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GGUSD Students Thrive in Academics, Arts and Athletics



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GGUSD Students Thrive during a Much-Needed Return to Normalcy

As we near the end of the 2021-2022 school year, GGUSD students continue to reach new academic and personal milestones. It's evident that students have enjoyed the return of numerous in-person school activities that were paused due to the pandemic including the district Spelling Bee, First Impressions Art Show, the Orange County Academic Decathlon, Visual and Performing Arts productions, after-school clubs and so much more.

Earlier this school year, GGUSD elementary and intermediate schools earned high rankings in the inaugural publication of America's 2022 Best K-8 Schools issued by U.S. News & World Report. All elementary and intermediate schools ranked with 20 elementary schools earning a spot in the top 20% and three intermediate schools earning a spot in the top 10%. All comprehensive high schools received this recognition as they do annually, and Hare High School was named a Model School for continuation high schools by the California Department of Education. For the fourth consecutive year, GGUSD was one of six districts in Orange County to be honored with the 2022 Best Communities for Music Education Award, a national distinction presented to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to all students.

GGUSD schools also greatly increased personal supports for students and families with new Wellness Centers and



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

resources to support students' social-emotional well-being. The district hired additional mental health professionals and expanded its ASPIRE program to 35 school sites and growing to ensure more students have access to mental health counseling and crisis support with school social workers and mental health interns. The district hosted monthly wellness workshops for families and opened four new Family Resource Centers to serve as hubs that connect families to critical services in areas like food, health care, housing, mental health counseling, immigration counseling, and more. We also continue to find new ways to invest in mental health and wellness with a new app that we are adopting first with staff and then with students. The Goal 2 Wellness initiative provides for daily mental-health check-ins and delivers personalized content to users around areas like joy, belonging, direction and energy.

As always, we look forward to our high school graduations which are a culminating celebration of the work we do each year. We are confident that the Class of 2022 is well-equipped for lifelong success. Over the summer, we are excited to offer new extended learning opportunities for students developed with parent input and based on student need. Each year, we continue to deliver new opportunities for our communities based on important feedback shared with us through our annual Strategic Plan Survey. We are grateful to our families for being partners with us to ensure the success of all students – that's the Garden Grove Way!



GGUSD Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Board of Education members, and staff at Irvine Intermediate School celebrate the opening of the new Family Resource Center on campus, one of four new Family Resource Centers opened this year.

Los alumnos del GGUSD prosperan durante un regreso muy necesario a la normalidad

A medida que nos acercamos al final del año escolar 2021-2022, los alumnos del GGUSD continúan alcanzando nuevas metas académicas y personales. Es evidente que los alumnos han disfrutado del regreso de numerosas actividades escolares en persona que se detuvieron debido a la pandemia, incluyendo el concurso de deletreo del Distrito Spelling Bee, la Exposición de Arte First Impressions, el Decatlón Académico del Condado de Orange, producciones de Artes Visuales y Escénicas, clubs después del horario regular de las clases y mucho más.

A principios de este año escolar, las escuelas primarias e intermedias del GGUSD obtuvieron altas clasificaciones en la publicación inaugural de las Mejores Escuelas de K-8 de los Estados Unidos del año 2022 (America's 2022 Best K-8 Schools) publicada por U.S. News & World Report. Todas las escuelas primarias e intermedias se clasificaron con 20 escuelas primarias que obtuvieron un lugar en el 20% superior y tres escuelas intermedias que obtuvieron un lugar en el 10% superior. Todas las escuelas secundarias integrales recibieron este reconocimiento como lo hacen anualmente, y la Escuela Secundaria Hare fue nombrada por el Departamento de Educación de California como Escuela Modelo para las escuelas secundarias de continuación. Por cuarto año consecutivo, el GGUSD fue uno de los seis distritos en el Condado de Orange en ser honrado con el Premio a las Mejores Comunidades para la Educación Musical del 2022, una distinción nacional presentada a los distritos que demuestran un excelente rendimiento para proporcionar acceso musical y educación a todos los alumnos.

Las escuelas del GGUSD también aumentaron enormemente los apoyos personales para los alumnos y las familias con nuevos Centros de Bienestar y recursos para apoyar el bienestar socioemocional de los alumnos. El Distrito contrató más profesionales para la salud mental y expandió su programa ASPIRE a 35 planteles escolares y sigue expandiéndolo para asegurar que más alumnos tengan acceso a consejería para la salud mental y apoyo en casos de crisis con los trabajadores sociales o practicantes de la salud mental de la escuela. El Distrito organizó talleres mensuales de bienestar para las familias y abrió cuatro nuevos Centros de Recursos para Familias para servir como centros que conectan a las familias con servicios fundamentales en áreas como comida, atención médica, vivienda, consejería de salud mental, consejería en inmigración y más. También continuamos encontrando nuevas formas de invertir en la salud mental y el bienestar con una nueva aplicación que estamos adoptando primero



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Học Sinh GGUSD Đã Thăng Tiến Trong Giai Đoạn Thiết Yếu Để Trở Lại Sinh Hoạt Bình Thường

Khi chúng ta gần kết thúc năm học 2021-2022, học sinh GGUSD vẫn tiếp tục đạt được những thành quả mới về năng lực cá nhân và học vấn quan trọng. Hiển nhiên là học sinh rất hân hoan khi được tham gia trở lại các sinh hoạt ở trường đã phải tạm dừng trong khoảng thời gian đại dịch như Cuộc Thi Đánh Vần của học khu, Những Tác Phẩm Nghệ Thuật Ấn Tượng Đầu Tiên (First Impressions Art Show), Thi Đua Học Tập Của Hạt Orange (Orange County Academic Decathlon), Nghệ Thuật Trình Diễn và Tạo Hình, các hội đoàn sau giờ học và nhiều sinh hoạt khác nữa.

Đầu năm học này, ấn phẩm phát hành đầu tiên của Báo Hoa Kỳ và Thông Tin Thế Giới (U.S. News and World Report) xếp hạng các trường Mẫu Giáo- Lớp 8 Bạc Nhất Hoa Kỳ đã đánh giá cao các trường tiểu học và trung học cấp I của GGUSD. Tất cả các trường tiểu học và trung học cấp I của GGUSD đều được xếp hạng, với 20 trường tiểu học thuộc trong số 20% trường đứng đầu và ba trường trung học cấp I được xếp vào hàng 10% các trường giỏi nhất. Hằng năm, tất cả các trường trung học phổ thông đều nhận được sự tuyên dương này. Trường Trung Học Cấp II Hare được Bộ Giáo Dục California tuyên dương là một Trường Kiểu Mẫu trong số những trường trung học tiếp liên. Trong liên tiếp bốn năm, GGUSD là một trong sáu học khu của hạt Orange được tuyên dương là Học Khu Có Chương Trình Giáo Dục Âm Nhạc Xuất Sắc Nhất Trong Năm 2022", một giải thưởng cấp quốc gia trao tặng cho những học khu đã chứng tỏ được thành tích xuất sắc trong việc giảng dạy và tạo điều kiện cho tất cả học sinh học nhạc.

Các trường thuộc GGUSD đã mở thêm các Trung Tâm Hỗ Trợ Đời Sống Lành Mạnh mới để gia tăng các nguồn hỗ trợ về tinh thần và giao tiếp lành mạnh cho học sinh. Học khu đã tuyển thêm các chuyên viên sức khỏe tâm thần và mở thêm chương trình ASPIRE tại 35 trường và sẽ tiếp tục phát triển để có thể phục vụ cho thêm nhiều học sinh khi gặp khủng hoảng hoặc tư vấn về sức khỏe tinh thần với các tập sự viên và cán sự học đường. Hàng tháng học khu tổ chức những buổi hướng dẫn về cách sống lành mạnh và mở thêm bốn Trung Tâm Hỗ Trợ Gia Đình mới để phục vụ như là nơi kết nối các gia đình với những dịch vụ thiết yếu như thực phẩm, y tế, cư trú, hướng dẫn tinh thần lành mạnh, di trú, và các sinh hoạt khác. Chúng tôi tiếp tục tìm những phương cách mới để hỗ trợ về mặt sức khỏe tinh thần và sự lành mạnh trong tiến trình áp dụng một ứng dụng mới cho nhân viên và sau đó là học sinh. Đề xướng Sống Lành Mạnh thuộc Mục Tiêu 2 giúp kiểm tra sức khỏe tinh thần hàng ngày và tạo những sinh hoạt riêng để người sử dụng cảm thấy vui vẻ, hòa đồng, thêm năng lượng và có đường hướng cho tương lai.

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An Investment in the Future

One hallmark of GGUSD is the wonderful support we receive from community members across the seven cities we serve. That support was demonstrated for the district's two bond measures including Measure A which was approved in 2010 with 63.8% of voter approval and Measure P which was approved in 2016 with an impressive 76.3% of voter approval. This Spring, Measure P modernization projects to support a 21st century learning environment were fully completed.

While Measure A paved the way for district-wide air conditioning, Measure P completed the work. Today, students enjoy cool classrooms at 100% of our school sites, making it easier to learn during periods of excessive heat.

Measure P funded a/c and major renovations to our district's Don Wash Auditorium which hosts a multitude of schoolwide performances each year, allowing students to shine on stage.

Our district athletic stadiums at Garden Grove and Bolsa Grande high schools had not been updated since they were built in the 1950's. Measure P funded two brand new state-of-the-art stadiums with synthetic turf fields and nine-lane tracks, energy efficient lighting, an LED scoreboard, new bleachers, restrooms, ticket booths, and concession stands.

Two campuses, La Quinta and Pacifica high schools, had been identified by the state as needing major building replacements to make them earthquake safe. As a result, both schools received new classroom buildings, cafeterias, visual and performing arts centers and media library centers.



New cafeterias were built at La Quinta and Pacifica high schools as part of the district's seismic safety renovations.

Other improvements include

- Security fencing around campuses, increased lighting and alarms
- Roof replacements
- Athletic facility upgrades like new gym floors and pool renovations
- Expanded instructional classrooms and wireless network bandwidth
- And More

Through it all our community Bond Oversight Committee reviewed and approved how bond dollars were spent, to ensure the district delivered on its promises to taxpayers.

GGUSD received a positive audit report by a third-party auditor, affirming financially responsible choices.

Measure A and P have made a profound and lasting impact across our large school district.

Today, our nearly 39,000 scholars are thriving in 21st century learning environments, thanks to the wonderful support of our community.

Una inversión en el futuro

Un sello distintivo del GGUSD es el maravilloso apoyo que recibimos de los miembros de la comunidad por medio de las siete ciudades a las que brindamos servicios. Ese apoyo se demostró para las dos medidas de bonos del Distrito, incluyendo la Medida A, que se aprobó en el 2010 con el 63.8% de la aprobación de los votantes y la Medida P, que se aprobó en el 2016 con un impresionante 76.3% de la aprobación de los votantes. Esta primavera, los proyectos de modernización de la Medida P para apoyar un ambiente de aprendizaje del siglo XXI se completaron en su totalidad.

Mientras que la Medida A preparó el camino para el aire acondicionado en todo el Distrito, la Medida P completó el trabajo. Hoy en día, los alumnos disfrutan de salones de clases frescos en el 100% de nuestros planteles escolares, lo que facilita el aprendizaje durante los períodos de calor excesivo.

La Medida P financió el aire acondicionado y grandes renovaciones en el Auditorio Don Wash de nuestro Distrito, que lleva a cabo una multitud de presentaciones a nivel escolar cada año, lo que permite a los alumnos brillar en el escenario.

Los estadios deportivos de nuestro Distrito en las escuelas secundarias Garden Grove y Bolsa Grande no habían sido actualizados desde que fueron contruidos en los años 1950. La Medida P financió dos nuevos estadios de vanguardia con campos de césped sintético y pistas de nueve carriles, iluminación de energía eficiente, un tablero electrónico LED, nuevos asientos en gradas, baños, taquillas y puestos de concesión.

Dos planteles escolares, las Escuelas Secundarias La Quinta y Pacifica, habían sido identificados por el estado como planteles que necesitaban grandes reemplazos de edificios para que fueran seguros contra los terremotos. Como resultado, ambas escuelas recibieron nuevos edificios para sus salones de clases, cafeterías, centros de artes visuales y escénicas y centros de medios de comunicación y de biblioteca.

Otras mejoras incluyen:

- Rejas de seguridad alrededor de los planteles escolares, mayor iluminación y alarmas
- Reemplazos de techos
- Mejoras en las instalaciones deportivas, como nuevos pisos de gimnasio y renovaciones de albercas
- Salones de clases educacionales ampliados y amplitud de la banda de red inalámbrica
- Y mucho más

Por medio de todo, el Comité para la Supervisión de Bonos de nuestra comunidad revisó y aprobó cómo se gastaron los dólares de los bonos, para garantizar que el Distrito cumpliera con sus promesas a los contribuyentes.

El GGUSD recibió un informe positivo de la auditoría por un auditor externo, afirmando opciones financieramente responsables.

Las Medidas A y P han tenido un impacto profundo y duradero en todo nuestro gran Distrito escolar.

Hoy en día, nuestros casi 39,000 alumnos están prosperando en entornos de aprendizaje del siglo XXI, gracias al maravilloso apoyo de nuestra comunidad.

Đầu Tư Cho Tương Lai

Một điều đặc biệt dành cho GGUSD là sự hỗ trợ của các thành viên cộng đồng trong bảy thành phố mà học khu phục vụ. Sự hỗ trợ đó được thể hiện qua hai dự luật công khổ phiếu gồm Dự Luật A được chấp thuận với 63.8% phiếu bầu vào năm 2010 và Dự Luật P được chấp thuận với 76.3% phiếu bầu vào năm 2016. Trong mùa Xuân này, những dự án cải tiến của Dự Luật P nhằm hỗ trợ môi trường học tập của thế kỷ 21 đã được hoàn thành.

Trong khi Dự Luật A tạo thuận lợi cho việc lắp ráp hệ thống điều hòa không khí trong toàn học khu, Dự Luật P đã hoàn thành công việc. Giờ đây, học sinh tại tất cả các trường đã được thoải mái học tập trong các lớp học có máy điều hòa không khí vào những ngày thật nóng bức.

Dự Luật P tài trợ hệ thống điều hòa không khí và phần lớn các dự án tân trang cho Thính Đường Don Wash của học khu, nơi hàng năm có vô số buổi trình diễn của các trường, tạo cơ hội cho học sinh trình diễn tài năng của các em trên sân khấu.

Các thao đường của học khu tại những trường trung học Garden Grove và Bolsa Grande từ khi thành lập vào năm 1950 chưa từng được nâng cấp. Nhờ tài trợ của Dự Luật P mà hai thao đường này đã được tân trang với những thảm cỏ nhân tạo và sân chạy bộ với 9 lối, hệ thống ánh sáng tiết kiệm điện, bảng ghi điểm LED, những hàng ghế mới cho khán giả, phòng vệ sinh, quầy bán vé và những quầy hàng ăn.

Trước đây, hai trường trung học La Quinta và Pacifica được tiểu bang xác định là cần có sự trùng tu đáng kể để bảo đảm an toàn khi có động đất. Vì thế, cả hai trường đã có thêm các dãy lớp học mới, phòng ăn, nơi sinh hoạt cho ban nghệ thuật trình diễn và tạo hình cũng như thư viện truyền thông.

Những tân trang khác bao gồm:

- Cổng rào an toàn quanh trường, thêm hệ thống đèn và báo động
- Thay mái mới
- Cơ sở thể thao được nâng cấp như làm sàn phòng tập mới và tân trang hồ bơi
- Nới rộng phòng học và đường chuyển hệ thống mạng không dây
- Và nhiều sự sửa chữa khác

Mọi khoản chi tiêu đều phải thông qua Ban Giám Sát Công Phiếu duyệt xét và chuẩn thuận việc sử dụng trái phiếu, để bảo đảm rằng học khu thực hiện đúng như những gì hứa hẹn với những người đóng thuế.

GGUSD nhận được báo cáo khả quan của cơ quan kiểm toán độc lập, xác định trách nhiệm về mặt tài chính.

Dự luật A và P đã tạo ảnh hưởng sâu đậm và lâu dài cho toàn học khu rộng lớn của chúng ta.

Hiện tại, học khu của chúng ta với gần 39000 học sinh đang nỗ lực bước vào môi trường học tập trong thế kỷ 21 là nhờ có sự hỗ trợ rất quý báu của cộng đồng.



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Dr. Gabriela Mafi begins this issue with her message on page 2 about the students return to in person activities. She looks ahead to opportunities for the next school year.

As this school year comes to a close the students are focused on their academic goals. The articles in this issue highlight the many programs, resources, traditions and

opportunities available for students.

We have included our popular student book reviews on pages 46 & 47. Be sure to enter the word search contest on page 45 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is October 26. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.

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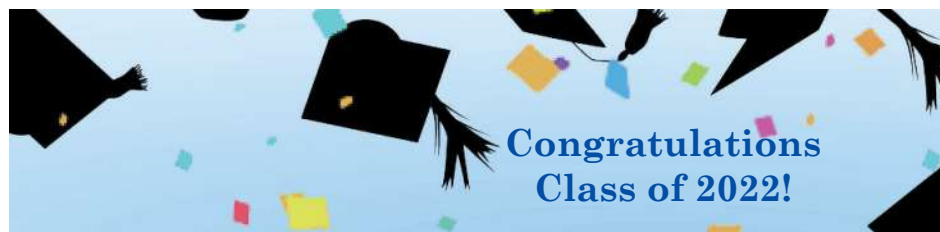


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2022 GARDEN GROVE

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Garden Grove residents graduating from a college or university this year are invited to attend the 2022 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception. Celebrate your achievement in higher education, with a chance to win cash and prizes!

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Class of 2022

con el personal y luego con los alumnos. La iniciativa de Bienestar de la Meta 2, proporciona el revisar diariamente la salud mental y ofrece contenido personalizado a los usuarios en áreas como la alegría, la pertenencia, la dirección y la energía.

Como siempre, esperamos ansiosamente las graduaciones de nuestras escuelas secundarias, que son una celebración culminante del trabajo que hacemos cada año. Estamos seguros de que la Clase de 2022 está bien equipada para el éxito de por vida. Durante el verano, estamos emocionados de ofrecer nuevas oportunidades de aprendizaje extendido para los alumnos, que fueron desarrolladas con los aportes de los padres de familia y en base a las necesidades de los alumnos. Cada año, continuamos brindando nuevas oportunidades para nuestras comunidades en base a los comentarios importantes que compartieron con nosotros por medio de nuestra encuesta anual del Plan Estratégico. Estamos agradecidos con nuestras familias por colaborar con nosotros para garantizar el éxito de todos los alumnos, ¡Eso es a la Manera de Garden Grove!



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

Như thường lệ, chúng tôi đang hướng đến ngày tốt nghiệp trung học, buổi lễ ra trường quan trọng mà chúng tôi thường tổ chức mỗi năm. Chúng tôi tin chắc rằng Khóa Học 2022 đã được trang bị kỹ lưỡng hành trang để thành công trên đường đời. Trong thời gian hè, chúng tôi rất vui để tổ chức thêm các lớp học dựa trên nhu cầu của học sinh và đề nghị của phụ huynh. Mỗi năm, chúng tôi tiếp tục tạo những cơ hội mới cho cộng đồng dựa trên những ý kiến đóng góp quan trọng qua Cuộc Thăm Dò Về Sách Lược Toàn Diện hằng năm của chúng tôi. Chúng tôi rất cảm kích và trân trọng sự cộng tác của phụ huynh nhằm bảo đảm cho sự thành công của mọi học sinh – đó là Đường Hướng Garden Grove!

Garden Grove Unified School District



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

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

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Dr. Shari Sweetnam

Good for the Mind & Great for the Heart

The way we choose to spend our time and the activities in which we engage help form our value system. With a wide array of possibilities and opportunities, volunteering is a positive and vastly beneficial way of helping young people develop a strong sense of self.

Volunteering offers benefits spanning from the intellectual and spiritual to the educational and professional. As young people give of themselves and their time, they can learn about being selfless. In a busy world of "pursuit of personal happiness," too often the intrinsic values of empathy and giving are the lessons that are overlooked. Helping others via a structured volunteer program is a positive and safe way to develop oneself in this regard.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." Teens who experience growth at an early age are likely to continue cultivating positive behavior and friendships.

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Established in 2015, CCPA is a first of its kind in Orange County. It's a free public charter school that offers a blend of online courses, independent study and small-group instruction specifically for students ages 18 to 25 who have yet to complete their high school graduation requirements.

Many of these students have already entered the workforce, and some have children at home. For most, flexibility is crucial.

Students who enroll at CCPA have the opportunity to create customized schedules while taking advantage of a variety of supports including counselor sessions, remote learning, tutoring and peer activities.

"At CCPA, we want students to succeed and move forward with the next steps in their life, whether that is college, a career or a training program," Principal Dave Connor said. "This program was developed to help students who've lost their way, and we couldn't be more proud of the nearly 750 students who've graduated from the academy."

Many of CCPA's incoming students are behind in credits and performed below grade-level at their last school. Yet nearly half of the academy's graduates go on to attend community college or enroll in a career technical education training program.

In fact, CCPA builds relationships with community colleges, community-based organizations and potential employers to provide students with a robust network of support. One example is a partnership with the California Jobs Challenge. Sponsored by the National Guard, the program provides career technical education training and career readiness skills, which are keys to meaningful employment.

Of course, it's one thing to talk about how CCPA fills a niche in Orange County. But it's another to attend the academy's heartwarming graduation ceremonies. These moments reveal the true impact on students and families who have taken diverse educational journeys, only to discover fresh starts and bright futures.

Young adults seeking to earn their high school diplomas can enroll at CCPA year-round. For information or to register, visit freeccpa.com or call 714-796-8795.

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Alamitos *Intermediate School*

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Louie Gomez
Principal

Fit Mind and Body

It's 7:30 a.m. on a Tuesday morning and students eagerly await the start of a fitness-strength training session. Alamitos' Fit Mind, Fit Body is a popular extended learning opportunity program hosted by PE teachers, Mr. Brodt and Mr. Petrosian. With parent permission, students attend sessions twice a week and learn basic strength training and weight-lifting skills. The program reflects

Alamitos' PE philosophy, which is to develop physically literate students who have the skills and confidence needed to lead active and healthy lifestyles. The sessions are consistently well attended as students are challenged each week to reach their personal best. Whether it is increasing the number of repetitions or increasing the weights on the bar, students experience the benefits of setting and meeting short-term goals. Socio-emotional learning skills are embedded as students learn how attitudes and beliefs can influence how to deal with challenges. The Fit Mind, Fit Body program embodies not only the importance of exercise and nutrition on the body, but how fitness contributes to mental health.



Alamitos Intermediate students enjoy an extended learning enrichment focused on strength training and weight-lifting.

Allen *Elementary School*

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Dr. Andrew Heughins
Principal

Student Success

Allen Elementary School sixth grader Mason Marquez was named champion of Garden Grove Unified School District's 34th Annual Spelling Bee for elementary students held

on March 23rd at the Edgar District Meeting Center. Mason correctly spelled the deciding word, *boisterous*, to become the top speller among 43 elementary schools in GGUSD.

This Spring also saw Allen's presentation of, *Aladdin!* This year's musical consisted of two casts, performing 10 shows over 4 days, with over 80 students participating. This was Allen's 6th year of Disney Musical in Schools.



Allen Elementary School student Mason Marquez proudly displays his trophy as the district's Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion.

Anthony Elementary School

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Tyleen Perez
Principal

Choose Kindness

Each year during the month of January, Anthony Elementary School students join millions of children across the world to celebrate The Great Kindness Challenge. Each student receives a checklist to track their acts of kindness.

Each day the challenge has a different theme, from “Tied Together with Kindness” to “Filling our Hearts with Kindness,” and students love dressing up to match the theme. Our annual Kindness Poetry and Poster making contests are a big hit with everyone. Students also participate in classroom and recess activities that focus on empathy, friendship, kindness, and caring for others.

The Great Kindness Challenge is a fun week filled with contests, prizes, and just plain kindness. It’s a week our students look forward to each year, but more importantly, “Choose Kindness” has become the goal of every Anthony Scholar each and every day.



Students create posters and write friendship notes for others during the Great Kindness Challenge.

Barker Elementary School

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Wayne Kelley
Principal

Celebrating School Community

Barker Elementary once again enjoyed a Special Person's Day with families and friends. All students were encouraged to invite a special person in their life to enjoy lunch with them. Our wonderful PTA volunteers provided a dessert table, a photo booth, giant Jenga games, two corn hole games, music

and photo backdrops for that special picture. Students sat with their special person on blankets out on the lawn, at our picnic tables under the shade structure, or on lawn chairs. Special persons ranged from moms and dads, grandparents, older siblings, or other family members. Due to the COVID

pandemic, we have had to cancel this yearly tradition for the last three years. This is the first Special Persons' Day since 2018. This is a Barker yearly tradition that began many years ago when it was Grandparents Day during the time when Barb Gibbons was the principal here at Barker. We are happy to say this tradition is going strong, and will continue for many years to come. All participants had a wonderful time enjoying time with their special person.



Barker Elementary School hosted a Special Persons' Day to celebrate its wonderful school community.

Bell *Intermediate School*

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



Stephanie Bartlett
Principal

The Roadrunner Way

We are excited to share that *U.S. News & World Report* (2022) ranked Bell Intermediate among the best in California. California has the most ranked middle schools with 2,319 nationally, and Bell is close to the top at no. 171. U.S. News used data from the U.S. Department

of Education to determine the rankings by analyzing math and reading proficiency.

Bell Intermediate is extremely proud that *U.S. News & World Report* recognized that our teachers and students work hard. We like to say: The Roadrunner Way!

Our students learn to speak like historians, scientists, musicians, athletes, mathematicians, and scholars! Schoolwide, we have seen an increase in students' confidence, ability, and performance because we

emphasize the social and emotional dimensions of learning, focusing on relationship-building and the value of grit daily and mastering the standards. Bell Intermediate has systems that support all students to keep them engaged in learning while they believe in themselves and discover their interests.



Bell Intermediate School scholars compete in the Orange County Academic Pentathlon.

Bolsa Grande *High School*

9401 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6424 • www.bolsagrande.org



Tracy Conway
Principal

Unique AP Course Offerings

Bolsa Grande is one of three high schools in GGUSD that offers the Advanced Placement Capstone program, a two-year diploma program implemented and explored through two sequential classes: AP Seminar and AP Research. Students enroll in AP Seminar in 10th or 11th grade. They explore a central theme through a multitude of perspectives, and then present the understanding through oral presentation

and written essays. Their understandings are supported by research of scholarly articles. The year culminates with the AP Exam. In the AP Research course, students develop a research question addressing a gap within a given area of study and design and conduct research to collect data addressing that gap. Students present their findings in a 4,000-5,000 word research paper and an oral presentation. Students submit their papers to the AP Board at the end of the school year. Upon passing, students earn an AP Capstone certificate and if they pass 4 other AP exams, they will also earn an AP Capstone Diploma.



Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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Dianna Rangel
Principal

Resources for Families

Brookhurst Elementary School has recently opened one of the district's five Family Resource Centers (FRC) which will be a tremendous resource to our community.

The FRC currently serves: Brookhurst, Crosby, Evans, Faylane, Gilbert, Parkview, Simmons,

Skylark Pre-K, Stanley, and Violette elementary schools; Lake, Ralston, and Walton intermediate schools; Garden Grove High School, and Mark Twain Special Education Center. The FRCs will provide an array of resources in health care, homeless education assistance, immigration, legal advocacy, and mental health counseling. The FRC is staffed with district community liaisons (DCL) who are trained to serve the district's diverse student

population and have partnerships with a variety of community agencies. Daily hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Our District Community Liaison (DCL) at Brookhurst is Lan-Dai Doan. Email: brookhurstfrc@ggusd.us Phone: 714-663-6613.



Brookhurst Elementary hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Family Resource Center. Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Principal Dianna Rangel, Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco, Board of Education Vice President Lan Nguyen, CSBA Representative Justin Massey, and Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Lisa Swartz.

Bryant *Arts Academy*

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Tanya De Leon
Principal

Academics, Arts and Achievements

Academics, the arts, and celebrating student achievements take center stage at Bryant Arts Academy. We are so excited to offer our students unique educational opportunities throughout the year to

enrich their learning experiences. Students can participate in after school programs

such as the Mariachi Program, the Bryant Rock Band, Hip Hop Dance Classes, and tutoring classes. The staff at Bryant is dedicated to helping all students thrive academically. Teachers work closely at each grade level to plan engaging lessons that invite all students to actively participate in class discussions and show mastery of grade level concepts. At Bryant Arts Academy, scholars are not only building skills in reading, writing, math, and science, but also gaining confidence in speaking,

performing, and applying these skills throughout the school day. Recently we hosted a Family Art Night where participants took part in a directed draw activity and created colorful butterflies to welcome spring. It was wonderful to see so many of our families having fun together and celebrating the joy of learning.



Bryant Arts Academy students and families enjoy Family Art Night.

Carrillo *Elementary School*

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Mark Vosper
Principal

ROARing with Creativity

Carrillo students and staff have enjoyed a wonderful return to our school site as we continue to reopen programs and opportunities for our students. This year, our students have had the opportunity to participate in after-school programs that support both their academic growth and creativity. One of our after-school programs is the Carrillo Art Club. Students of all

grades have the privilege to work and explore with a variety of materials to showcase their creativity. They enjoy learning about different genres of art while having the creative freedom to design and create their own unique art pieces. Recently, art pieces from several Carrillo students were selected to receive special recognition in the 44th annual First Impressions Student Art Exhibit. We are proud of our Carrillo Lions who have shown ROAR (Respect Ownership Attitude and Responsibility) in representing our school well at this event.



Carrillo students show off their artistic skills.

Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

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Brian Ball
Principal

Gifting Book Fair

On April 22 and April 23rd, 2022, Carver Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) had our first ever Carver ECEC Gifting Book Fair. The first-time event was created to promote early childhood literacy opportunities and

was made possible by the collaborative efforts of our wonderful Carver Speech and Language Pathologists and many generous donations from ECEC community members. Our mission was to provide every student with access to free books. With well over 400 total books distributed to our Carver students... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Carver students enjoyed receiving new books through the school's first Gifting Book Fair.



Carver student, Christopher Nguyen, excited for his new books!

Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

13581 Clinton St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6298 • cfc.ggusd.us



Emma Druitt
Principal

Blossoming in Preschool

Spring has sprung in preschool! Not only is our school garden in full bloom, but our students are blossoming as well! They have made so much growth both academically and socially since August. We just recently had the opportunity to share the lifecycle of butterflies with our students. Each classroom received caterpillars and students were able to watch them as they go through the process of becoming butterflies. We just recently released many of them in our garden. Our teachers are amazing at keeping the enthusiasm and learning alive every day! The partnership we have with our families is truly remarkable. We couldn't do what we do without our teachers, aides, support staff, and families. It is truly a team effort and we love it!



Clinton Corner preschool student celebrates Spring with Easter egg art and bunny ears.

Clinton *Elementary School*

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Jason Shabet
Principal

Bringing Science to Life

First graders at Clinton Elementary had an opportunity to get up close and personal with snakes, lizards and a crocodile. Students have been learning all about animals from the newly adopted Twig science curriculum. Our first graders became animal reporters

where they embarked on a global adventure to observe different animals. On their journey, they discovered how animals use their body parts and how young animals resemble and differ from their parents. Students learned about sound and how animals communicate with each other. The visit from the Prehistoric Pets was an incredible culminating experience!



Clinton Elementary students loved the school's science curriculum covering animals.

Cook Elementary School

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Sherry Sanborn
Principal

Read Across America

Students at Cook Elementary School celebrated Read Across America with a fun-filled week of dress-up days, buddy reading, and a visit from a very special visitor! California State Senator, Tom Umberg, helped us celebrate our Read Across America Week by reading *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss to

one of our second grade classes. Students were engaged as he read the book and excited to ask him questions about his job. Students asked about a range of topics from ways he's helped others to laws he's helped create for California. Senator Umberg's visit was a wonderful experience for all the students and we are grateful he was able to come visit us at Cook!



Mrs. Son's second grade students at Cook Elementary School smile at the conclusion of their visit with California Senator, Tom Umberg during Read Across America Week.

Crosby Elementary School

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Kristine Levenson
Principal

Home and School Connectedness

Crosby Cougars are on the move! The Crosby Elementary PTA held its annual Walk-a-thon Fundraiser on Friday, April 8th.

All of our students – from transitional kindergarten through sixth grade – took turns walking or running laps on our fields

while parents and family members cheered them on. We are so grateful for the parent volunteers and support we received for this event. We more than doubled our fundraising expectations this year! Most importantly, our annual walk-a-thon is not only a fundraiser; it is also a great way to promote physical activity and a healthy lifestyle which can contribute to overall self-esteem, productivity, and enjoyment of life. Our PTA

continues to look for opportunities and events for our students that incorporate fun family involvement, while emphasizing the importance of staying active and building an overall healthy lifestyle.



Students enjoyed raising funds for the school through the annual Walk-a-thon.

Doig *Intermediate School*

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Loan Wu
Principal

College and Career Ready

Doig Intermediate is proud to be an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Demonstration School. This school year AVID students and AVID teachers were excited to showcase the Spartan Scholars' laser like focus on being college and career ready. Students in AVID, AVID Excel, and Academy presented to their peers, parents, teachers, and staff before Open House. Each student was responsible for researching a college (i.e. UC, CSU, Private) or career (e.g. Engineering, Graphic Designer) and presenting during the College and Career rotations. Students had to include details such as an overview of the college or career, admissions requirements, location, salary, degrees available, and other unique information. In addition, AVID students were expected to listen to multiple presenters and complete focused notes on each research project. This event is a



Doig Intermediate students conduct a research project on the college or careers that most interest them.

great way to kick-off Open House in order to celebrate the college and career focus that Doig Intermediate has woven throughout its culture.

Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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Beth Cusimano
Principal

The Show Must Go On!

It was March 2020. Student excitement and anticipation were overflowing. Our performance of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast JR*, a junior high level musical, more challenging than other musicals our students had performed in years prior, was a week away. Students were ready to go when school campuses closed due to the pandemic. Costumes and props, along with students' hope of performing the show they had worked so hard to present, were left for another day.

Our second chance arrived! Students and staff started over, working persistently since last fall. We are pleased to announce that Opening Night is almost here! We will be performing the same musical with a new group of talented and dedicated students, of whom we are very proud! We would like to thank our families and our school community for their continual support and commitment to providing a performing arts program for students.



Eisenhower Elementary students prepare for the school's production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

Enders *Elementary School*

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Michelle Askew
Principal

School Pride

Enders Elementary recently celebrated our commitment to physical fitness and raised money for our school with our annual Jog-A-Thon! The Jog-A-Thon is a schoolwide event where all students and teachers participate to raise money for our school. Students begin by

collecting pledges from friends and family members. Enders students walked, ran, jogged, and even danced in our field for the event that raised over \$30,000 while working to keep our bodies healthy! Our Enders parents and community enjoyed volunteering and being a part of this outdoor event. It was very refreshing and rewarding for our school to be able to host our annual Jog-A-Thon this year.



Enders students love participating in the school's annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser to support our school community.

Evans *Elementary School*

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Adam Bernstein
Principal

Furry Reading Buddies

We are excited at Evans to host the Canine Literacy Program which allows a volunteer group to bring their service dogs to campus once a week so that students can “read to the dogs.” Evans teachers have selected students in first

through sixth grade classes who would benefit from this special opportunity. The students go to our canine literacy room once a week during their scheduled time with their favorite books and sit and read to their new furry friends! We believe this is a great way to address the social emotional needs of our students. It's been so rewarding and enjoyable to see the big smiles on our students' faces after they spend their time with the dogs! A special thank you goes to second grade teacher, Marcie Dormaier for organizing the Canine Literacy Program at Evans.



A student practices her reading skills with the help of a furry friend.

Excelsior *Elementary School*

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Sarah Mershon
Principal

Rebounding

Excelsior had a great year! Our theme this year was “Rebounding” and we worked to respond to the needs of all of our students. Each students’ academic and personal needs are unique yet we believe that all students can achieve our school goals. We

ran Extended Day programs every trimester, letting data lead the way in who and what is taught. Some programs focused on academic skills and others emphasized social emotional skills (including our Gardening Club). We further developed our school-wide PBIS program by incorporating all staff in our support system and expanding our incentive programs. The addition of SEL

lessons for the entire student body also provided needed support for our students. This year has been a success due to the dedicated work of our entire staff. As Walt Disney said, “Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.”



Excelsior students enjoy engaging in the school's Gardening Club.

Faylane *Elementary School*

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Mike Ingalls
Principal

Extended Learning Yields Great Results

Last Summer 2021, Faylane offered two extended learning programs (ELO) that spanned June through August. Lower graders were offered reading recovery programs for over two hours each day in person, while a

selection of upper graders participated in a Zoom based Self-Motivated Reading (SMR) program. The school library was open daily for use, and an electronic library was also brought into play. Over 100 students, nearly one-fourth of the school participated regularly. The results were so promising that we ran an ambitious after-school program with similar curriculum from September 2021 through April 2022. This time, nearly one-third of the school participated in programs ranging from producing letter sounds (called the “Kinder Backfill”), basic reading, complex fluency, to a recent focus on reading comprehension in the most advanced classes. ELO classes met three times per week for 100 minutes each



Faylane scholars take advantage of the school's many extended learning opportunities.

session. They focused on reading with a little bit of math. Meanwhile we moved our SMR program to the regular day with teachers reading on level and advanced students discussing books they enjoy reading! The impact turned out to be massive: All certificated teachers, aides (SSAs, IAs, IA2s, IBI), and even a contingent of talented substitute teachers fueled a student group hungry for post-pandemic “MORE!” More is what was given and received, outstanding work, astounding learning!

Fitz Intermediate Computer Science Academy

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Feather Hocking
Principal

Soaring to Success

In addition to achieving academic success, the Fitz Falcons also spend time working on physical strength and well-being.

Recently as part of their physical education course, students soared through our March Mile Madness. During the month of March students ran at least one mile every day. Students recorded their mile times, building endurance, strength and stamina. This year the school record (56 miles) was crushed by several students who ran between 65 - 100 miles in one month. These Fitz Falcons will be excellent athletes for their high school track and field teams.



Fitz celebrated the success of its students who set records running the mile each day during the month of March.

Garden Grove High School

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Todd Nirk
Principal

Basketball Championship

It was a season unlike any other for the 2021-22 Garden Grove High School Boys Basketball team. They finished the regular season with a record of 22-9, and became the Golden West League champions with a 9-1 record in

conference play. The Argos then went on a stirring CIF playoff run winning 6 straight games to capture the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA title. The championship game took place against Fullerton High School in front of a packed and ecstatic GGHS home crowd. The game was neck and neck throughout the whole contest before a late 3-pointer by Vidal

Jimenez put the Argos up for good and they held on for a thrilling 54-50 victory. This was the first CIF Basketball title in the history of Garden Grove High School and they did it on a pretty special occasion, the 100th anniversary of the school which started on September 15, 1921.



It was a packed gym filled with elated Argo fans with the GGHS boys basketball team who won the CIF Southern Section Division 4AA Championship.

Garden Park *Elementary School*

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Michelle Morales
Principal

Family Fun Events

This spring, Garden Park staff and our dedicated PTA were so excited to provide new experiences for our students and families to participate in on campus. On April 1, the PTA hosted a Family Movie Night, which was very well attended, and enjoyed by all. Then on April 6, our teachers and the

PTA hosted Family Art Night. Students, parents and other family members had the opportunity to show their creativity and individuality by painting a tile or two, which will be proudly displayed for years to come as a permanent part of our school tile wall. Students and family members also had the opportunity to create a mosaic art project. Garden Park has a rich tradition of a strong sense of connectedness and community by offering these special events. We appreciate every chance we get to make a positive connection with our students and families!



Garden Park students display their artistic talents at the school's Family Art Night.

Gilbert *Elementary School*

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Charise Santana
Principal

Fostering an Inclusive Campus

All of us are different. None of us are less! At Gilbert Elementary, Disability Awareness Week is an event of learning, awareness, and understanding disabilities are not limitations. The staff and students look forward to the

excitement and fun every year! Throughout the week, Student Council members participated in daily announcements and teachers engaged students in lessons centered around autism, visual and hearing impairments, and physical and learning disabilities to increase student awareness and understanding. The week ends with an exceptional event...the outdoor BBQ hosted by our very own GGUSD Food Services and fun awareness stations. This annual event has been a success with the support of the Gilbert PTA and the generous support and volunteering by our amazing parents.



Gilbert Elementary School students get their face painted to show their support for Disability Awareness Week and fostering an inclusive school environment.

Hare High School

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Lydia Machado
Principal

A Model School

Students and staff at Hare High School are excited to share our success this school year. Most notable, Hare High School was recognized as a 2022 Model Continuation High School by the California Department of Education.

Hare is one of 36 continuation high schools to earn this prestigious distinction out of the more than 430

continuation schools in the state of California. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond said, "The efforts of teachers and administrators at our Model Continuation High Schools provide students with the social support, goal-setting, and coping skills that they need to succeed in the academic setting and in their lives after high school."



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 of the Huskies on campus

for their accomplishments and contributing to the title of 2022 Model Continuation High School!

Hazard Elementary School

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Olivia Hufnagel
Principal

Going the Distance!

R. F. Hazard is a special place for scholars to grow academically, personally, and socially. Hazard scholars consistently go the extra mile to show their best! This year, several scholars were selected to participate in the Honors Choir and Honors Band district performances, while others celebrated their artwork proudly displayed at the First Impressions Art Gallery. Additionally, scholars enjoy the opportunity

to go the distance in reading by joining the Million Word Club, improve their athletic skills by playing volleyball or badminton during recess, or track their miles with the school's marathon club. Mile marker bracelets are earned at mile 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 that will lead up to the 26.2 marathon. With long term planning and goal setting as the focus, students set their sights on a marathon finish at our school Jog-a-Thon or Kids Run the OC. Lastly, we are especially proud to have received the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Schools Recognition this year.



Hazard celebrates students who are participating in the community-wide Run the OC event.

Heritage Computer Science Immersion Academy

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Ryan Loberger
Principal

Books and Tech

This year, students at Heritage Computer Science Academy have been participating in the Reading is Fundamental book program. This program offers new books for students to choose and own in order to encourage reading. On three separate occasions this year, the school librarian has arranged for a pickup of books. The students then select their book during their weekly library visit. The timing of the distribution lines up with holidays and breaks, ensuring that students have time to enjoy their new book.

Students at Heritage Computer Science Academy participate in weekly computer science lessons, working on a new coding project each trimester. With 1:1 technology available to all students, teachers and staff still recognize the importance of pencil and paper activities, and the



A group of students show off their selection at the latest round of Reading is Fundamental.

power of holding books to access text. We are proud that students improve literacy skills through reading books and strengthen computer science skills through our robust coding program.

Hill Elementary School

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Toby Vares
Principal

Fostering a Sense of School Community

Hill Elementary students are working hard displaying monthly character traits and showing their BARK pride. We have focused on perseverance, kindness, self-control, and using teamwork.

We kicked off April with our Autism Acceptance Campaign.

Each Monday of the month, students will wear their Autism shirts, and teachers will lead a lesson in class to help promote awareness and acceptance to all students.

We will be introducing the Kindness Rock Garden to our community by celebrating Earth Day with a school-wide, family BBQ. Each student will decorate a rock with their family and then add it to the garden. Student council members worked hard fundraising during the year and donated this project to the school.

We are excited to have our parents and the community back on campus for our end of the year activities. Thank you to our Hill community for your continued support of our school. Go Hounds!



Students recognize Autism Awareness month with lessons promoting awareness and acceptance of all students.

Irvine Intermediate School

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Michael Kennedy
Principal

Full STEAM Ahead

Irvine Intermediate STEAM Lab students continue to excel with technology and creativity with the inclusion of VEX Robotics challenges in the classroom. Robotics is not only the future, it is also the present. By familiarizing our students with programming, sensors, and automation, they hone critical computational thinking skills needed to succeed in both the 21st

century's workforce and in everyday life. Beyond science and engineering principles, VEX Robotics encourages creativity, teamwork, leadership, passion, and problem-solving among groups. Educational robotics gives students ownership over their learning. Giving students real choices in the classroom through educational robotics will

boost their engagement and motivation, allowing them to capitalize on their strengths, and enabling them to meet their goals. STEAM classes help students feel a sense of autonomy, capability and connectedness. Students feel autonomous when they understand the task, particularly if the task feels aligned with their values, interests, and goals. Students feel competent when they believe they know what to do to be successful and feel capable of mastering challenges. Students feel a sense of connection from feeling close to people or a sense of belonging in a group.



Irvine students showcase their autonomous VEX cars which students programmed to drive forward and avoid objects.

Jordan Intermediate School

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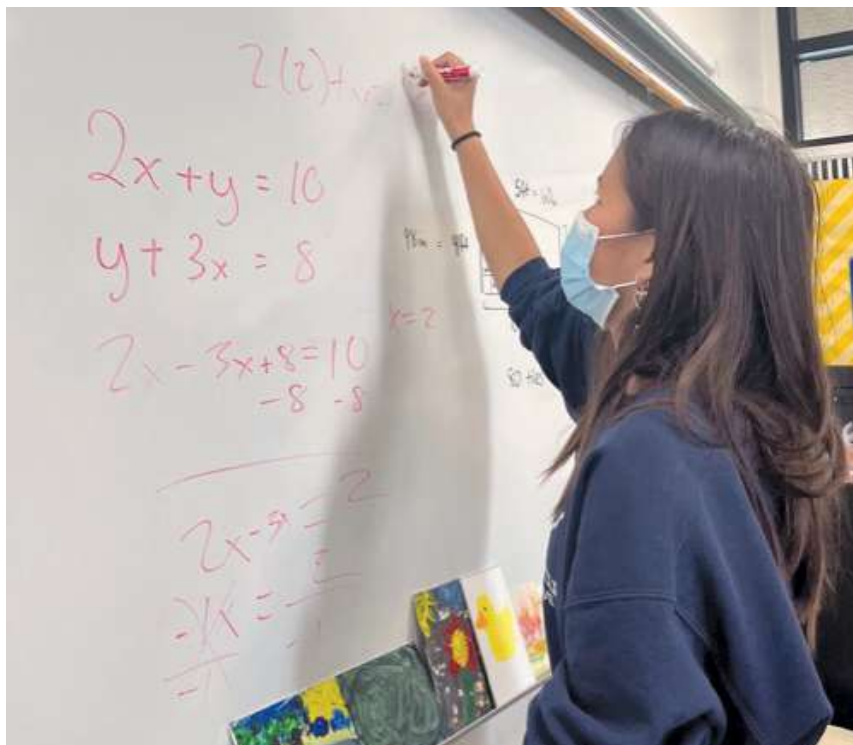


Nick Clark
Principal

Extended Learning

I am so proud of the many extended learning opportunities that are provided to students at Jordan Intermediate. One of our most popular is the partnership with Boys and Girls Club Garden Grove (BGCGG) and the Jaguar

BGCGG team. Jordan's BGCGG program supports students' academic skills during daily after-school homework help and tutoring. Students' physical health and socio-emotional well-being are supported by the sports and fun activities provided like football and cooking! Superstar students are highlighted and celebrated as role models for other Jaguars. One example is our Youth of the Year, Thuylinh as well as our student athletes. I am very thankful for the BGCGG partnership and the support it provides to our Jaguar community.



Students receive extended learning support through Jordan's Boys and Girls Club program.

Jordan Adult Transition Program

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Tricia Chinn
Principal

Gaining Real-Life Work Experience

Jordan ATP students had an amazing time serving as custodians at Hill Elementary and Mark Twain Special Education Center. We would like to extend a huge thank you to

Nancy Estrada, Head Custodian at Hill, and David Green, Head Custodian at Mark Twain, for inviting our students to participate in this opportunity. Students have benefited greatly from working alongside these great head custodians to support their vocational skills, communication skills, social skills, and much more. These work opportunities allow our students to take the skills they have been working on in the classroom and on campus and apply them in the community to develop their independence and job skills.



Jordan ATP students had the opportunity to learn important vocational skills by serving alongside school custodians.

La Quinta High School

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Adrian Lucero
Principal

Promoting Inclusion

La Quinta High School continues to work hard to create a more inclusive and compassionate community, accepting and celebrating different ethnicities, races, and sexualities,

as well as individuals with special needs or disabilities. ASB led the charge with a Spread the Word - Inclusion campaign. They asked everyone to pledge to include, and to commit to an act of inclusion in their school, workplace, or community. ASB hosted games and students signed a pledge banner to include others. La Quinta students believe that inclusion is a skill that we can all practice – and when we do, we become stronger as a community. The highlight was the celebration of La Quinta's Unified PE program and recognition by The Special Olympics as a Unified



La Quinta High School launches a campaign to foster an inclusive school environment.

Champion School. The program brings general education and special education students together for physical education activities and equips students to foster climates of acceptance in sports, in the classroom and throughout the school.

Lake Intermediate School

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Denise Kirkman
Principal

Celebrating Multicultural Students

We are proud to be a school that is welcoming and inclusive of all our multicultural students with 13 different languages. Lake is certified as a No Place for Hate community and we are committed to learning about each other through lessons and community activities. This year Lake welcomed La Quinta High School Dragon Dancers to celebrate TET and share about Lake's Asian community. Lake also welcomed Rancho Alamitos High School Mariachi band and completed Dia Del Muerto projects to learn more about Lake's Latino community. Students participated in World Cafe discussions where they shared about their family's cultural traditions and celebrations. Lake also offered, for the first time ever, a No Place for Hate Club and had 10 students participate in the Latinos

Unidos Conference at California State University, Fullerton. Lake Intermediate takes pride in recognizing and honoring its diverse population as we work together to create a community of family that includes Lake scholars, staff, families, and community members.



Lake Intermediate students foster a warm and welcoming campus environment.

Lawrence Elementary School

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Julie Kawai
Principal

Putting Thoughts into Action

Our fourth grade scholars have been exploring the essential question in our English-Language Arts program "How can you help your community?" Students read informative selections from their textbooks, engaged in exploration and research, and actively participated in class discussions. As a culminating activity, students contributed their ideas and put their plan into action. Through a collaborative process, students decided on several ideas and created informational sketches. Some of the ideas they came up with were: a canned food drive, book drive, campus beautification, and a clothing drive. There are many steps to this process, including promotion to help get the word out about the

donation, collection of books, and the presentation of donated books. Our students have decided to donate books to the school library to supplement our current selection of books, and they are excited about the process!



Lawrence fourth graders share their community service project ideas including donating books to the school's library.

Lincoln Adult Education Center

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M'Liss Patterson
Principal

21st Century Learning

The Garden Grove Adult Education (GGAE) program offers a wide variety of classes for anyone 18 years or older. GGAE teachers have been honored for leading the way with the Hyflex model of instruction.

This model of instruction allows students the option to attend class in person or through Zoom from anywhere. Both groups can see, hear, and interact with the teacher and other students during the class. GGAE has a Chromebook check-out program to support students with their educational goals and digital skills. The Fall 2022 semester registration opens August

2nd. Now is the time to finish your high school diploma, improve your English, or earn a certificate for job training. Visit our website to register and view the classes we offer: ae.ggusd.us. #yourfutureisbrightatggae



Students in the Adult Education program can learn from class or virtually through the school's Hyflex model of instruction.

Los Amigos High School

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Amy Avina
Principal

Successful Scholars

In a particularly challenging year, we were thrilled to learn that our Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian were both named recipients of The Gates Scholarship:

Brianna Bayliss and Ashlie Benitez. The Gates Scholarship: It is a highly selective scholarship for

outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential. Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by financial aid. This scholarship is renewable every year, covers studying abroad and can cover costs for graduate school under specific programs.

Brianna looks forward to studying mechanical engineering this fall at UCLA while Ashlie will be studying economics at Harvard University. These young scholars are not only outstanding academically, but they are each kind-hearted and generous. We are so proud of our Lobo Scholars!



Los Amigos Salutatorian Ashlie Benitez and Valedictorian Brianna Bayliss earned the prestigious Gates Scholarship.

Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

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Tricia Chinn
Principal

Celebrating Student Achievements

Mark Twain's monthly Flag Deck is a time for our site to come together to celebrate our AMAZING students' accomplishments

and create memories. At Flag Deck, each classroom honors their Homework All Star and student to "brag" about. Each student's smile from their accomplishment radiates for all to see. After students are celebrated, our interactive dance party begins. Students lead the dance party by choosing dance moves from visual cards with pictures of dance moves. They love to get the crowd moving and grooving!



Mark Twain Special Education Center celebrates student achievements at its monthly Flag Deck assembly.

Marshall *Elementary School*

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Gurprit Dhillon
Principal

Student Support Systems

The Marshall Roadrunners have raced through the winter and now spring making great progress this year! We are especially proud that every single one of our sixth grade students has participated in and completed the

College and Career Mentoring Program (CCMP). The students were fortunate to work with college mentors who attended Marshall and GGUSD schools and are now attending four-year universities. The emphasis on AVID strategies and a focus on college will prepare our students well to meet A-G requirements in the future. We have also resumed having our sixth grade students buddy up with our TK/K students. One of the

activities was to partner up for Read across America week and read a book together. Creating positive experiences for all students has been a great focus at Marshall Elementary this year. We are proud of all of our scholars!



Marshall Elementary sixth-graders enjoyed the school's College and Career Mentoring Program.

McGarvin *Intermediate School*

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Bill Gates
Principal

Motivated Scholars

Throughout this school year, the entire Sarah McGarvin Intermediate School community has worked together collaboratively for the betterment of our students' academic and personal skills, while preparing them for success now and in

the future. With these objectives in mind, our students excel both in and out of the classroom. For example, hundreds of students earn Honor Roll distinction each quarter. Our Academic Pentathlon teams earned top awards and recognition in the most recent OCDE Academic Pentathlon competition, and many of our students participate in the various after-school academic, STEAM, and enrichment programs we

regularly offer. Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) sponsored a successful penny drive with the proceeds going to a very worthy cause. Lastly, our wonderful PTSO greatly contributes to these objectives with their dedication and support of our students and our school. Go Owls!



McGarvin Junior Honor Society students recently held a penny drive with the proceeds going to a worthy cause in the community.

Mitchell *Elementary School*

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Carrie Bostick
Principal

Inspiring Joyful Learners

It has been a busy and exciting year at Mitchell Elementary! We are proud of our commitment to help all learners develop academically, socially, and behaviorally. To ensure students make academic progress, especially after the past two years, teachers have focused

all year on providing intervention to students during and after school. This spring, we have been focusing on Goal 2 - motivation, socio-emotional well-being, and climate and culture. Student Leadership has led many fun spirit days and hosted recess activities. On April 1st, we held our first ever school Bubble Jog-a-Thon. This event helped raise funds for our PTO and was a huge success. Families came to cheer on students as they ran laps around the field through thousands of bubbles. Whether through creative, engaging lessons in classrooms or exciting school events, the joy of learning and being at school is alive and well at Mitchell.



Students run as part of the school's first-ever Bubble Jog-a-Thon Fundraiser.

Morningside *Elementary School*

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Nathan Bellamy
Principal

Celebrating our Teacher of the Year

Morningside Elementary School is grateful to have a wonderful team of teachers and staff who care deeply about equipping all students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. We were thrilled when teacher Rita Yost was recognized as one of the district's Teachers of the Year. Rita was selected as one of GGUSD's three nominees for the prestigious Orange County

Department of Education Teachers of the Year program. Rita teaches kindergarten and first grade and has done a phenomenal job creating a nurturing, caring classroom where students gain confidence and develop a love for learning. Rita is GGUSD homegrown and graduated from Rancho Alamitos High School. She brings GGUSD pride with her to the classroom and goes above and beyond to support the success of all students! She was recognized for this honor at the May 3 Board of Education meeting. Congratulations Rita!



Morningside teacher Rita Yost makes learning fun.

Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

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César Loya
Principal

Celebrating Culture

On April 29th, 2022, Monroe Elementary Language Academy celebrated our 4th Annual Día Internacional. This event featured cultural performances from Los Amigos H.S. (Polynesian dance), Bolsa Grande H.S. (Dragon Dance), Danza de los Chinelos (community performance), and our very own Balet Folklorico Raíces de Monroe and student cultural attire fashion show.

Our marquee event was highlighted by student classwork and art which demonstrated cultural learning of countries around the globe. Just some of the countries being represented at our Día Internacional were Philippines, Vietnam, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Guyana, Bolivia, France, amongst others. This amazing event had been postponed the last couple of years due to the pandemic, but our PTA and parent leaders/organizers worked extremely hard to bring this event back for the enjoyment of our entire Vecindad!

Murdy *Elementary School*

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Marcie Griffith
Principal

Focus on Wellness

2021-22 has been a great year at John Murdy Elementary! Realizing the social-emotional needs of our students coming back from the pandemic, we opened the year with a Wellness Retreat Space where students and staff could take time out to relax, recharge, regenerate, and renew. We are proud to be a leader in supporting student wellness, and recognize the direct connection to academic success. Throughout the year, students participated in many rich learning experiences, both in the classroom and on field trips, helping them to develop the skills they will need for college and career. Our Vietnamese Dual Language Program continues to thrive, and we are proud to see our



Murdy Elementary School's Wellness Retreat was featured on Fox 11 with interviews from students about the benefits of the space.

students grow toward becoming bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Stay up-to-date by following us on social media @murdyelementary.

Newhope *Elementary School*

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Tanya Avina
Principal

Thriving in School

Newhope Elementary students and staff participated in the "Great Kindness Challenge" by creating paper hearts to show how they demonstrate kindness at school and at home. These hearts were displayed throughout the MPR to inspire students how others show kindness. Newhope is proud to become a Kindness Certified school and continues to recognize positive behaviors every week that focus on our school-wide goals of respect, responsibility and safety. Other highlights of the year are the Disney Musical in Schools program and our Teaching Garden. This year, students delivered an impressive production of Aladdin. The sound equipment was made possible by sixth grader Vivian Nguyen who donated the equipment as her gift from the Make a Wish Foundation.



Second grade students enjoyed taking home their lettuce from their class garden.

All students enjoyed the Teaching Garden and planted a variety of vegetables such as carrots, lettuce, beets and more for the spring season. Each grade level enjoyed the fruits of their labor by harvesting their vegetables. Thank you to our Student Council and PTO who helped provide the resources for the garden. Check out more photos on our Instagram page @NewhopeElementarySchool.

Northcutt *Elementary School*

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Brian Ladd
Principal

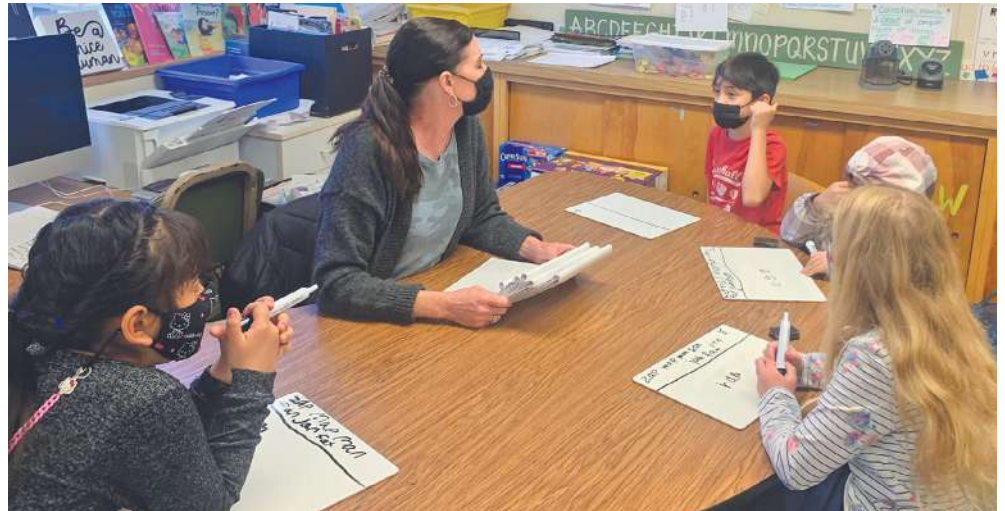
Supporting All Students

Northcutt Elementary School is currently implementing MTSS or Multiple Tiered Systems of Support in the area of English Language Arts, which includes Small Group Reading Instruction (SGRI) and What I Need (WIN) times.

These blocks of Language Arts instruction include

addressing unique student needs through differentiated instruction and using progress monitoring systems. Students work in small groups using Fastbridge to implement tiered lessons according to skills all students require to achieve grade level standards and academic proficiency. Teachers are able to monitor student progress and achievement using Fastbridge interventions and screeners to identify effective,

targeted supports. This small group intervention is more vital than ever to hasten learning recovery for all students impacted by any disruptions throughout the pandemic. Northcutt has observed a wide variety of student growth this school year while effectively utilizing different tiers of intervention for all students. Go Northcutt Bulldogs!



Northcutt Second Grade Teacher Mrs. Wolf works with a small group of students during the allocated block of intervention time.

Pacifica *High School*

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Steve Osborne
Principal

Award-Winning Artists

The Pacifica Mariner Performing Arts program has had a fantastic school year! Our competitions this year have been our first live competitive shows since February of 2020!

Encore Choir earned first place in Musicianship and first place Overall at the Chaparral Show Choir Competition, earned second Place Overall at the Kennedy show and also earned first place Overall at the

Los Alamitos "Xtravaganza." Drumline earned first place at the El Toro competition and first Place at Rancho Cucamonga as well as first place at Colony High School. Color Guard earned fourth place at Monrovia and sixth Place at El Toro. The PHS Dance Team Small Dance placed first at USA Regionals and were named Tumbling Champions. The small lyrical team placed second at USA Regionals. Other accomplishments included second Place in Pom at Thousand Oaks and third in small jazz at Thousand Oaks.



Our Mariner performers have worked hard and earned many outstanding accolades for their success

Paine Elementary School

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George Martinez
Principal

Kids with Heart

The Kids Heart Challenge is an innovative and fun program that prepares elementary school students for a healthier future. This year's assembly at Paine Elementary was deeply personal to the school community.

Third grade Paine student, Francisco Saldivar Jr, is a Heart

Hero Ambassador for the American Heart Association. He speaks with students across the nation about heart-healthy living and shares his story of undergoing open heart surgery at the age of 5 years old due to a congenital heart defect. His story inspired Paine students to commit to a healthy lifestyle and raise money for a good cause. Reflecting the character of Paine students, \$4,800 was raised to help keep all hearts healthy. Paine students learned many lessons through the Kids Heart Challenge and experienced first-hand that they can do extraordinary things when working together.



Paine student and Heart Hero Ambassador, Francisco Saldivar Jr., participates in sliming Principal Martinez, which was a fun reward for student commitments to healthy habits and exceeding fund-raising goals.

Parkview Elementary School

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Ryan Baker
Principal

Enriching Learning

Parkview Elementary School students returned for the 2021-22 school year eager to learn and happy to be back in person full time. Students experienced a rigorous and enriching school year. In their classrooms, each student found their own Chromebook or iPad and are using this technology daily in preparing presentations, reports, experiments and research. This access

to technology, and high-quality instruction from their teachers, helps Parkview consistently outperform the county and state averages in both Math and English Language Arts on the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test. GGUSD rolled out a new Science curriculum this year and students have loved working on the new lessons and participating in exciting experiments. We are extremely proud of all Parkview teachers and students and look forward to a strong end to the school year!



Fourth grade students were thrilled to hold car races to measure air pressure and velocity as part of a science lesson.

Patton *Elementary School*

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Dr. Jennifer Carter
Principal

Celebrating Student Success

This is Patton's first year implementing PBIS! The PBIS framework has been helping teachers, staff and students transition back to school. Our students are striving to be a Patton S. T. A. R. student by being safe, taking responsibility, achieving success inside and outside the classroom and

showing respect for ALL. We're taking every opportunity to celebrate our students' successes. At February's Student of the Month assembly, Ms. Weaver's class came the closest to guessing how many S. T. A. R Bucks were earned so far, which was 2,496! Students are also earning individual incentives from our PBIS store and whole class awards. We are so proud of the accomplishments our students have made this year.



Ms. Weaver's class won the classroom guess for how many S.T.A.R. Bucks have been earned as part of the school's new PBIS program.

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K-3 Peters 4-6 *Elementary School*

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Kyle Benham
Principal
K-3



Stephen Yoon
Principal
4-6

Inspiring Student Success

What an exciting year it has been so far! Teachers and students continue to embrace 21st century technology skills with a 1:1 device-to-student ratio in all grades. Opportunities offered after school to further enrich and support student learning include: Expanded Learning

in English Language Arts and Mathematics; Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS); and

the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove. Character traits are highlighted and taught, and students are honored at monthly awards assemblies. Teachers continue to work together to promote critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills that prepare students for lifelong success. Students enjoyed our schoolwide celebration of Lunar New Year, and our GATE orientation for new families was a success. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming PTO-sponsored Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball game fundraiser. Please stay up-to-date with school events by accessing the school website at <https://petersk3.ggusd.us/> and <https://peters46.ggusd.us/> and don't forget to read those Parent Square messages.



Families enjoy learning about the benefits of the school's Gifted and Talented Education Program.

Post *Elementary School*

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Kim Kroyer
Principal

Valuing the Whole Child

At Post Elementary, we are committed to the social-emotional and mental wellness of our students. We are proud to offer a P.E. program that values the “whole child” encouraging the connection between body and mind. Our 4th-6th students start each day with a dynamic fitness program, that incorporates yoga, mat Pilates, high intensity interval

training and sport specific skill development for soccer, football, basketball, through the use of agility ladders, drills, and games. Students are taught daily by one of our own teachers who is an AFAA certified fitness instructor. Studies have shown that prioritizing physical fitness has many positive effects on academic performance.

Yoga helps students manage their anxiety, boost their self-esteem and improve their concentration and memory. Students are given an opportunity to increase their growth mindset, when given physically demanding activities that many have not experienced before. This attitude of “sticking with a difficult task” until you are successful, transfers over to the classroom. Each day they are able to start the day with an open mind, and a readiness to focus on academic learning.



Post Elementary School students begin the day with yoga and other physical activities that help them start the day with an open mind and readiness to learn.

Ralston *Intermediate School*

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Ruth Dietze
Principal

Elite Eagle Mile

Ralston Intermediate School provides many opportunities for students to compete and participate in a variety of Physical Education activities. All students in seventh and eighth grade run the mile in their PE

class and are encouraged to improve their own personal time each run, even if it's only by one second. Our Physical Education teachers support and motivate Ralston students to stay active and run their best mile time. Many of our scholars surpass the expected time of 10:00 min. Each year, our scholars have the opportunity to compete in the Elite Eagle Mile race. Ralston's best runners compete in our 5, 6, and 7 minute mile races. Our students performed very well and ran some amazing races!



**Ralston's three fastest runners were:
Brady Tran (6:10), Kobi Gandy (5:35), and David Carlsson (5:20).**

Rancho Alamitos High School

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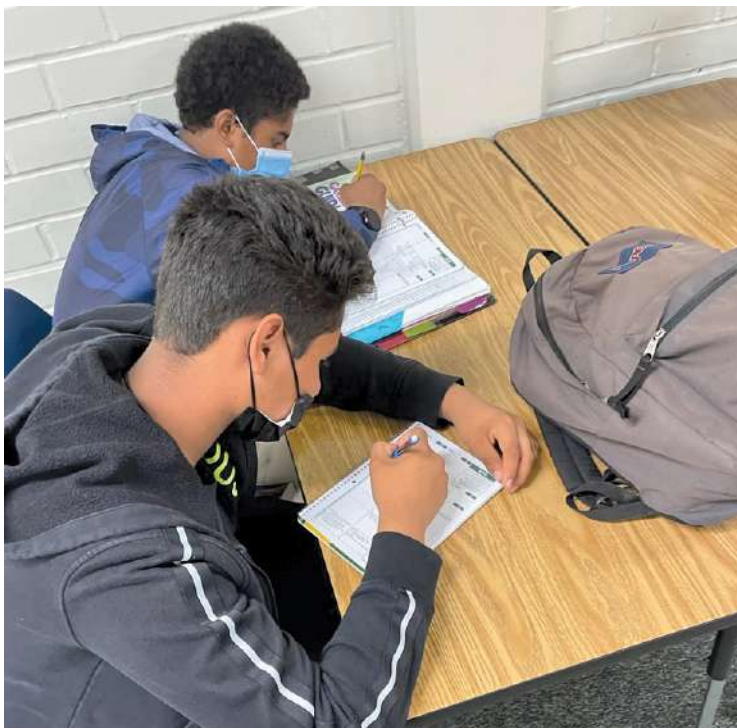
Mary Jane Hibbard
Principal

Promoting Freshman Success

The Freshman Success Team is a newly formed professional learning community here at the Ranch. Team members, composed of teachers, counselors, and administrators, collaborate weekly to create tools and identify strategies to assist our freshmen in achieving long-term success in high school and beyond. To identify the needs of our students, team members focused

on building relationships with freshmen in their classrooms and with the students' teachers on campus through Kid Talk meetings and empathy interviews. These candid discussions provided the team with a starting point for how best to help the students succeed.

A recurring theme showed students struggling with their organizational skills. The team assisted teachers with creating mini-lessons on showing students how to incorporate their planners into their everyday routines. The time spent establishing relationships this year has provided teachers with invaluable information to help students build foundational skills for lifelong success.



The Freshman Success Team at Rancho Alamitos is equipping new high school students with the skills to be organized and successful in their classes.

Riverdale Tech Academy

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Chris Ash
Principal

Learning American Sign Language

Riverdale Tech Academy students are learning American Sign Language (ASL). Over 50 students are enrolled in the ASL after-school program that meets twice each week to learn new

signs and cover topics related to the deaf culture. Riverdale Tech Academy CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) students Josie and Kaela Torres and three hard of hearing students inspired this special program. Both Riverdale students and teachers are learning ASL as another language. Students incorporate the new language they are learning into their classrooms and to communicate with friends and staff. Riverdale ASL students have incorporated signing into songs in our Disney Musical performance of Aladdin, our spring music concert and our weekly Pledge of Allegiance.



Riverdale Elementary School students embrace the new after-school program to learn American Sign Language.

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

Rosita *Elementary School*

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**Cheryl DeLos
Reyes-Ruiz**
Principal

Fostering Innovative Designers

With the guidance of our amazing tech coordinator and teacher Mrs. Anh Warren, our elite Rosita Robotics Team creates innovative designers, computational thinkers, and creative communicators. Rosita has four Robotics teams made up of 5-6

students. At the beginning of the program, these students learn how to program using code.org, Express Course, Scratch JR, and Scratch. Each team is assigned a classroom TK-6 to deliver a presentation on how to code and helps students bring their 2-dimensional character design into life, using 3-dimensional pens. Even at a primary level, students are exposed to coding, allowing them to use their imagination to create different characters. We are so grateful to have this program at Rosita!



First grade students learn how to use the 3D pen with their Robotics Team leader.

Russell *Elementary Language Academy*

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Kai Chang
Principal

Inspiring a Growth Mindset

Russell Elementary Language Academy enthusiastically hosted its annual Career Day in person in March. The purpose of which is to spark curiosity, to help students establish long-term goals, to develop a growth-mindset and to learn about future prospects as bilingual and bicultural scholars. Students

learned about the career pathways of professionals from the OC Fire Authority, Santa Ana Police Department, Santa Ana Public Library, Blizzard Entertainment, Marvel Entertainment, and ABC News, just to name a few. PTA members and Latinos Unidos Student Leadership Club members welcomed the distinguished speakers and thanked them for their time and dedication to empowering and inspiring our school community.



Russell Elementary Language Academy students were thrilled with their presentations from Career Day visitors including the Orange County Fire Authority.

Santiago High School

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Christine Pijl
Principal

Preserving the GGUSD Homegrown Legacy

Santiago High School seniors who were interested in a job in GGUSD after high school participated in a Job Application Fair in the gym during lunch on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Prior to the event, Assistant Principal Juan Alvarez and Counselor Ben Ramirez visited senior classes to help students navigate the types of openings available

and watch videos to learn about each position. Assistance was available a few days before the event for students who requested help creating a NEOGOV account. At the Job Application Fair, students had the opportunity to hear from Trustee Teri Rocco, Personnel Director Robin Patterson, as well as, GGUSD hiring managers. Students obtained application support and had questions answered. Many students expressed interest in a part-time job in GGUSD while planning to work through college next year.



Santiago students learned about opportunities to work in GGUSD following high school graduation during the district's Job Application Fair.

Simmons Elementary School

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Jaemie Johnson
Principal

Eye Can Do Anything!

Healthy students are successful students! At Simmons, we love working with our community partners to make sure that every child has access to the things they need the most. After local vision screening by our school nurse, we scheduled visits from the UCI Pediatric

Eye Mobile truck through the University of California Irvine, which provided students with their annual eye exam service right here on campus. Free glasses were supplied to all qualified students who needed them. Students even got to pick out their favorite styles all by themselves! We were very excited when their glasses arrived, and children can be seen wearing them all across campus. We know that our hard-working families are very busy, and when we can help them out with taking care of health appointments right here at school, students are able to quickly get what they need to be successful and thrive in their academics.



Simmons Elementary School partnered with the UCI Pediatric Eye Mobile Truck to ensure students have access to free glasses.

Skylark *Preschool*

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Cammy Devereux
Principal

Building Early Literacy Skills

Literacy is a priority for Skylark Preschool. Each day our teachers promote literacy by focusing on language development, social skills and listening skills to prepare their students for success with reading and writing in Kindergarten. In March, we hosted a Family Literacy Night with close to 100 people in attendance. Skylark students and families were captivated by the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Over in the Meadow* stories on the big screen. The grab and go learning kits were a big hit with our students and every child left with a new book to take home. Teachers reminded parents to make reading time fun, silly, cozy, and dramatic to truly engage in building literacy together and develop a lifelong love for reading and learning.



Skylark Preschool families connected at the school's Family Literacy Night for a fun and engaging event with stories that preschool students love!

Stanford *Elementary School*

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Jamie Wells
Principal

Promoting Kindness

Stanford's Kindness Club promotes generosity, empathy, and positive school culture through student-led community service projects. All projects are collaborated on by students. Through the development and completion of the projects, students understand the importance of leadership, flexibility, and the spirit of giving.

The open-enrollment policy affords every student the opportunity to emerge as a leader and provides an opportunity for students to try out the club at any time in the year. The club is open to all 4th- 6th grade students who are interested in helping others and making Stanford an even better place to be. The club meets Thursdays during recess and is supervised by Mrs. Epke and Mrs. Dodd. During our Kindness Week celebration,



Stanford's first Kindness Club supported by our district's focus on cultivating a warm and welcoming environment.

every student was invited to participate in different events that sprinkled kindness around our campus. The Stanford team works hard to create a culture of kindness through PBIS assemblies, expectations and community events.

Stanley Elementary School

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Jamie Shippee
Principal

Learning Outside the Classroom

Walking around the Stanley campus, the joy of learning can be heard both inside and outside the classroom. The new science program provided opportunities for Stanley scientists to collect data on living creatures like lizards and lady bugs around campus. The learning garden was a lovely backdrop for studying and viewing the life cycle of plants. Each grade level planted fruits and vegetables, watered the produce, and observed plant growth. After a few months, students had a salad party to sample the harvest. Additionally, students could be found dancing and singing on the blacktop during music class. During Read Across America festivities, students had reading parties outside under the shade of the trees. Teachers even found a way to bring mathematical learning outdoors as scholars walked the perimeter of the field or hopped along number lines near the basketball courts. The school year has provided the opportunity for students to learn everywhere.



A Stanley scientist collects data in the learning garden.

Sunnyside Elementary School

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Susie Dollbaum
Principal

Engaging our Families

At Sunnyside, families are invited to events that are engaging and fun, while at the same time relevant to what our students are learning. This year our family involvement focused on AVID strategies and PBIS, two important areas of focus this year. At our most recent occasion we celebrated literature with an emphasis on acceptance and positivity. We invited a guest speaker, Miss Nikky, a promoter of kindness, to present. She shared ideas about how we can change the world through acts of service. Miss Nikky teaches regularly at our character assemblies. Families created book marks with positive messages, made a kindness pledge, and even learned about acceptance through the story Sneetches. We ended the evening with a tribute to Dr. Seuss and birthday cake in his honor. It is always a special time when our families and staff come together to engage in meaningful topics that elicit positive change.



Families enjoyed the school's family event focused on acceptance and positivity.

Violette *Elementary School*

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Sarah Van Dam
Principal

Staying Active

To celebrate our annual participation in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge, Violette Vikings danced, jumped rope, and scooted their way through activity stations designed to get their hearts pumping. In addition, a professional fitness coach led them through an obstacle course challenge. Classes were paired so that upper grade students could support lower grade buddies with the activities. Kindergarteners practiced counting their big buddies' 100 jumping jacks. Upper grade students taught the little ones how to jump rope. Throughout the challenge, students earned badges as they completed heart health lessons and accepted opportunities to move more and be kind.



Violette Elementary students motivate each other to keep moving during the Kids Heart Challenge!

Virtual Learning Academy

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Dr. Alicia Amin
Director

Creative Connections

Students at the Virtual Learning Academy are experiencing creative ways to stay connected to one another while practicing healthy habits. Our elementary students enjoy participating in "restorative recess" and "feel good Fridays." These are opportunities for our students to choose from a variety of student-led activities designed to help them connect with one another, learn a new skill/talent, and practice mindfulness. Activities include drawing, origami, painting, and meditation. VLA secondary students find meaningful connections through participation in the VLA Art Club. The Art Club explores all manner of art including painting/drawing, graphic design, instrumental/vocal music, drama, dance, and creative writing. Students bring their individual talents and work as a group to design projects that incorporate multiple artistic domains. These fun, creative activities allow our students to maintain their socio-emotional well-being while practicing their leadership skills and developing their talents and interests.



VLA Student Lena Giang showcases her artistic talents with "Bird at Peace."

Wakeham *Elementary School*

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Michelle Rushall
Principal

Engaged Students

Wakeham Elementary school has had a busy spring. This school year the school hosted our first STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Night. Families participated in hands-on activities such

as a Spaghetti Tower Building Challenge and Jump Rope Mania. The night ended with a showcase of the family's creations and a raffle of prizes that were donated by our community partners.

During the month of April, parents and students sold an unprecedented number of candy bars, ten thousand to be exact! The money raised will go towards prizes for our ROAR store and extra assemblies. All students were rewarded with a motivational BMX outdoor assembly. The assembly centered on achieving goals and making healthy life choices.



Wakeham students raised \$10,000 for the school's ROAR store and assemblies program.

Walton *Intermediate School*

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Sandra Valencia
Principal

Engaging with Science

Walton Intermediate is excited to have provided our Wildcats with a new and unique science literacy opportunity! Our Wildcats participated in an engaging outdoor educational experience focused on scientific inquiry. Students were able to participate in a unique three-day adventure at the Catalina Island Marine Institute's camp at Toyon Bay. Students learned about marine biology via scientific exploration and inquiry-based

activities through live labs and field activities designed to stimulate minds, build character, develop social skills, and most importantly, create excitement about science. During the three-day ocean adventure, some of the activities that students joined included: snorkeling to learn about the marine life, dissecting squid to learn about their anatomy and life cycle, exploring deep sea creature adaptations and habitats, and many other hands-on activities/labs driven to further develop their understanding of marine biology. Our Wildcats were thrilled to attend and came back with memorable experiences!



Walton Intermediate students enjoyed their 3-day science adventure at Catalina Island's Marine Institute.

Warren *Elementary School*

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Chris Holland
Principal

Focus on Student Wellness

In the 2021-22 school year, Warren Elementary has placed an increased focus on our students' well-being and mental health. We have opened a new Wellness Center and started a student-led mentoring program. Our Wellness Center

is open during lunch four days a week. Students can choose between various activities that promote a growth mindset and team-building skills. The Wellness Center is run by our Aspire counselor and supported by our MTSS coach and parent volunteers. As part of their community service project, our National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) students created a peer-to-peer student mentoring program that meets three times each week. Each NEHS student supports their

mentee academically and social-emotionally, by helping them with their friendships, study skills, and goal setting. Our focus on student wellness has greatly contributed to the positive environment here at Warren!



Students love choosing their own flexible seating option while working on schoolwork.

Woodbury *Elementary School*

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Chris Francis
Principal

Engaged and Active School Community

Woodbury was very happy to be able to host our annual Jog-a-thon again! Students fundraised over \$7,000 that will help support school activities like assemblies and field trips. Thank you so much to our families

and our greater school community for their generosity! Students were able to jog to music and enjoy water play and bubbles, making it a very fun experience. Parents then joined our students for a school-wide pizza party in the field. It was a much needed step back to normalcy. The previous week students participated in the Obediah Thomas "Character Counts" assembly. Students delved

deeper into Tiger PRIDE (Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, Excellence) in a fun and engaging way. We are very grateful to the Segerstrom Center of the Arts for the grant that provided this opportunity for our students.



Woodbury Elementary students loved the return of the school's annual Jog-a-thon fundraiser.

Zeyen Elementary School

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Gary Gerstner
Principal

Learning with Technology

This has been a year of relearning as well as learning new things. Our students, parents, teachers and staff members all have faced new challenges and new experiences. Technology has been integrated into the very fabric of our daily learning. Our sixth grade class was an example of this when they were studying poetry. Each student created a flier with a QR code. This QR code connected to their individual presentation of the poem they were focusing on. These authentic presentations have been highlighted in our front office so that all of our guests could participate in our student's final product.



Zeyen Elementary School showcases student work in the school office including a recent poetry project that includes handmade fliers and QR codes to individual projects.

Curious George Goes to the Zoo—Word Search Contest

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

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

Entries must be received by June 15, 2022

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

Amazing	Leaves
Animals	Park
Climbed	Party
Curious	Rhino
Danced	Water
Fun	Wild
George	Wonderful
Giraffe	Zoo
Headquarters	Zookeeper
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Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

Best Friends Forever?

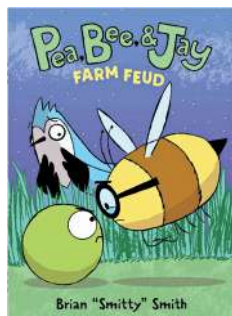
Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

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

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



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

Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

Boycott of the Century

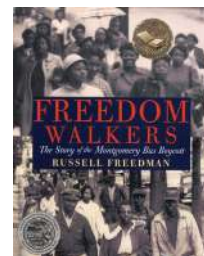
Title: *Freedom Walkers*

Author: Russell Freedman

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

believe, back then, MLK didn't know he was going to make one of the most popular speeches throughout history?

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



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

Katie's Review



Katie C.

Greek Mythology—Modernized

Title: *Percy Jackson Series*

Author: Rick Riordan

Looking to find a new series? Learn more about mythology in a modernized, contemporary way?

Read the Percy Jackson series! Sure to be a thriller for all, this book wraps up Greek Mythology into books that are relatable, well written, and captivating. Take adventures down this mystical world—where time can be frozen, powers are held, and the globe is held under the fist of Mount Olympus: the home of the gods. Perhaps you resonate most with the children of the sea god Poseidon, or the goddess of wisdom Athena. This series was my favorite to read and is still just as entertaining. I give it a 5 out of 5 stars



Katie is a senior in high school. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to kids who want to find more good books.

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Who is BOB?

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

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

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



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

David's Review



David H.

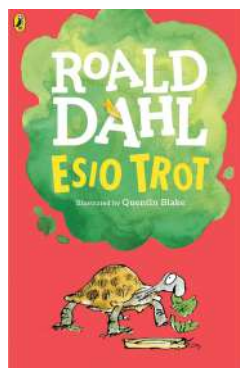
A Tortoise and Love

Title: *Esio Trot*
Author: Roald Dahl
Esio Trot is about

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

Mrs. Silver loves her

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



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

Taegyong's Book Review



Taegyong K.

Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana
Alex, Betsy, Donna, Elsa, and Fiona. Do you know what these are? They are not the names of my friends. They are all hurricane's names. This

book is about a girl and her family who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where 'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

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

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



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

Yoona's Review



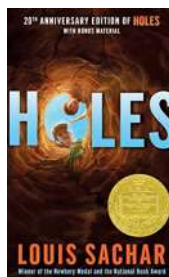
Yoona C.

Holes of Everything

Title: *Holes*
Author: Louis Sachar

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

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



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

Tegan's Book Review

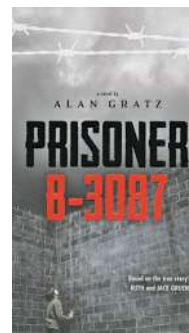


Tegan

True Courage

Based on the true story of Jack Gruener, *Prisoner B-3087*, a beautifully written realistic novel by Alan Gratz, describes a young Jewish boy's life which slowly breaks apart as Nazi soldiers

invade his city. On top of being snatched from his home and forced to work in 10 concentration camps, Yanek Gruener persevered through his hardships by never relinquishing his drive to survive. For example, even when Gruener suffered the pain of starvation and being tattooed, he did not flinch nor express his despair. In the end, he was rescued and reconnected with his neighbors and relatives by the American army; the story teaches readers about determination and self-control. Readers who enjoy sorrowful war tales will enjoy this historical fiction. I am reminded to have a heart of gratitude and to remain strong in challenging times.

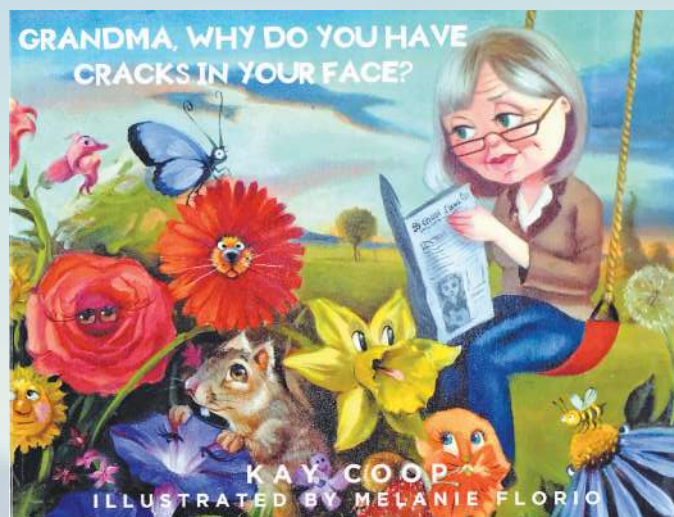


Tegan Y. is a fourth grader who enjoys art, mountain biking, tap, writing and reading.



Grandma, Why Do You Have Cracks In Your Face?

By Kay Coop
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