. "I didn't like running before, but I have increased my mile time from 9 to 8 minutes and I feel motivated to do better every run. I love running and challenging myself now," Amy Vargas explained as she proudly reflected on her experience. Fitz staff

gained confidence and took pride in joining their students in this challenge. One teacher reported, "When I was at the halfway point I really wanted to stop, but I told that little voice 'No!' and kept going. I couldn't let the kids down! They cheered me to the end. I really enjoyed it!" A good time and fun fitness was had by all.



**Fitz students and staff joined together to run more than 10,000 miles during March Mile Madness.**

## Garden Grove High School

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**Todd Nirk**  
Principal

### Argos are Distinguished

Garden Grove High School was selected by the California Department of Education as a 2019 California Distinguished School due to its work in closing the achievement gap as measured by the California School Dashboard. GGHS was one of only 11 high schools in Orange County to be named as a recipient.

A tangible result of closing the achievement gap is a rise in A-G rates and growth in college and career readiness. Individually, our students have reached new academic heights and enjoyed an enriching school year, taking advantage of a wide variety of extracurricular activities, as well as our popular art and athletic programs.

The Distinguished School award is truly an honor and testament to the hard work of our students, faculty, and parents and serves as a reflection of our entire staff's commitment to excellence.



**Garden Grove High School joins elite group of California Distinguished Schools.**

## Garden Park *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Morales**  
*Principal*

### **Student Council Gives Back**

In the spirit of “Sprinkling Kindness,” our Garden Park Student Council took on two powerful leadership projects this year.

In the fall, the Student Council led a pasta drive to support a local outreach program, and as a school

we collected 479 pounds of pasta and sauce! Our Student Council received radio recognition for their generous donation, and on March 27 our school received the “Golden Apple” award.

As a second project, our Student Council set a goal to raise money for a local animal shelter. They spent time before school and at recess selling Winter Grams, and

raised \$100, which was donated to The American Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in Long Beach. We are so proud of our students. At Garden Park, we certainly have heart!



**Student Council collected pasta and sauce to serve families in need.**

## Gilbert *Elementary School*

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**Charise Santana**  
*Principal*

### **Embracing Healthy Choices**

This year, Gilbert Elementary has partnered with Kid Healthy, Parents In Action, a parent-led structured recess and nutrition education program. Three days

a week, parent volunteers facilitate fun, energetic games and activities with students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade during recess including: capture the flag, yoga, dancing, and potato sack races.

In addition, each month the Parent Lead, a Kid Healthy Representative and occasional guest speakers host a parent meeting covering a variety of topics and demonstrations on making healthy recipes, maintaining a healthy heart, hands-on CPR and first aid, and stress management to improve overall wellness.



**Students enjoy fun new activities during recess led by parent volunteers as part of the school's Parents in Action program.**

In addition to the health benefits students have experienced with remaining active, the addition of this program with parents on the playground has also decreased the amount of student discipline incidents and been a positive experience for both parents and students.

## Hare High School

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**Stephanie Heflin**  
Principal

### Huskies Receive Statewide Recognition

Hare High School was one of 31 schools recognized as a 2019 Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education (CDE). Schools named as a Model Continuation High School “have created exemplary programs and strategies that provide students with a second chance at academic success.”

Hare has established a nurturing and supportive environment that motivates students to succeed. The innovative programs at Hare give students the educational options and support they need to successfully complete high school, transition into higher education, and enter the workforce.

Hare is proud of all Huskies on campus for their accomplishments and contributions to the title of 2019 Model Continuation High School!



**Students celebrate being named a 2019 Model Continuation High School.**

## Hazard Elementary School

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**Melissa Sais**  
Principal

### Students and Parents Actively Involved

Hazard Elementary School continues to focus on 21st century learning skills this year by offering one to one devices for all students in first through sixth grade! Teachers utilize technology to provide robust opportunities for students to communicate, collaborate, think critically and create.

We offer an Innovation Lab and a STEAM Lab where students can participate in a variety of activities such as coding and robotics, recording and editing videos and engineering challenges.

Parents have been actively involved in learning as well by attending monthly meetings where they learn current instructional practices, curriculum and AVID's proven college readiness strategies.

We believe our success can be attributed to the strong staff, parent, student and community connection that is present at Hazard!



**Classrooms are infused with technology to enhance student learning.**



# Heritage Computer Science Academy

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**Michelle Pinchot**  
Principal

## Where EPIC Learning Happens

Heritage students have embraced learning Computer Science as a second language! Teachers receive ongoing professional development to support our new computer science curriculum.

Each trimester students show mastery on one computer science concept. Our first “Epic Build” showcased coding using Scratch, a coding program created by MIT. Our second “Epic Build” highlighted LEGO robotics, and students applied their skills to solve real world problems. For the third “Epic Build,” students will use Minecraft for Education with an emphasis on JavaScript coding. Our students also had the opportunity to join after-school robotics and coding clubs.

We look forward to growing the program next year and preparing a select group of scholars to take the Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science exam!



**Students tackle new coding and robotics curriculum with confidence.**

## Hill Elementary School

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**Tricia Chinn**  
Principal

## Growing Leaders

We are excited to offer our first Student Council opportunity to Hill scholars this school year. Our teachers, Mrs. Russell and Ms. Kim, are working together to create an engaging environment for students to share their ideas, talents and passions to bring to fruition.

Through this opportunity, students learn lifelong skills such as: deadlines, organization, teamwork, accountability, presenting, leadership and much more. It is exciting to see our students come together to make Hill an even more fun and inviting school community. Our new Student Council is already sending positive energy throughout the school.

At Hill, anyone can be a leader!



**Hill Elementary launches first Student Council.**

## Irvine *Intermediate School*

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**Bill Gates**  
Principal

### **HAWKS are Hardworking, Ambitious, Well-Mannered, Kind, and Scholarly!**

Irvine Hawks continue to soar above the rest. Individually and as a whole, our students have excelled in events and activities such as STEAM Fest, OCDE Spelling Bee, Tet Celebration, and the 20th

Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest.

Additionally, our school wide focus on the meaningful and purposeful integration of technology for teaching and learning, literacy, and effective instruction has helped propel student growth.

We are proud of our students for their academic gains and for the effort they put forth to persevere and to be young people of character.

Always Forward, Siempre Adelante, Luôn  
Huong Toi — Go Hawks!!



**Scholars excel in the Holocaust Art and Writing Contest.**

## Jordan *Intermediate School*

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**Tracy Conway**  
Principal

### **Award-Winning Students and Staff**

This year we are proud of the participation of Jordan students in the National Youth Cyber Education Program.

Led by STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) teacher Georgia Jeon, Jordan Cyber Patriot teams competed against students from across Orange County in the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, with three advancing to the

semi-finals. This competition helps students strengthen their computer science skills, in scenarios where they are tasked to identify and correct cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

In staff news, science teacher Phuong Lam has been named Garden Grove Unified School District's middle school Teacher of the Year! Her work with the Next Generation Science Standards and Positive Behaviors Intervention and Support has been instrumental in supporting staff and students. Mrs. Lam is not one to seek the spotlight, yet she is fully deserving of the award of Teacher of the Year!

## Jordan *Adult Transition Program*

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**Baldwin Pedraza**  
Principal

### **Serving Our Community**

At the Jordan Adult Transition Program (ATP), we pride ourselves on the partnerships we have established in our local community. An example of an established partnership is Mile Square Regional Park, where our adult students have been volunteering in support of a habitat restoration project. Facilitated by ATP teacher Ms. Annie Byrd, our adult students

have worked tirelessly to restore the habitat at Mile Square Park and ensure safe walking trails for all community members.

Our adult students have been demonstrating many transition skills in their volunteer work that include vocational training, community integration, social skill development, and self-determination skills. We are excited for the opportunities our adult students have to develop transition skills, while at the same time, having the opportunity to give back to our community.

## La Quinta *High School*

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**Denise Halstead**  
*Principal*

### What's #LQPossible When Community Comes Together?

In December, LQ hosted its first Mental Health Summit sponsored by the La Quinta Parent Association (LQPA).

Hundreds of parents and students joined together, overcoming the stigma and misconception of mental health issues while learning strategies to support healthy lifestyles. Mental health professionals across

Orange County including Dr. Clayton Chau, Sister Thuy Tran, Dr. Suzie Matsuda, Hieu Nguyen, and Christopher Aguilar (the play StanD) led the event. LQ parents and students in the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) On Campus Club spoke about what they wish others knew about mental health.

LQHS will offer its second free Mental Health Summit, "Engage", on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital.

Visit [laquintahs.org](http://laquintahs.org) for more information.



It was a packed house at the first Mental Health Summit earlier this year where parents and students learned strategies to support healthy lifestyles.

## Lake *Intermediate School*

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**Margaret Feliciani**  
*Principal*

### A Culture of College and Career Readiness

During the 2018-19 school year, Lake will continue to offer rigorous academic instruction with a focus on implementing state standards, literacy through writing strategies, advisement lessons, Words of the Week using SBAC terminology, and citizenship/digital literacy.

At Lake, we are excited to offer elective classes, as well as clubs and extended learning opportunities, which focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). These STEAM opportunities give students hands on experiences which prepare them for high school, college and career.

Our students consistently demonstrate leadership skills, and recently our ASB held a "Pasta-thon" supporting Caterina's Club, which has helped provide food for children in need since 2005. We collected 906 pounds of pasta and sauce, totaling \$2,726.00.

Lake Intermediate is committed to providing students with an academic program that is preparing students to become college and career ready.



Students show off their robotics skills at a recent STEAM Showcase!

## Lawrence *Elementary School*

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**Marie Kennedy**  
*Principal*

### **Academic and Social Growth**

At Lawrence Elementary School, all learners develop academic and social skills, as they build their scholarly habits in an enriching and caring school environment. Our staff prides itself in providing a rigorous academic experience with many opportunities to support, challenge and enrich the education for all students during, before and after school. Students have many opportunities to get engaged in school outside the core academics, including student leadership, robotics, running club, and both the performing and fine arts. Each year, students learn about the rich cultures in their community during the Cinco de Mayo festival and Lunar New Year celebration. At Lawrence Elementary, our focus is on the whole child both academically and social-emotionally.



**Lawrence Elementary School staff and students show off their mission to spread kindness on campus by taking a heart-shaped photo, and writing kind messages on hearts to display in celebration of Valentine's Day.**

## Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

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**Robin Patterson**  
*Director*

### **Rachel's Success Story**

Lincoln Education Center (LEC) provides multiple opportunities for adult students to gain the skills necessary to transition to college and career. One success story we are very proud of is that of Rachel Hou.

Rachel began our High School Diploma program in the fall of 2018, after moving with her family from Taiwan. Rachel was a junior in high school when her family made the move to the United States. When she arrived here, she was surprised to find out she was not able to enroll at a high school because she was 18. A high school administrator recommended that she attend adult school instead and she fortunately landed at LEC.

She completed seven classes, and as an English Language Learner, she found English Literature to be her

most challenging class. However, with persistence and guidance from her teachers she successfully completed the program. She is very thankful to her teachers, Alejandra Garcia and Lisa Sanchez, who helped her when times got hard and supported her throughout.

After graduating, Rachel will explore art and music at Orange Coast College, with a goal to transfer to a four-year university. Rachel has a very positive outlook for her future, as she states, "Although I know that there will be more challenges waiting for me in the future, I am not afraid. I know that all the knowledge and study skills I learned from the Garden Grove Adult Education High School Diploma program will be my strength to overcome challenges and bring me closer to my goals."

We at LEC are proud of our High School Diploma Program and Rachel and all she has accomplished!

# Los Amigos *High School*

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**Vicki Braddock**  
*Principal*

## Much to Celebrate

It's been a banner year at Los Amigos High School. The school celebrated its 50th anniversary with a festive Open House featuring student performances, skits, wonderful food, and an opportunity for current Lobos and alumni to enjoy time together. The Los Amigos girls soccer team played a historic game against Westridge High School. After a scoreless first half was

followed by a scoreless second and two scoreless overtime periods, the Lobos headed into a penalty shoot out. The

Lobos hit their first three attempts and after their starter left the game early, relied on a back-up goalie to help seal the game. The first Westridge shot went in before the next two sailed over the top of the goal. It came down to the fourth Lobo kick that eventually hit the back of the goal for the game winner! Congrats to the Lobos on an amazing season in which they captured the Garden Grove League Championship and the program's first ever CIF title! Additionally, the Los Amigos inclusion choir was featured on Spectrum 1 News. We are so proud of all that Los Amigos students have accomplished both yesterday, today, and in the future.



The 50th anniversary celebration at Los Amigos High School featured several wonderful student performances.

## Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

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**Baldwin Pedraza**  
*Principal*

## Skilled Communicators

Mark Twain Special Education Center faculty and staff is dedicated to supporting our students' ability to learn. Assistive technology is essential to helping our non-verbal communicators experience the benefits

of interaction with peers, staff, and the community.

Students at Mark Twain, with support from speech and language pathologists Trisha Nash and Theresa Nunez, use voice output devices and picture symbols to make choices, requests, answer questions, transact with cashiers to make a purchase,



**Students use a variety of devices to make choices, share ideas, play games, and communicate with others.**

greet, share ideas/opinions, take turns during games, label, or comment. These devices have not only given students' voice and control over their day, but have encouraged self-regulation and greater attention for learning.

These voice output devices have also educated communication partners within the community that moderately-severely disabled students have ideas/opinions, and can be treated with respect and dignity to

participate as a unique and integral part of society.

Since the staff has honored the choices and voices of our students, we have seen more happiness, joy, and most of all, access/equity in school activities!

## Marshall *Elementary School*

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**Lorrie Klevos**  
*Principal*

### Outdoor Science Camp

This year included an exciting first for Marshall 6th grade students. Our entire school community worked together to raise the funds to send our students to outdoor science camp.

Parents made tamales, sponsored a pancake breakfast, provided face painting, attended Spirit Night dinners, collected Box Tops, and donated "Coins for Camp." Students had fun purchasing after-school popcorn, assembling emergency kits, and generating fund raising ideas. We were also very appreciative for the \$2500 donation we received from the Love My Kids Foundation!

The time at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center was focused on hands-on learning, programs that instill an appreciation of the outdoors and the environment,

and lots of community building that taught the skills and benefits of effective teamwork. Opportunity becomes reality when we band together for a common purpose, and everyone becomes an important part of the school community.

Go Marshall Roadrunners!



**Sixth grade students took a break from learning to enjoy lunch during their Outdoor Science Camp experience.**

## McGarvin *Intermediate School*

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**Tahnee Phan**  
*Principal*

### Outstanding Programs

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

McGarvin is the only intermediate school in GGUSD 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 third year of offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) courses that support high school pathways.

Outside of the classroom, McGarvin students stay busy with a variety of extracurricular activities such as intramural sports, stop motion animation, drama, robotics, hip hop, cooking, gardening, 3D game design and craft clubs.



**Cooking club is just one of many fulfilling extracurricular opportunities that students can take part in.**

## Mitchell *Elementary School*

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**Chris Francis**  
*Principal*

### A Peek into the Future

Mitchell Elementary is taking instructional technology to new heights! This school year, the staff has focused on meaningful integration of technology into stellar classroom instruction.

Our Instructional Leadership Team has completed grade level lesson studies in mathematics with an additional layer of technology that enhances the intended task.

Students are becoming more comfortable with the use of iPads to practice oral fluency and using a green screen for class presentations. Classes are researching using e-books, a successful expansion of our school library. Technology skills are also strengthened during the after-school Coding Club. The club provides a platform for students to learn and apply robotics and coding.

Follow all of this and more on Instagram @ggusdmitchelleagles!



**Students excel in linguistics at rapid rates thanks to our integration of 21st century technology!**

## Morningside *Elementary School*

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**Nathan Bellamy**  
*Principal*

### Learning to Serve

Morningside Elementary School is committed to equipping our students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. As part of that commitment, our school community spends time learning about community service and helping those in need. During the month of March, Morningside Elementary School participated

in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser and raised over \$4,000! We are so proud of our 15 classrooms for raising over \$100 each and Cambria Eduard, a first grader in Ms Osborn's classroom helped raise over \$200! Cambria was awarded with a special certificate from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Making a difference in our community supports our school mission and is a reflection of the Garden Grove Way!



**Morningside Elementary students were recognized by The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for their exceptional fundraising efforts.**

## Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

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**César Loya**  
*Principal*

### **Dedicated Parent Volunteers**

Our entire Monroe community is very grateful for our wonderful parents who donate an incredible number of volunteer hours in order to make Monroe Elementary Language Academy a special place for all of our students, staff, and families. We have well over 150 parent volunteers this year!! Additionally, this spring, we started the Padres en Acción program. More than 20 dedicated parents visit our campus

three times each week during lunch recess to engage our students in structured games and activities. Our scholars love seeing the parents out there volunteering and teaching them fun, interactive physical activity games. Thank you Monroe parent volunteers for all your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our school community!

Parent volunteers who are part of the school's Padres en Acción program help students make the most out of recess and enjoy playing fun games and activities with Monroe students.



## Murdy *Elementary School*

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**Marcie Griffith**  
*Principal*

### **Enriching Programs Make a Fun Year**

2018-19 has been a year of fun and learning at John Murdy Elementary!

Students participated in a wealth of experiences to develop skills they will need for college and career. These included Hour of

Code, cultural events, a study of gratitude, and an investigation of ocean pollution.

Our music teacher, Ms. Favenir, won a grant for ukuleles, which enhanced our music program and got our students strumming.

Many students enjoyed after school enrichment programs such as robotics, art, media club, and two teams competed in Battle of the Books.

Our Vietnamese Dual Language Program continues to thrive,

and we are proud to see students grow toward becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural.

Stay up-to-date by following us on social media @murdyelementary.



**Students are all smiles during hands-on activities that make learning fun.**



## Newhope *Elementary School*

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**Adam Bernstein**  
*Principal*

### Learning How to Read with your Kids

At Newhope, we are committed to providing parents with resources to help support their student's development and academic growth.

Recently, Newhope hosted a special parent education class for parents of kindergarten through second grade students to learn about the importance of reading to children. During this class, two reading specialists showed our Newhope parents strategies to use when they read with their kids. These strategies help build understanding and comprehension skills while making the experience of reading together more meaningful and enjoyable for both children and their parents. Students whose parents attended joined the meeting and had an opportunity to read together with their parents!

All parents who attended received a free book, *My Lucky Day*, courtesy of the Newhope P.T.O.



**Parents and students spend time reading together during a recent school event.**

## Northcutt *Elementary School*

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**Ryan Loberger**  
*Principal*

### Author Inspires Blossoming Writers

The students at Northcutt were treated to a visit by children's author Alane Adams.

Students at Northcutt are fans of her books, which range from primary grade picture books to upper grade chapter books.

Ms. Adams shared her excitement for writing and reading, as well as describing the process she uses to create stories. Her discussion of story structure completed lessons on reading comprehension and creative writing in class.

Northcutt is full of blossoming writers and this visit helped inspire them to keep working hard to improve their reading and writing skills.



## Pacifica High School

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**Steve Osborne**  
Principal

### NJROTC Shines in Las Vegas

The Pacifica Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) traveled to Las Vegas to participate in the Nevada All Navy Drill Meet. Teams were from California, Utah (four-time state champions), Colorado, and Nevada. Pacifica dominated every event!

When our Unarmed Exhibition team performed, visitors and schools recorded

the routine knowing that it served as an example of outstanding performance. When any Pacifica team took the floor, everyone stopped to watch our outstanding drills and performances!

The Pacifica NJROTC won 1st Place Overall, including 1st Place in: Inspection, Unarmed Exhibition, Armed Regulation, Color Guard, Push Ups, Sit Ups and 16x100 Relay; 2nd Place in: 8 x 220 Relay, Unarmed Regulation, Armed Exhibition; and 3rd Place in Academics. Outstanding work!



**Our NJROTC team poses with their awards from the Nevada All Navy Drill Meet.**

## Paine Elementary School

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**George Martinez**  
Principal

### Paine Community Comes Together for Cancer Research

The Paine community participated in The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation's Marathon on March 17th.

More than 100 people on Paine's team laced up and hit the streets to raise over \$5,000 for cancer research and to support Paine teacher, Terry Shepard. Terry's son, Todd, passed away at the age of 18 of Ewings Sarcoma. Paine student, Mariafernanda Contreras, is more than a runner, she is a cancer survivor. Mariafernanda participated because, "kids with cancer have to be in the hospital for a long time, and I know what that feels like. I want these kids to soon be like me and get well so they can go back to school."

When Paine's community works together, the impact is tremendous.



**Every bunny enjoyed the excitement and entertainment of Paine's Bunny Hop event. From start to finish, Paine students had a spring in their step as school spirit was on full display.**

## Parkview *Elementary School*

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**Ryan Baker**  
*Principal*

### English Language Arts Success!

Parkview Elementary School students have shown tremendous success over the past few years in English Language Arts. Teachers collaborate each week to design

standards-based lessons that allow for students to be actively involved in the learning process.

In 2018, 70% of Parkview students scored proficient on the ELA portion of the state assessment, outpacing the county and the state average. To help promote literacy and a love of reading among our students, the Garden Grove Police Department and Orange County District

Attorney's office came to read to our school for Read Across America Day on March 1st.

We are proud of our Parkview scholars for their commitment to academic growth!



**Students pose with members of the Garden Grove Police Department who took time out to read to students during Read Across America Day.**

## Patton *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Jennifer Carter**  
*Principal*

### Where Art Thrives

Patton Elementary School offers extended day art enrichment opportunities. This year, Mrs. Collison and Mrs. Wright co-taught a monthly art class to primary students after school.

Students received an opportunity to explore a variety of art mediums such as texture, print making, tempura, and watercolor. The art pieces were submitted to the Garden Grove Unified School District's First Impressions Student Art Exhibit.

One of the first grade students at Patton Elementary, Charlotte Barbas, won the Mayor's

Award and received recognition at the GGUSD Board Meeting. Her art piece was titled "Chicken Burger."

Charlotte and several Patton students were recognized for their fabulous art work at the First Impressions Student Art Exhibit. We are so proud of our talented artists!



**Student Charlotte Barbas poses for a photo with her parents, GGUSD administrators, Patton administration and staff, as well as GGUSD Board of Trustees.**



**Kyle Benham**  
Principal  
K-3



**Gurprit Dhillon**  
Principal  
4-6

It has been an exciting year full of enriching learning opportunities for students and family engagement events that help strengthen our school community. Teachers and students continue to embrace 21st century technology skills with a 1:1 device-to-student ratio in all grade



**Congratulations to student Jessica Truong for 1st place in the K-6 grade spelling.**

Thank you to the PTO for the wonderful Valentine's Day themed Father-Daughter Dance and the always-exciting Color Run. Upcoming events include a Family Barbecue, Muffins with Moms, GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) orientation for new families joining the Peters school community, and the annual Science Camp for sixth grade students. Peters Elementary is very proud of all of its students and their accomplishments and would like to congratulate fifth grade

levels. Daily, students are developing the personal skills necessary for achieving lifelong success by focusing on monthly character traits. Opportunities offered after school to further enrich and support student learning include STEM classes, Young Rembrandts Art Classes, College and Career Mentoring, Pentathlon, Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS), and the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove. Throughout the year parenting classes are provided in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese along with a free monthly "Farmer's Market" where families have access to free fruits and vegetables. Students and families recently enjoyed the annual Math and Science Night, Literacy Night, and observed the Lunar New Year with a festive TET celebration.

student Jessica Truong on winning the district Spelling Bee. We are very excited to share that this summer that all non-portable classrooms will undergo modernization to receive air conditioning and energy efficient windows. Construction will be completed by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. Please be sure to stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook at Peters K-3 Elementary School and Peters 4-6 Elementary School along with subscribing to our google calendar on our school websites at <https://petersk3.ggusd.us/> and <https://peters46.ggusd.us/>.

## Post *Elementary School*

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**Joy Ellsworth**  
Principal

### Opportunities Abound

Post Panthers in the school's GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program benefited from a new after-school Science Lab. The six-week interactive lab lessons were aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards and strengthened students skills in chemistry and physics. Students enjoyed hands-on challenges studying concepts such as heat energy in motion and velocity.

Another popular after-school program which is offered each trimester is Post's Coding and Robotics Lab where students try their hands at green screen technology, 3D building, Dash and Dot Robots, and Sphero. The program helps establish STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills and promotes team-building. Strong collaboration skills are essential for student success in school and

in the future. Students also improved creative thinking, problem solving, and computer programming skills through the fun, engaging lessons.

In art class, students learned the elements of art and principles of design. The students learned about color theory to help them select colors that complimented their artwork. They also used oil pastels to blend colors and create light and shadows to make their artwork have a 3-D effect. In addition, Post scholars explored printmaking techniques using tempera paint, construction paper, and block printing ink.

It has been a productive year as our Post students gain new and exciting skills to propel them toward future success.



**Post scholars experimented with a variety of liquids to study density and buoyancy.**

## Ralston *Intermediate School*

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**Ruth Dietze**  
*Principal*

### **Awesome After-School Programs**

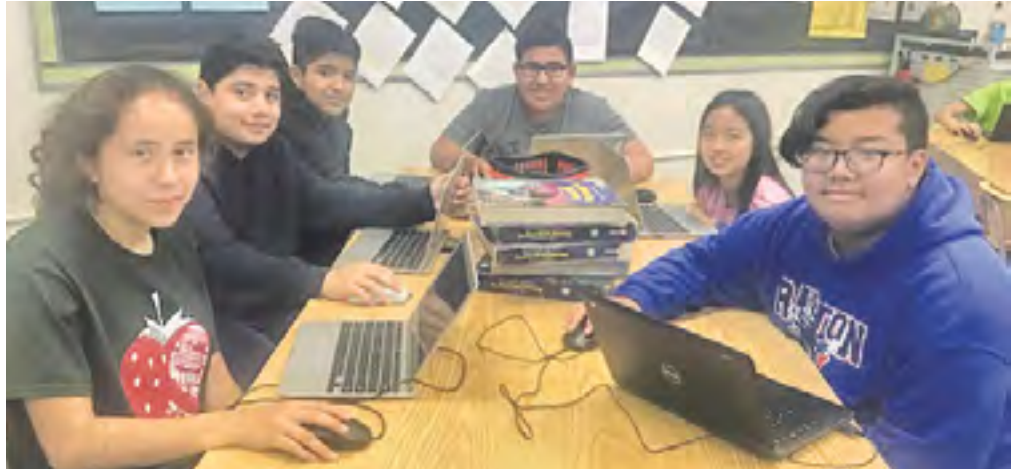
Ralston Intermediate School provides many opportunities for students to participate in high-quality after school programs. Currently, we are offering an after school Ocean Institute and an Economics class in addition to a Running Mentorship program.

The Science class is taught with curriculum developed by the Ocean Institute and Boeing. The class focuses on water quality and conservation and culminates with an overnight field trip to the Ocean Institute.

Ralston scholars also have the opportunity to take an Economics class after school which focuses on money, budgeting, saving for an item, financing and investing. The students work in teams and play a Stock Market game.

In addition to these courses, students can also participate in conditioning with Ralston teachers and alumni to train for the 5K run at the Strawberry Festival. This provides students with time to build positive mentor relationships with teachers and former Ralston students.

These after school opportunities are open to all Ralston students and enhance the excellent academic programs offered during the school day.



**Students are eager to learn about budgeting and investing as part of the after-school Economics Club.**

## Rancho Alamitos *High School*

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**Mary Jane Hibbard**  
*Principal*

### **Vaquero Mentors Change Lives**

Rancho Alamitos has created the RAHS Mentor Program to support 72 at-risk sophomores who have demonstrated a commitment to work toward academic success.

Students were invited to a kick-off luncheon where they were introduced to the program and their mentor teacher. Fifty-four teachers volunteered to mentor a student and meet with them weekly to discuss grades, behavior, attendance, and overall socioemotional well-being. More importantly, this program has given teachers an opportunity to form relationships and encourage students who may not typically be invested in their educational success.

Mentor teachers help students with organization skills, communication with their teachers, study tips, and overall self-advocacy.

We are seeing positive effects of this mentorship in improved grades, attendance, work habits, and building an overall connection to the school.



**Our mentors embrace each student's unique qualities as they lead them to the road of success.**

## Riverdale *Elementary School*

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**Chris Ash**  
*Principal*

### Showcasing Talented Students

It's been an exciting school year at Riverdale Elementary!

One of the highlights has been the production of Disney's *The Lion King* musical, which showcases over 50 of our talented students and is the culmination of countless hours of behind the scenes work by parents and teachers.

Riverdale also hosted several family nights where parents and students have enjoyed math games, computer coding, and discovering new genres of books.

As the school year comes to an end, Riverdale is excited to prepare for modernization of the school including the addition of air conditioning!

Please follow us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook @RiverdaleGGUSD to stay up to date on everything that is happening at Riverdale.



**Parents and students enjoy discovering new books at Riverdale's family reading night.**

## Rosita *Elementary School*

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**Don Terreri**  
*Principal*

### Rosita Robotics Mentors

At Rosita we incorporate technology into everyday instruction to prepare and support our students for 21st Century Learning. We are completely outfitted with one-to-one technology for all of our TK – 6th Grade students. Students participate in tech opportunities with the Robotics Club, Robotics Team Mentoring, Dash-ketball, and the Hour of Code.

Seventeen of our students are Robotics Mentors. They participated in the First Lego League Competition either this year or last year. They formed three teams. They are the Techno Kids, Fire Bots, and Code Bots. Under the direction of teacher, Anh Warren, they mentored and led the whole school through a variety of Robotic and Tech Activities during our participation in the Hour of Code. They continue their mentoring by guiding our students, one class at a time, through Robotics Exploration and Coding opportunities.

The future is in capable hands with our Rosita Robotics Mentors!



**Rosita Elementary School has a team of student leaders who serve as technology mentors to their classmates and support fun coding and robotics learning experiences.**

## Russell *Elementary Language Academy*

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**Kai Chang**  
*Principal*

### Inspiring Future Leaders

At Russell Elementary Language Academy, we foster a culture of college and career readiness and equip students with a variety of tools to begin planning for their futures. Earlier this year, we welcomed three Russell alumni who are currently attending college to speak to our students about their journeys to college. It was a powerful morning as Russell scholars learned about the grit and determination required to overcome challenges and achieve lifelong success. There was also a parent panel to discuss the decisions/questions parents have as they plan for their children to attend college. This event highlighted real-life stories of former Russell students and connected parents and students as they begin planning for college and lifelong success. Our College Day was also extremely productive, giving students behind-the-scenes insight into a variety of 21st century careers. We are proud of our focus on college readiness which even

begins at the kindergarten level as students in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten have experienced great success as they learn in both English and Spanish on their pathway to biliteracy. Becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural will give our students a competitive advantage when they enter the workforce.



**Russell scholars were thrilled to visit with Maria, an alumni of the school who is currently attending CSU Fullerton.**

## Santiago *High School*

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**Michael Kennedy**  
*Principal*

### New Early College Program

During the 2019-2020 school year, Santiago High School is excited to introduce an Early College Program offering dual credit opportunities to Santiago students. The Early College Program is a cooperative effort with the support of Santa Ana College. The program and college credits are free for all students enrolled in the program and the Dual Credit classes. Students will have the opportunity to earn as many as 36 transferable college credits and they will be able to enter a four-year university after high school with Junior standing. During the school year,

students will take the courses on the Santiago campus, and at Santa Ana College during summer sessions. This new Early College Program is just one more opportunity that Santiago is bringing to prepare students for college and lifelong success.



**Students are excited for the school's new Early College Program which will give them a head start on their future success.**

## Simmons *Elementary School*

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**Jaemie Johnson**  
*Principal*

### **Art is Alive at Simmons!**

Simmons students at all grade levels from kindergarten through sixth grade have the opportunity to participate in visual arts programs on campus, which are led by teachers and staff with the support of the GGUSD Visual and Performing Arts

Department and/or Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove.

During trimester two, budding artists were featured in competitions such as the Image Makers national photography contest through Boys and Girls Clubs of America, First Impressions Art Exhibit through GGUSD, and ReImagine Art in the Park through the city of Garden Grove. Kindergarten students even collaborated with high school students to make their own art come to life. Student work is proudly displayed in the school office.

We are proud to offer our students robust programs in both arts and academics as they learn and grow into well-rounded scholars.



**Simmons displays student artwork to celebrate the creative talents of our scholars.**

## Stanford *Elementary School*

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**Melanie Mathovich**  
*Principal*

### **Achievements of a Lifetime**

It has been a great year for our Stanford Stallions! With the implementation of AVID, the College and Career Readiness Program, and the FAR Model, our students have developed strong scholarly habits and are focused on their future success!

A few of our students' favorite activities include the 100 Mile Running Club, Student Leadership, and Academic Pentathlon. A highlight for our sixth graders was an overnight field trip to the Long Beach Aquarium.

Our teachers and staff continue to focus on developing a growth mindset in our students and providing high level learning experiences that integrate technology, collaboration, and creativity.

Please be sure to stay up-to-date on our accomplishments by following us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



**Students proudly go out of their comfort zone in their encounter with marine life.**



## Stanley *Elementary School*

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**Jamie Shippee**  
Principal

### A Culture of Kindness

Students, teachers, and staff members spent the last week of January taking on The Great Kindness Challenge.

Throughout the week, students took on kindness challenges including saying something nice to someone, bringing a flower to a teacher, drawing a picture for a friend, and writing thank you notes. During

recess and lunch, students wrote encouraging notes to their peers and teachers. In addition, they painted rocks with encouraging messages that will eventually become a friendship path in the learning garden. At the conclusion of the week, students reflected on how being kind to others and having others be kind to them made a difference.

The impact of the Great Kindness Challenge has carried throughout the school year and created a culture of kindness on campus.



**Students were greeted with kindness during The Great Kindness Challenge**

## Sunnyside *Elementary School*

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**Susie Dollbaum**  
Principal

### Cultivating a Love of Literacy

Sunnyside celebrated reading and literacy in our classrooms, library, and entire school for a whole week in March.

Literacy Week took place in conjunction with the Read Across America campaign and the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2nd. We recognized this author's contributions in developing the love of reading in children by engaging our students in a fun-filled spirit week. We invited special guests to come and read with our students.

Our Literacy Night event and culmination featured Cat in the Hat and a tribute to Dr. Seuss. Students, along with their families, participated in reading and writing activities based on the many popular books written by Dr. Seuss.

We even sang happy birthday and enjoyed delicious cupcakes!



**Sunnyside celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a literacy night.**

## Violette *Elementary School*

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**Sarah Van Dam**  
*Principal*

### Learning Takes Flight on Kite Day

Science, art, and engineering skills were on display at Violette Elementary on April 10 when the Violette Elementary School community celebrated spring with Kite Day

hosted by Violette's newly-formed PTA.

Which forces make a kite fly? What is the best design for a kite? Does the placement of the string matter? Our curious learners tackled Next Generation Science Standards as they investigated these ideas by assembling and flying their kites. Big buddies, parents, and teachers helped younger students create and fly their kites.

For more information on Violette events, contact our PTA at [ViolettePTA2019@gmail.com](mailto:ViolettePTA2019@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook at [VioletteElementarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/VioletteElementarySchool).



**Student learning about science, art, and engineering takes flight during Kite Day.**

We are so proud of our awesome students and dedicated parent volunteers that make Violette a great place to learn!

## Wakeham *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Rushall**  
*Principal*

### Mentors Make a Difference

Wakeham Elementary School is committed to supporting all students academically and socially through our powerful mentor program and strong community partnerships. Students have the opportunity to work with adults and peers through mentoring groups that meet weekly and monthly at the school site.

Thirty students meet with high school mentors under the supervision of the Big Brother/ Big Sister Coordinator. Selected students meet weekly with their "Big Brother or Big Sister" and receive homework help and socio-emotional support. In addition, all sixth grade students are invited to attend The College and Career Mentoring Program. Students work with trained leaders to develop their knowledge of college and careers.

We are also fortunate to have a seven year partnership with the GRIP program that supports our teacher mentor program. Teachers meet monthly with students to check on grades and behavior goals. Three times a year mentors and mentees are invited to attend events and celebrations.

We know that these positive role models are making a difference for our students!



**Students benefit from a variety of mentors.**

## Walton *Intermediate School*

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**Sandra Valencia**  
*Principal*

### **Awesome Academic Athletes**

For the past four years, Walton students have competed in the Orange County Academic Pentathlon and have demonstrated to be a contending group.

Walton students continue to push the academic limits over the years,

advancing from division six to division two. Regardless of the challenge, Walton student have continued to demonstrate their hard work and dedication to academic growth.

Their performance this year was amazing as the Walton Wildcat team brought home 45 individual medals! Our eighth grade team took 3rd place in the Super Quiz and won second place overall. The seventh grade team took second

place on the Super Quiz, and an impressive first place win overall.

Students made Walton history in bringing home a total of 81 medals this year. The Walton Wildcats are ROARING with success!



**Students brought home an impressive 81 medals from the competitive Orange County Academic Pentathlon.**

## Warren *Elementary School*

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**Eileen Young**  
*Principal*

### **Scholars Commit to Community Service**

Warren students continue to explore ways to support others in our community through a variety of service learning projects, including raising money and creating care packages for local non-profit organizations that serve community members in need.

Most recently, Ms. Lisa Smith, Warren's music teacher, had students write letters to military personnel stationed overseas in Afghanistan, sharing our appreciation for their service. Not only did Warren students receive letters in return, they were able to personally ask questions and have them answered via Skype!

First Lieutenant Alyssa Drummond held a Skype conference with students. Some questions students asked were, "Who influenced you into going into the service?" as well as "Could you speak specifically to the girls about leadership?" Throughout the conversation, she discussed setting goals, sticking to a plan,

and never giving up. When asked specifically how girls could take on leadership positions, her response was, "You have to be brave and you must stay in school. It is also very important to NOT worry about what other people say about us."

Warren students and staff are grateful for the opportunity to receive words of wisdom from one of many United States heroes!



**Warren wildcats craft care packages with supplies and love.**

## Woodbury *Elementary School*

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**Rose Jansz**  
*Principal*

### Embracing AVID's College Readiness Strategies

Advancement Via Individual Determination, or AVID, is a program for helping students become college ready. Woodbury teachers, staff, and parents are dedicated to preparing our students with the tools to support their success. Our morning AVID Club is dedicated to supporting all of our students by

developing skills to support lifelong success.

Woodbury's AVID Club is grounded in the philosophy that success starts with a growth mindset. At Woodbury, we believe strongly that the growth mindset can be taught to our students, and it is through this mindset that AVID students succeed in achieving their life long goals. Students in the AVID Club focused this year on: Scholarly Habits, Academic Discourse, Organizational Skills, and Note Taking Skills.

Students will continue this focus through scholarly discussion techniques by using evidence and reasoning to support their positions. Our students are encouraged and supported to be skilled communicators. Our teachers regularly look for opportunities to have students collaborate on rigorous tasks across all content areas. We're so proud of our scholars for their interest in AVID and their dedication to developing college readiness skills while still in elementary school.



**Students in the school's AVID Club are developing a variety of college readiness skills.**

## Zeyen *Elementary School*

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**Gary Gerstner**  
*Principal*

### Rapid Readers

It has been an exciting year of learning at Zeyen Elementary. Students have been active in building their academic as well as their social skills.

Currently, our students have read over 80 million words and we have 23 students who have read well over one million words (this is an eighth grade standard). Many of our students experience technology on a 1:1 ratio and use their Chromebooks or iPads daily to research, write, and take assessments. On a monthly basis, our students learn about, practice, and are recognized for demonstrating each month's specific character trait.

Students enjoy learning and sharing their day with scholarly friends and sensational teachers at Zeyen Elementary.



**Students surpass academic goals, and have read over 80 million words!**



## Note-ables



Kate Karp

### Swamp Romp

The ingredients alone will make you lick your chops: Cajun, zydeco, R&B, Carolina beach and the great Fats Domino; luminaries like Irma Thomas and the Dirty Dozen Brass Band; a potpourri of bayou musical instruments from accordions and guitars to washboards and a cane fife; and a booklet of cultural and historical details. *Swamp Romp* is a spicy musical jambalaya!

Louisiana-roots-music duo Johnette Downing and Scott Billington conceived the collection as a dance party for children. From the first song, title tune “Swamp Romp,” the good times will roll. You can line-dance to “Mud Bug Boogie”—mudbugs



are crawfish—and no matter how you learned to spell *Mississippi*, the catchy “Mississippi River” encourages children to worm their bodies around in time to the music to shape the letters in the word. Hey—teaching idea!

And what’s a party without food? “Gather Something Sweet” is a lilting Caribbean melody about picking fruit, and “How to Dress a Po’ Boy”’s washboard accompaniment is like a grumbling tummy. “Baby in the King Cake” sings of a centuries-old tradition of baking a plastic baby—sometimes a ring—into a cake. Whoever gets the baby will have good luck but also has to host the next party!

My personal favorite is “Poor Worry Anna,” a haunting swamp-music/doo wop ballad about a woman who worries about everything. The dual voices of Irma Thomas and Johnette Downing intensify the song’s mournful beauty.

Bayou music is family music. That’s *Swamp Romp*. Bring your dancing shoes and your spoon and bowl, and *faitis do-do!*

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

## Common Sense Media



### Encouraging Teens to Read for Pleasure

The amount of time that teens spend reading for pleasure has declined a lot over the past few years. Whether this is due to the rise in short-form reading, the prevalence of multitasking, time spent with screen media, or other factors is unknown.

Fortunately, we do know the way to encourage readers of any age: Keep books in the house, set aside daily reading time, and read yourself. For teens specifically, it may help to tap into whatever they’re passionate about. From music and fashion to video games and the Victorian era, if you can name it, there’s a book about it.

In a world filled with entertaining diversions, it can be difficult for teens to find reading material that really motivates them to read. Check our reviews (you can sort our book reviews by age, genre, and topic).

Here are some more ideas:

- **Try an ereader.** Ereaders offer your teen a bit more independence, flexibility, and privacy. And they’re great for travel.
- **Consider humor.** Some teens just need the funny.
- **Draw inspiration from pop culture.** Late-night comedians, musicians, and even software developers (think Steve Jobs) are great subjects (or authors!) for teen reading because they’re relevant to teens’ lives.
- **Insist that they read the book before seeing the movie.** If they want to see a story on the big screen, hand them the book first.

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## Tara's Review



**Tara Z.**

### Eye-opening, Transcending, and Lovely

*Five Feet Apart* by

Rachel Lippencott is one of those wonderful coming of age novels, that will leave you smiling, laughing, or shedding a tear or two at one point or another. The story follows the life of Stella



Grant, a cystic fibrosis patient who is on the brink of becoming 18. Stella is the epitome of order, and her life, like that of many other CF patients, depends on a mixture of factors, but one of the most important is following a medical regime, filled with meticulous patterns of med dosages and activities. For Stella, following her regime, means keeping her shattered family together. However, when Will, another 17-year-old CF patient, arrives at Saint Grace's Hospital, things change for both young CFers, and for once in their lives, they have come to the realization that they will not let cystic fibrosis take away everything they have got.

Tara Z. is a tenth grader. She loves painting, reading, and writing about art and books. She hopes to study medicine and travel through all the world's continents.

## Rabina's Review



**Rabina K.**

### An Impactful Book

*A Wrinkle in Time* is a kind of science fiction, as the characters in the story travel thru time and space to go to fifth dimension. But there is plenty in the book that touches humanities. The



heroine of the story is a lonely girl who conquers her negativities and weaknesses to fight against 'IT', the darkness and brings her dad back to earth from fifth dimension. The story has a happy ending with the whole family united together on earth.

Meg has a sense of herself as somebody who does not fit in. It is the struggle all of us face, to be ourselves despite the overwhelming pressure to be like everyone else. This battle in Meg comes to an end when Mrs. Whatsit tells them that life is a sonnet. You all are given the form but you have to write the sonnet yourself.

I give this book a five star rating.

Rabina is a 5th grader, who enjoys reading historical fiction and biographies. Writing is her passion. Besides, reading books and writing, she also enjoys playing soccer and piano.

## CAMPING—Word Search Contest

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

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

Entries must be received by **June 30, 2019**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

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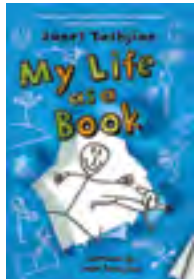
## Richard's Book Review



Richard J.

### Interesting Mystery

*My Life as a Book* is about a kid named Derek Fallon. All Derek wants to do this summer is goof around and hang with his friends. But his parents have other ideas.



They signed him up to a summer reading camp. Derek hates reading! Nothing in the world could be duller to him than reading a book. So he hid in the attic, and found an old newspaper there about his babysitter who drowned when he was a baby. He wants to learn more about her and finds that the story is she saved him from going into the rough seas but drowned ... But then with more digging he finds out that wasn't the case at all!

*My Life as a Book* has an interesting mystery and is relatable to someone who doesn't like to read. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and learning new things and spending time with his family and friends.

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## Thank You Parents and Educators

Girl Scouts across Orange County are partnering with schools and community organizations to take action to create sustainable change. Thank you for your support of their drive to make our world a better place.

**We congratulate Cerritos School and Girl Scout Ambassador Ahn Voong from Troop 2279 for partnering together to host a Cultural Awareness Festival as part of Ahn's Girl Scout Gold Award project. Through their efforts, students, parents, and community members participated in cultural activities representative of Syria, Vietnam, Japan, China, Asia, India, and Central America.**

We applaud your efforts to create opportunities for students to succeed and shine at every stage of their lives. Your extraordinary commitment to students motivates our communities and builds a brighter future for us all!

### Educators and Girl Scouts: Stronger Together!

From earning her first Girl Scout Daisy petal in kindergarten to achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award in 12th grade, Girl Scouts is a powerful extension to the classroom — a place where girls discover, connect, and take action!

Learn more at

[girlscouts.org/educators](http://girlscouts.org/educators)



Ahn organized a cultural awareness festival as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project.



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