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## New Year Brings Opportunities for Continued Student Success



**GGUSD students and staff began the 2018-2019 school year ready to learn and grow!**



## Jammed Finger. Could It Be Serious?



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Your child just smashed their finger in the door. Or maybe they caught a ball the wrong way. Now their finger is swollen and painful to move. These could be signs of a jammed finger, a condition that occurs when the finger is bent back or compressed at the joint.

As our kids become more active in sports and activities, jammed fingers become more common. When a jammed finger occurs, it can stretch or even tear the tissues around the finger joint, which can cause a sprain. However, if the impact on the finger is great enough, it can cause tendon damage or a bone fracture. Although the bones in the hand are small, a broken (fractured) finger is not a minor injury.

Signs of a finger fracture include:

- Swelling
- Tenderness
- Bruising
- Difficulty moving the finger
- Deformity of the finger

If you see any of these signs in your child, it's important to seek medical treatment to prevent permanent damage. Untreated sprains and fractures in the hand can cause long-term stiffness, loss of motion and arthritis.

There are several treatment options for fractured fingers depending on the severity, including splinting, casting, surgery and rehabilitation.

To determine if your child's finger is fractured, they will need an x-ray. Because a child's bones are smaller and still growing, they will look very different than adult bones. It's important to find a children's hospital and pediatric specialists, such as a pediatric hand surgeons, who are experts in treating kids with conditions affecting the hand, wrist, arm and shoulder.



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**Julia, 12, and Emma, 15,**  
Sisters and Miller Children's  
& Women's Scoliosis Patients

**Our specialty:**  
**Orthopedics**

**Their specialty:**  
**Bump, Set, Sisters**

After a major growth spurt, Emma experienced severe back pain. Her pediatrician, shocked at the sudden onset of scoliosis, referred Emma to the Orthopedic Center at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, where Dr. Torin Cunningham corrected her severe scoliosis with spinal fusion surgery. As a precaution, Emma's sister Julia, was immediately screened and diagnosed with less severe scoliosis. Today, Julia's scoliosis is managed with a back brace, and the sisters can be found serving up some tough competition.

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Welcome back to another school year. By now students are settled into their routines and focused on academics. The superintendent's message on pages 4 & 5 outlines the new opportunities available to students.

The Board of Education article on pages 6 & 7 stresses the importance of parent participation.

In this issue you will read about the Innovation Lab, Robotics, Computer Coding, STEAM, Building Bridges, Making Healthy Choices and so much more... Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

Our next issue is May 8.

Happy Holidays!



## Teachers See the Possibilities

At Oaks Christian School, Mary Kay Altizer applies her passion for the arts and educational technology as she leads the school's performing arts department, including a cutting-edge digital recording and production program.



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## SUPERINTENDENT

### GGUSD Offers New Opportunities for Student Success



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

We began the 2018-2019 school year on August 29 with many warm, welcoming activities including red carpets, posters, high-fives, music, and festive photo booths to celebrate the first day of school.

The start of the new school year is always full of promise and we began this year with many new and exciting opportunities for students, including:

- A brand new Computer Science Immersion Academy at Heritage Elementary School
- The district's second Spanish Dual Language Immersion Academy at Russell Elementary School
- Newly modernized classrooms and athletic facilities at several schools
- School-wide air-conditioning at 56 schools (7 elementary schools received new A/C over the summer)
- More STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programs during and after school
- Increase in AVID strategies taught after school at elementary schools
- New dual credit opportunities for high school students to earn high school and college credits
- Expanded social work and mental health services as well as mentoring opportunities
- More parent education classes and opportunities for families to get involved

We know that these new opportunities will translate into greater success for our students.

Last year was a banner year with Garden Grove Unified School District earning a multitude of awards for academic excellence, including 11 elementary schools being recognized as California Distinguished Schools, 40 schools being named to the California Honor Roll, and for the first time ever, all seven of our comprehensive high schools were named to U.S. News and World Report's elite rankings of America's Best High Schools. Additionally, we were the first and only district in Orange County to be named a 2018 CA Exemplary District and we received the 2018 Leadership Advocacy Award for our success in supporting English learners and emerging bilingual students.

We are very proud of these accolades but even more proud of the individual successes our students achieve each and every day. To shine a spotlight on our students, we launched a banner campaign to recognize our college-bound graduates. More than 200 banners that feature photos of our graduates, and include the names of their elementary, intermediate and high school, are hanging on light pole banners in our communities!

We love to brag about our students and encourage the community to follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram) to stay up-to-date on all of the great things happening at our schools! Celebrating the success of students is an important motivator to keep students on the right path toward lifelong success. That's the Garden Grove Way!



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## El GGUSD ofrece nuevas oportunidades para el éxito estudiantil

El 29 de agosto empezamos el año escolar 2018-2019 con muchas actividades para dar una calurosa bienvenida y celebrar el primer día de clases, incluyendo alfombras rojas, pósteres, saludos de “dame cinco”, música, y cabinas fotográficas festivas.

El comienzo del nuevo año escolar está siempre lleno de promesas y empezamos este año con muchas nuevas y emocionantes oportunidades para los alumnos, incluyendo:

- Una nueva Academia de Inmersión en las Ciencias de la Computación en la Escuela Primaria Heritage
- La segunda Academia de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas en Español e Inglés en la Escuela Primaria Russell
- Salones de clase e instalaciones deportivas nuevos y modernizados en varias escuelas
- Instalaciones de aire acondicionado en todo el plantel escolar en 56 escuelas (7 escuelas primarias recibieron aire acondicionado nuevo durante el verano)
- Más programas STEAM (Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas) durante las clases y después del horario regular de clases
- Incremento en las estrategias AVID que se enseñan en las escuelas primarias, después de las clases regulares
- Nuevas oportunidades para que los alumnos de secundaria reciban doble crédito, créditos en la escuela secundaria y créditos para la Universidad.
- Oportunidades para recibir servicios extendidos de trabajo social, salud mental y de tener un mentor
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Sabemos que estas nuevas oportunidades se reflejarán en un éxito mayor para nuestros alumnos.

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Estamos muy orgullosos de estos premios pero estamos aún más orgullosos por los éxitos individuales



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

## GGUSD Tarea Muchos Oportunidades Más Ayuda Estudiantes Éxito

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### The Power of Parent Engagement

As board of education members, we are deeply committed to making decisions for Garden Grove Unified School District that will result in the success of our students. It is a responsibility we take seriously to ensure that this district offers the very best educational opportunities for students. We know that the dedicated employees of GGUSD share these goals and work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of students. However, as board members, we also know that the most important influence in a child's life is their parent(s) or guardians. We are pleased that this year, GGUSD is offering more opportunities than ever before for parents to get engaged in their child's educational journey.

During the 2018-2019 school year, our Department of Parent and Community Outreach will increase the number of parent education workshops available districtwide. Parents are encouraged to sign up to attend PESA (Parent Expectations Support Achievement) and the 10 Education Commandments for Parents workshops to learn trusted strategies that will help them navigate the education system and support their child's academic and personal success.

For the second year in a row, GGUSD is offering the Parent Leadership Academy to provide a core group of

parent volunteers with skills in problem solving, advocacy, and marketing. Ensuring we have parent leaders at each school site will help strengthen our district as a whole and give parents the tools to bring new and exciting improvements to their own school sites.

Districtwide, we also offer Back to School Nights, an annual College Fair (October 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at The Great Wolf Lodge), an annual Career Fair (February 13 at Bolsa Grande High School), a Testing and Assessment Night (November 1 at Peters K-3 Elementary School), and other events aimed at arming parents with important resources.

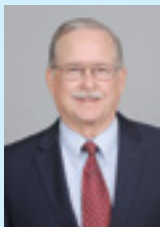
We also want our parents to enjoy open and transparent communication with school and district employees. This year, we published "Communication Guidelines for GGUSD Parents and Guardians" to help parents easily navigate the communication channels in our district and provide a handy reference guide of important school and district phone numbers. Additionally, many of our schools have launched new websites geared toward making information readily available for parents and their school communities.

GGUSD schools have the best parents. We've met many of you at open houses and district events. Thank you for all you do to support our district and our students!



**Parent leaders from all 67 school sites attend the district's newly-launched Parent Leadership Academy to gain valuable skills and provide feedback about district communication, problem-solving, and school marketing.**

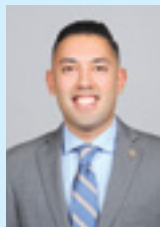
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### El poder de la participación de los padres de familia

Como miembros de la Mesa Directiva de Educación, estamos sumamente comprometidos a tomar decisiones para el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Garden Grove que resultarán en el éxito de nuestros alumnos. Es una responsabilidad que tomamos muy en serio para asegurar que este Distrito ofrezca las mejores oportunidades educativas para los alumnos. Sabemos que los empleados dedicados del GGUSD comparten estas metas y trabajan incansablemente para hacer una diferencia en las vidas de los alumnos. Sin embargo, como miembros de la Mesa Directiva, también sabemos que la influencia más importante en la vida de un niño es la de sus padres o tutores. Nos complace anunciar que este año, el GGUSD está ofreciendo más oportunidades que nunca antes, para que los padres de familia participen en la trayectoria educativa de sus hijos.

Durante el año escolar 2018-2019, nuestro Departamento de Enlace Comunitario y de Padres incrementará el número de talleres educativos para padres que están disponibles en todo el Distrito. Se les anima a los padres a inscribirse para asistir a los talleres de PESA (Las Expectativas de los Padres Apoyan el Éxito de los Hijos) y los 10 Mandamientos de Educación para Padres, en donde aprenderán estrategias confiables que los ayudarán a navegar el sistema educativo y apoyar el éxito académico y personal de su hijo.

Por segundo año consecutivo, el GGUSD está ofreciendo la Academia de Liderazgo para Padres para proporcionarles a un grupo esencial de padres voluntarios las habilidades para resolver problemas, dar apoyo y promover. El asegurar que contemos con padres líderes en cada plantel escolar, ayudará a fortalecer a nuestro Distrito en su totalidad, y dará a los padres de familia las herramientas para llevar nuevas y emocionantes mejoras a sus propios planteles escolares.

También ofrecemos en todo el Distrito, las Noches de Orientación para Padres (Back to School Night), una Feria

### Sức Mạnh Khi Phụ Huynh Tham Gia

Là các thành viên trong Hội Đồng Giáo Dục, chúng tôi ra sức quyết tâm giúp con em học sinh thành công qua việc đưa ra những quyết định hỗ trợ Khu Học Chính Garden Grove. Đây là một trọng trách của chúng tôi để bảo đảm rằng tất cả học sinh đều có các cơ hội giáo dục tốt nhất tại học khu này. Chúng tôi biết rằng các nhân viên tận tâm của GGUSD cùng có những mục tiêu này và cố gắng hết sức để giúp cho đời sống của con em học sinh được tốt đẹp hơn. Tuy nhiên, với tư cách là những thành viên trong Hội Đồng Giáo Dục, chúng tôi cũng nhận ra rằng chính cha/mẹ hay người giám hộ là nguồn ảnh hưởng quan trọng nhất trong cuộc đời của con trẻ. Trong niên học này, chúng tôi rất vui khi GGUSD mang đến thêm nhiều cơ hội cho phụ huynh tham gia vào việc học của con em.

Trong suốt niên học 2018-2019, Ban Giao Tế Cộng Đồng của học khu sẽ mở thêm nhiều buổi hướng dẫn cho phụ huynh trong toàn học khu. Chúng tôi khuyến khích phụ huynh nên ghi danh tham dự chương trình PESA (Phụ huynh Kỳ vọng Hỗ trợ Thành tựu) và 10 Điều Tâm Niệm về Giáo dục dành cho Phụ huynh để tìm hiểu về những phương pháp đáng tin cậy giúp phụ huynh hiểu rõ về hệ thống giáo dục nhằm giúp con em học sinh đạt thành công trên con đường học vấn và đường đời.

Trong hai năm liên tiếp, GGUSD mở Chương trình Hướng dẫn Phụ huynh Huấn đạo cho nhóm phụ huynh tình nguyện nòng cốt về cách giải quyết vấn đề, bênh vực quyền lợi và cách tiếp thị. Việc bảo đảm cho mỗi trường có các phụ huynh huấn đạo sẽ giúp cho toàn học khu chúng ta được vững mạnh hơn khi phụ huynh biết giúp cho trường học của con em mình với những cách thăng tiến mới và hào hứng.

Các trường trong toàn học khu cũng tổ chức các Đêm Gặp gỡ Giáo viên Sau ngày Trở trường 'Back to School Nights', Buổi Giới thiệu các Trường Đại học Thường niên (ngày 8 tháng 10 từ 6:30 chiều đến 8 giờ tối tại 'The Great Wolf Lodge'), Buổi Giới thiệu về các Ngành Nghề Thường niên (ngày 13 tháng 2 tại trường Trung học Cấp II Bolsa Grande), Hướng dẫn về các Kỳ Thi và Khảo sát (Ngày 1 tháng 11 tại trường Tiểu học Peters Mẫu giáo - lớp 3), cùng những buổi sinh hoạt khác nhằm cung cấp cho phụ huynh những nguồn hỗ trợ quan trọng.

## Alamitos *Intermediate School*

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**Christine Pijl**  
*Principal*

### Becoming Future-Ready

Our students are focused and ready to learn for 2018-2019! Just as our teachers participate in ongoing professional development, our students also participate in student professional development. Recently, students enjoyed grade-level specific sessions on acquiring scholarly habits to utilize in all their classes.

On September 6th, seventh grade students were introduced to the college and career readiness skill of focused note taking. In addition to applying various note-taking formats, students were trained how to process new information and make learning connections. On September 11th, eighth grade students participated in learning how to study for the core classes (English, Math, Science, and History). In addition, students

were instructed about a-g readiness for high school, as well as expectations and standards necessary to guarantee a successful transition to high school.

The goal of the student trainings is to expose students to high expectations and help all students become future-ready.



**Alamitos Condors learn valuable skills to help them become future-ready!**

## Allen *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Andrew Heughins**  
*Principal*

### Students Contribute to Tradition of Success

Our tradition of academic excellence continued during the 2017-2018 school year.

Allen students again received top scores on state standardized tests, while the Allen pentathletes placed first at the Orange County

Academic Pentathlon for the seventh time in eight years.



**Our new mural shows that no mountain is too high for our Ethan Allen students**

Among the traditions at Allen is an emphasis on celebrating the arts, including our annual Lunar New Year celebration, and participation in Disney Musicals in Schools. This year's production will be "Cinderella."

In our quest to ensure all Allen students leave ready to take on the challenges of the modern world, we are fully integrating technology into daily learning with Chromebooks, robotics and video production using green screen technology.

## Anthony *Elementary School*

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**Tyleen Perez**  
*Principal*

### Innovation Lab near Completion

We are committed to inspiring young learners and preparing them for the future. This year we are pleased to announce the first phase of our new Innovation Lab is near completion. In this modern learning environment, furnished with flexible seating options and state of the art technology, students will engage in project-based learning requiring the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of

collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking, and team work. This year students will also learn coding, robotics, and the art of videography using green screens and video editing. Phase two of our Innovation Lab will include

full-wall video monitors, and a dedicated Makerspace with 3D printing capability. At Anthony Elementary we're working to create the school of the future now!



**Students use cutting edge technology in a fun 21st century learning environment.**



## Barker *Elementary School*

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**Wayne Kelley**  
*Principal*

### Robotics Instruction

Last school year, Barker Elementary School received a \$10,000.00 award from the state of California through Scholar Share 529. Our parents came together for a two-week period and cast hundreds of votes that helped us win this award. We were one of four top schools in our category to receive this monetary gift. The \$10,000.00 is being used to purchase and provide robotics instruction to our students. Last June, once we received

our award, we purchased twenty four Sphero robots and are using our Chromebooks for coding instruction.

Through coding on the Chromebooks, our students are able to give commands to move the robot forward, left, right, backwards as well as light up in multiple colors. Currently, our sixth grade students are using our robots in the classroom in an attempt to become familiar with this new instructional opportunity. We will soon offer an after-school robotics opportunity for students who want to have fun with robots while gaining valuable 21<sup>st</sup> century technology skills.



**Students showcase the school's new Sphero robots purchased through a grant awarded by the state.**

## Bell *Intermediate School*

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**M'Liss Patterson**  
*Principal*

### Begins Year on Positive Note

It's exciting to be starting another year as the proud principal of Bell Intermediate School—a 2018 Schools To Watch-Taking Center Stage award-winning school!

Using the GGUSD vision and mission statements as our guide, the staff will continue to collaborate and develop school-wide practices that foster the academic, social emotional, and future success of our

young adult students. We will kick off the year with "Start With Hello Week," a campaign to help all students feel safe, welcomed, and connected on campus.

All year we will host College Wear Wednesdays and Roadrunner spirit wear days. The campus will be alive with positive activities that will help develop healthy and strong 21<sup>st</sup> century academic, technology, and social skills.



**Students proudly participate in College Wear Wednesdays to show off the college they hope to attend.**

## Bolsa Grande *High School*

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**Louise Milner**  
*Principal*

### Success Continues throughout Summer

Matadors continue to achieve even when school is out for summer! The Board of Education welcomed Matador Silayan Camson as their new Student Board Representative for the 2018-19 school year.

The Bolsa Grande STEM team competed in a nationwide

engineering competition, traveling to Philadelphia in July to take second place overall at the MESA National Engineering Design Challenge. Bolsa Grande's ASB once again attended the OCL leadership camp in Santa Barbara, and placed first overall at the Talent Show with a service-minded skit reminding peers of the importance of using technology in moderation. BGHS Wilderness Adventure Club, (WAC) saw hard work come to fruition when the grant they received from "The Drought

Response Outreach Program for Schools" (DROPS) was used to transform the grounds of Bolsa Grande into an ecologically beautiful and effectively drought-tolerant landscape of native plants and catch basins which will help protect the earth for generations to come.



**The Bolsa Grande STEM team proudly displays their second place trophies which they won at the MESA National Engineering Design Challenge in Philadelphia.**

## Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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**Dianna Rangel**  
*Principal*

### Cheering Teachers Welcome Scholars

Brookhurst Elementary School rolled out the red carpet to welcome students back to school! Our students were in for a treat as they made their way onto campus on the red

carpet – lined with clapping, cheering and high-fiving from teachers and staff! Our red carpet welcome is a way to encourage our students and let them know how much we care about them and are excited for them to be with us at school. It also lets our students know that our teachers and staff are their fans from day one of the school year. Thank you to Mrs. Getz and Mrs. Quint for organizing the event, and to all our dedicated teachers and staff for making Brookhurst a great place to learn!



**Brookhurst Rolls Out the Red Carpet on the First Day of School.**



## Bryant *Elementary School*

8371 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6451 • [bryant.ggusd.us](http://bryant.ggusd.us)



**Tanya De Leon**  
*Principal*

### **Celebrating Modernized Campus**

Bryant Elementary teachers and staff are so proud to welcome back the Bryant community to our newly renovated school. This summer, the Bryant campus underwent a major renovation to add air conditioning to every classroom!

On the first day of school, students were welcomed by cheering staff members holding signs and pom-poms. The Bryant community also gathered to celebrate our grand renovation with a delicious pancake breakfast, provided by our own GGUSD Food Services department.

Parents and students piled their nutritious whole wheat pancakes with a variety of delicious toppings. Our fabulous noon-duty staff, teachers and proud PTO parents helped facilitate our first ever Pancake Breakfast, where we served 689 meals in under an hour! Bryant is a joyous child-centered community where there are many opportunities for enrichment and engaging academics.



**Students and Families are welcomed back to an Air-Conditioned Campus with a Pancake Breakfast.**

## Carrillo *Elementary School*

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**Kim Kroyer**  
*Principal*

### **Students Learn about Dental Health**

The 2018-19 school year at Carrillo Elementary School is off to a great start. Students are already setting and reaching new academic goals.

In addition to success in their school work, Carrillo offers programs to support the whole child. Carrillo Elementary School is working in partnership with a local non-profit to offer a school dental program for all students. During the first weeks of school, students received instruction on how to properly care for their teeth. They learned about the importance of teeth, cavities and tooth decay. Every student received a free toothbrush. The registered dentists and hygienists will also provide dental exams, cleaning, fluoride and sealants for qualifying students. The Carrillo staff is very pleased to have this partnership and offer these services for our students.



**A representative from the non-profit teaches a classroom of Carrillo students about dental health with a model of oversized teeth.**

# Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

11150 Santa Rosalia St., Stanton, CA 90680 • 714/663-6437



**Brian Ball**  
Principal

## A Focus On the Whole Child

Carver and Heritage preschools (our Early Childhood Education Centers) got off to an exciting start to the 2018-2019 school year. We continue to collaborate with our students' families by working on early independence skills like potty training, and learning skills for success in the classroom. With our staff's shared focus of being an educational starting point for our students' lifelong success, we are excited to implement our first GGUSD board-adopted program (Big Day) for special education preschool this year. Through Big Day, our teachers are working on preschool academic content and other important skills such as how to be a good listener and strategies for calming down, communicating, perseverance, and problem solving. All of these components allow us to continue our focus on the whole child.



**Our caring teachers work with students in small groups to help them master essential skills for academic success.**

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**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

que nuestros alumnos logran diariamente. Para destacar la labor de nuestros estudiantes, lanzamos una campaña de pancartas para reconocer a nuestros alumnos que se encaminarán a la Universidad. ¡Más de 200 pancartas que presentan fotografías de nuestros alumnos graduados, e incluyen los nombres de su escuela primaria, intermedia y secundaria, aparecen en pancartas colgadas en los postes de luz en nuestras comunidades!

¡Nos encanta presumir sobre nuestros alumnos y animamos a la comunidad a que nos siga en los medios sociales (*Facebook, Twitter, Youtube e Instagram*) para mantenernos al día sobre todas las cosas maravillosas que están pasando en nuestras escuelas! Celebrar el éxito de nuestros alumnos es un motivador importante para mantener a nuestros alumnos en el camino correcto hacia el éxito de por vida. ¡Esa es "A la Manera de Garden Grove"!

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Anual Universitaria (8 de octubre de 6:30 a 8:00 p.m. en The Great Wolf Lodge), una Feria Anual de Carreras (13 de febrero en la Escuela Secundaria Bolsa Grande), una Noche Informativa sobre Exámenes y Evaluaciones (1.º de noviembre en la Escuela Primaria Peters K-3), y otros eventos enfocados en equipar a los padres de familia con recursos importantes.

Deseamos también que nuestros padres de familias disfruten tener una comunicación abierta y transparente con los empleados de las escuelas y el Distrito. Este año, publicaremos las "Guías de comunicación para los padres y tutores del GGUSD" para ayudar a los padres a navegar fácilmente los canales de comunicación en nuestro Distrito y proporcionar una guía práctica de referencia de los números de teléfono importantes de las escuelas y el Distrito. Adicionalmente, muchas de nuestras escuelas han lanzado nuevas páginas de internet enfocadas en hacer que la información esté fácilmente accesible para los padres de familia y sus comunidades escolares.

Las Escuelas del GGUSD tienen los mejores padres de familia. Hemos conocido a muchos de ustedes en las Noches de Exhibición de Trabajos Escolares (Open House) y en los eventos del Distrito. ¡Muchas gracias por todo lo que hacen para apoyar a nuestro Distrito y a nuestros hijos!



## Clinton Corner *Family Campus*

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



**Emma Druitt**  
*Principal*

### **Preschool Teachers Welcome STEM into the Program**

This year during GGUSD's Super Week, our state preschool teachers participated in a training on innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) instruction. Preschoolers are engaged in STEM activities on a regular basis during their daily indoor and outdoor activities.

As a result of the training, teachers gained the knowledge and confidence to enhance students' opportunities to engage in STEM while learning and developing their critical thinking skills. For example, while building with blocks, students can build bridges and ramps, and incorporate engineering and math. We are excited to begin introducing STEM into our existing curriculum to expand the 21st century concepts taught to our youngest learners. It's never too early to begin making STEM connections in the classroom.



**Preschool teachers use legos during a professional development training on teaching STEM concepts to preschool students.**

## Clinton *Elementary School*

13641 Clinton St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6146 • clinton.ggusd.us



**Jason Shabet**  
*Principal*

### **Students Learn a New Language... Computer Coding!**

We have entered into a productive partnership with Cod.ED that brings the exciting world of computer coding to each of our fourth through sixth grade classes. Although most students are familiar with YouTube, Instagram, and video games, very few are exposed to the actual computer science practice of coding that goes into making these things happen.



**Students spend time each week learning the concepts and skills used for computer coding**

Through our collaboration with Cod. ED, all fourth grade students will learn the MIT program Scratch which will enable them to create their own video games. Students in fifth grade will be immersed in how to program Alexa to handle a variety of tasks. Learning these two programs helps set the foundation for the sixth graders to learn Python, which will enable them to create their own computer applications. Students will participate in this 21st century computer training for an hour each week. We believe learning these new skills will inspire students to begin considering a career in computer programming and technology.

## Cook Elementary School

9802 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6251 • cook.ggusd.us



### Launching a New School Year with Leadership and Teamwork

Our kindergarten teachers welcomed a new group of students and embodied the Cook team spirit by sporting their Kinder Squad shirts at our Welcome Back photo booth.

**Sandi Ishii**  
*Principal*

Cook values shared leadership, not just through our staff and instructional team, but through our parent volunteers and student groups, who also step up to leadership positions.

The diversity of our community brings a cultural richness to our school experiences and it is evident through the amount of parents who volunteer to support teachers, staff and students, with everything from earthquake kits to special events like our upcoming Trunk or Treat.

We are starting the school year with many student leadership groups, including Student Council, Tech Squad, Peace Ambassadors, BGC Junior Leaders and the Graphic Design Group. Cook Elementary is off and running with a community of scholars led by our staff and supported by our parent community!



**Kindergarten team provides warm welcome on the first day of school.**

## Crosby Elementary School

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### Cougars take on Scientific Investigations

We are thrilled to kick off the 2018-2019 school year with our new STEM Lab where all students can participate in “CSI” or Cougar Science Investigations, featuring hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, and math as well as some after-school coding and robotics activities. Crosby has beautiful new flexible seating furniture in our

library for students to enjoy while they read and check out books.

We are also pleased to launch this year the College and Career Mentoring Program, which pairs elementary students with college mentors who will serve as positive role models, provide personalized help with homework, and promote positive self-esteem.

Our Character Education program focuses on The Crosby Three C's: Compassion, or kindness; Consideration, or thoughtfulness; and Cooperation, or getting along and working well with others. We hold a celebration called “Student of the Month” that honors students who exemplify “The Crosby Three C's.”



**Students take on project-based learning in the school's new STEM Lab.**



## Doig *Intermediate School*

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**Louie Gomez**  
*Principal*

### Spartan Staff Show School Spirit

Doig Intermediate School welcomed their Spartans to the new school year with a fun backdrop and a #GGUSD Pride sign for both students and staff to pose for pictures. The students were excited to

post pictures showing off their school spirit! The first few weeks have been filled with many student-centered activities in order to show Doig students that we are ready for a successful year. Our main focus was for our Spartans to gain an understanding of our expectations. These expectations revolve around Respect, Effort, and Pride. This is shown in our PBIS slogan, “What’s your REPUTation?” Additionally, we are eager to begin a mentoring program between students, staff, and members of our law enforcement community that focuses on student achievement, behavior, and attendance.



Doig Intermediate staff are thrilled to begin this new year and we look forward to seeing our programs grow and our students succeed!

## Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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**Beth Cusimano**  
*Principal*

### New Collaboratory Opens

We are looking forward to the 2018-19 school year. Recently we opened a newly 21st century furnished classroom where students are working creatively in a flexible seating environment. Technology classes take place in the beautiful new “Collaboratory.” Students in fourth through sixth grade will again receive one hour

of coding and robotics instruction weekly through our partnership with Code.ed and will continue competing in after-school robotic teams at outside competitions.

The Collaboratory will also be home to our expanding MakerSpace Lab as we embrace Next Generation Science Standards. We will again be offering additional exciting STEAM opportunities for students both during and after school. Thank you to our families, community and staff for helping to make Eisenhower a great place to learn!



**Fourth grade students engaged in learning about robotics in The Collaboratory.**

## Enders *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Askew**  
*Principal*

### Library Renovation and Reading Nook Reveal

We recently revealed the school's renovated library and reading nook. This is a project that has been a year in development, involving Enders' teachers, parents, librarian, and our area Board of Education Member, Teri Rocco. We even have

a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout Project to renovate our book shelves. Enders students are enjoying the new reading areas with new soft seating and colorful rugs. Thanks to these renovations, students are excited to spend even more time engaged in reading.



**Students enjoy their favorite books in the school's renovated library and reading nook.**

## Evans *Elementary School*

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**Lynn Hardin**  
*Principal*

### Making a Lasting Difference

Educators often wonder how their former students are doing and whether they made a difference in their students' futures. It is really special to get an email, letter or

visit detailing how a former student is doing. Recently two of our Evans Elementary teachers heard from their former students. Mrs. Auxier had a student in 1996 who grew up to become Dr. Aimee Le. Aimee wrote, "Thank you, Mrs. Auxier, for laying the



**Former Evans Elementary student Elizabeth Santana has dedicated her career to teaching.**

foundation for my lifelong pursuit of learning and for cultivating kindness and positivity in your classroom." Elizabeth Santana, a former student from Mrs. Dormaier (Miss Powell) had this to say, "Miss Powell was one of my favorite teachers and she was one of the people that inspired me to become a teacher." It's notes like these that remind us why education and those who dedicate their careers to education are so important. Our Evans educators are making a life-changing and lasting difference and inspiring generations of students toward lifelong success!



**Dr. Gabriela Mafi**

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Chúng tôi thích khoe những thành quả của con em chúng ta và khuyến khích cộng đồng giữ liên lạc với chúng tôi trên các trang mạng truyền thông xã hội (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, và Instagram) để nhận được tất cả tin tức cập nhật mới về những điều tốt đẹp đang diễn ra tại các trường học của chúng tôi! Hãy tán dương thành quả của

con em học sinh chúng ta vì đó là nguồn động lực quan trọng giúp giữ học sinh đi đúng hướng để đạt thành công trên đường đời. Đó chính là Đường Hướng Garden Grove!

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Chúng tôi cũng mong các quý vị phụ huynh thích cách liên lạc cởi mở và minh bạch với các nhân viên nhà trường và học khu. Năm nay, chúng tôi sẽ công bố "Quy định về việc Liên lạc Dành cho Phụ huynh và Giám hộ GGUSD" nhằm giúp phụ huynh dễ dàng định hướng trong hệ thống của học khu và có sẵn danh sách các số điện thoại quan trọng của trường và học khu khi cần. Ngoài ra, nhiều trường đã lập các trang mạng mới hướng tới việc cung cấp các dữ liệu sẵn sàng cho phụ huynh và cộng đồng trường.

Các trường của GGUSD có nhiều phụ huynh đầy thiện chí. Chúng tôi đã có dịp gặp gỡ nhiều quý vị tại các buổi viếng trường và các sinh hoạt của học khu. Cảm ơn tất cả sự hỗ trợ của quý vị đã và đang dành cho học khu và con em học sinh của chúng ta.



## Excelsior *Elementary School*

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**Sarah Mershon**  
*Principal*

### New STEAM Lab

Our teachers, staff, and students are excited to start a new school year!

Excelsior received the 2017-2018 Honor Roll award and is committed to soaring to higher levels of achievement around our goals of Academic Skills & Personal Skills.

This year, students will have the opportunity to learn and strive in our STEAM lab that opened last year. Students

will explore concepts using microscopes and robots, show their knowledge and creativity through movies and green screen presentations, and take on STEAM challenges throughout the year.

Our parents are joining in on our excitement by signing up for classes, taking advantage of volunteer opportunities and looking forward to a family STEAM night.

Excelsior teachers and staff are committed to seeing ALL students learn so that ALL students will contribute and thrive as adults.



## Faylane *Elementary School*

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**Mike Ingalls**  
*Principal*

### A Distinguished S.O.A.R.

Faylane Elementary School earned several accolades recently as a 2018 California Distinguished School and California Honor Roll School.

Over the summer, Faylane Elementary received a Falcon style makeover with a new state of the art multimedia system to support our second annual Disney Performance of Aladdin. The school also incorporated its positive behavior motto “outside and in,” where fences and walls now remind our community that “Safety, Ownership, Acceptance and Respect” come first.

We will expand our extended day opportunities to include coding, robotics, AVID, outdoor science, college mentors, a Vietnamese culture and language class, and a host of parent engagement opportunities.

Student growth will be fostered through reimagined learning environments, innovative technology design, sophisticated discourse, and academic intervention across multiple levels of need. We enter into our second year of our “KIK Bullying for Happiness” program for grades TK-6; Kind Is Kool! Soaring the heights is our aim, Faylane continues to gain!



**Faylane promotes a warm and welcoming school culture.**

## Fitz *Intermediate School*

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



**Feather Hocking**  
*Principal*

### **Classes and Opportunities Abound**

Our teachers and staff are committed to offering a large variety of classes, after-school enrichment opportunities, and advanced classes.

Classes and opportunities include STEAM Lab, Digital Technology, Instrumental Music, Art, Advanced Science and History,

Heritage Spanish, Geometry, YouTube and Moviemaking, DrumLine, Intramural Sports, and more.

Fitz believes students need to be involved in many activities to discover what they love to encourage a life of learning and to soar into the 21st century as global citizens.

We are proud of all of the opportunities we offer that equip students with the academic and personal skills for lifelong success.



**Our teachers and staff are committed to helping all students succeed!**

## Garden Grove *High School*

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**Todd Nirk**  
*Principal*

### **This Year Starts Off Strong**

It has been a great start to the year at Garden Grove High School and our wonderful ASB (Associated Student Body) is largely to thank. Already this year they have helped run student registration, organized and performed at both the freshman assembly and Moving On Up assembly, and pictured here you see several members at 6:30 a.m. on opening day greeting all of our students as they entered.

It was heartwarming to see them interacting with parents and showing particular care to our freshmen in extending a warm welcome and also helping them to find their classes throughout the day. Our ASB embodies the true spirit of what it means to be an Argonaut and we thank them for that. Thank you to all of our wonderful students who make Garden Grove High School such a special place!



**ASB student leaders offer a warm welcome on the first day of school.**



## Garden Park *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Morales**  
*Principal*

### Beautiful New Campus

Garden Park Elementary School is proud to welcome students and parents back to our newly updated campus. Thanks to the passing of Measure P, Garden Park was modernized this past summer with air-conditioning, new windows and cabinets in all classrooms, adjustable LED

lighting, new carpeting, a remodeled office, and so much more.

In addition, we are forever grateful to our generous PTA for their continued support in funding technology. All students have opportunities to use Chromebooks, iPads, and/or our computer lab to develop 21st century skills, and to enrich their learning through the integration of technology in the classroom. The Garden Park staff and families are looking forward to a new school year filled with continued academic successes and enrichment opportunities!



**Garden Park Elementary School students were excited to return to a modernized school campus.**

## Gilbert *Elementary School*

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**Charise Santana**  
*Principal*

### Parent Engagement Program

Gilbert Elementary School is launching Parents in Action, a fun parent engagement program that helps parents become more involved in their child's school and their student's success. Interested parents

are invited to attend Parents in Action training workshops to learn how to make healthy changes at home and become a playground leader at school. Workshops will provide information about school wellness policies, health and nutrition, physical activity, and strategies about being an active participant on the playground during Gilbert's recess. Parents will receive a gift bag and certificate of participation upon completion of the workshops. Translation will be available and Parents in Action workshops will be held at Gilbert Elementary.



**Gilbert Elementary School's Parents in Action program invites parents to serve as playground leaders during recess and promote healthy choices to students.**

## Hare High School

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**Stephanie Heflin**  
*Principal*

### Ready for a New School Year!

Hare Huskies are working rigorously in their classes, and have opportunities to take part in programs and classes that promote creativity and career skills. One opportunity is the Video Production class, led by Ms. Jurgemeyer, where students produce a live-streamed show called “Top Dawg Live” every Friday that all Huskies watch. The Video Production class plans, scripts, writes, edits, and produces the live show weekly. “Top Dawg Live” spotlights events on campus and recognizes Top Dawg nominees – students who are recognized for positive behavior and actions by Hare staff. A student winner is selected every week and is highlighted in the following week’s broadcast segment, “Top Dawg Spotlight.” Top Dawg Live is a great way to get to know the Hare student body, teach skills in the video production field, and get to know more about the campus!



**Hare’s Video Production class produces the popular weekly live-streamed show called “Top Dawg.”**

## Hazard Elementary School

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**Melissa Sais**  
*Principal*

### New STEAM Learning Opportunities

Hazard Elementary School is moving full STEAM ahead into the 2018-2019 school year! We are excited to continue to enhance the opportunities for our students to develop 21st century skills. Students in first and second grade now have one

to one devices in their classrooms.

This year we will be opening a Science Lab where students can participate in STEAM-based activities. The Science Lab will compliment our already-established Innovation Lab where students participate in coding and robotics. The two labs will provide students valuable critical thinking opportunities that support rigorous classroom instruction.

We continue to be committed to providing all students at Hazard an engaging, rigorous and enjoyable academic experience in a welcoming and caring environment.



**Second grade students are fully engaged in classwork using their new Chromebooks**



## Heritage Computer Science Academy

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



**Michelle Pinchot**  
Principal

### Computer Science Academy

Heritage Elementary is proud to officially open as Heritage Computer Science Academy! Every child will learn a common language in computer science and have explicit instruction in coding, robotics and programming. We also support all of our students with an RTI (Response to Intervention) system that includes supporting literacy skills, taking care of social emotional needs and fostering positive behavior.

We were honored by the California PBIS Coalition with a Silver Medal Award for our first year of implementation with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports).

Our school community is committed to supporting school wide expectations, which allows our students to perform in a positive school setting. To support positive experiences on the playground a brand new piece of playground equipment was installed this summer! Our staff has created our own hash tag #allin which represents our commitment to our students and families. Follow us on Facebook @HeritageGGUSD.



**Staff sports t-shirts with the hashtag #allin to express a shared commitment for supporting students and families as they become the district's first Computer Science Immersion Academy.**

## Hill Elementary School

9681 11th St., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6561 • hill.ggusd.us



**Tricia Chinn**  
Principal

### 2018-19 Brings Exciting Opportunities

Our scholars have enjoyed a great start to the 2018-2019 school year, and they will continue to look forward to new and ongoing opportunities. This year, our scholars will have the opportunity to be a part of various enrichment programs including: Hill's annual musical, computer programming and robotics, our college and career mentor program for sixth grade students, FIBO Art for our all of our students, and Pure Games soccer for third through sixth grade students.

In addition, as a school, we will celebrate the diversity of our community with a wonderful Lunar New Year celebration, Folklore celebration and our International Night event for students and families.

We invite all parents to attend our Friday Flag Deck on the first Friday of each month. Our Flag Deck is a time

we celebrate our school, student successes and reinforce positive behavior, scholarly habits, character traits, and much more. Together we can make a difference!



**Staff welcomes students back to school with friendly cheers and high-fives!**

## Irvine *Intermediate School*

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**Bill Gates**  
*Principal*

### **Students Engage in Professional Development**

In September, Irvine Intermediate School students participated in our annual “Student Professional Development Day.”

This year we focused on academic listening and speaking, two very important skills that we are asking students to use daily in all of their classes. During the training, students had many opportunities to practice SLANT (Sit up, Lean forward and Listen, Ask Questions, Nod your head and Talk with and Track the teacher), strategies that will keep students actively involved in their learning.

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



**Students learn scholarly habits and other important skills to help them succeed at school.**

## Jordan *Intermediate School*

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



**Tracy Conway**  
*Principal*

### **Preparing Students for Lifelong Success**

Jordan Intermediate School is in the business of preparing students for their lifelong success.

Jordan offers a wide array of academic content and elective courses such as Algebra 1 and Geometry, Advanced Learner History, STEAM, Guitar, Drama and more. There are numerous extra-curricular activities including dance, art, sports, and animal welfare. Free after-school tutoring, Boys and Girls Club, and English Learner Academy are programs that support the needs of our students.

Jordan is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Support school where we strive to treat one another with respect, responsibility, and kindness. It's the Jordan Way!

Please follow us on Facebook at Donald S. Jordan Intermediate or follow our Instagram at Jordan.Intermediate to stay up-to-date on the great things happening at our school.



**Jordan Intermediate students learn about a variety of professional industries and spend time setting goals for exciting career paths.**



## Jordan *Adult Transition Program*

9915 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 714/663-6486 • [jslc.ggusd.us](http://jslc.ggusd.us)



**Baldwin Pedraza**  
*Principal*

### Building Bridges

I am proud to join the dedicated staff at the Jordan Adult Transition Program as we begin the 2018-19 school year!

We will continue the good work in supporting our students' abilities to contribute and participate in a diverse society through our educational program, support, and training. We will continue our strong collaboration with local businesses

and community agencies in supporting our students' and families' transition from our program to full-time community integration.

Centered on community-based instruction experiences, students will continue to build their skills around functional academics, social skills, daily living skills, communication, vocational skills, and recreation and leisure. Focusing on building skills in these domains, our goal will continue to be centered on growing our students' independence levels. We are looking forward to an exciting and amazing year!



**Students spend time learning about community streets and transportation systems as well as practicing how to safely and independently get around town.**

## La Quinta *High School*

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**Denise Halstead**  
*Principal*

### Pathways to Success

La Quinta High School students are preparing for post-secondary success through high interest career pathways in Business, Digital Media Arts, AVID, Computer Science, Visual Arts, and Biotechnology.

The pathways consist of sequences of courses that students complete to demonstrate levels of competence in a designated career field. Students in the pathways are exposed to college level and Advanced Placement coursework, receive opportunities for internships and scholarships through prestigious corporations such as Northrup Grumman, Brown University Summer Institute and L3 Interstate Electronics Corporation, and compete in their chosen career fields through organizations such as DECA, Cyberpatriot and Esports.

This year, La Quinta students have the exciting opportunity to receive both high school and college credit for certain pathway courses through a

pilot dual enrollment program with Coastline Community College. The pathway programs are providing real word opportunities for students to fulfill the vision of LQHS - to transition from "Learners to Leaders"!



**Students engage in project based learning in exciting 21st century Career Pathway courses.**

## Lake Intermediate School

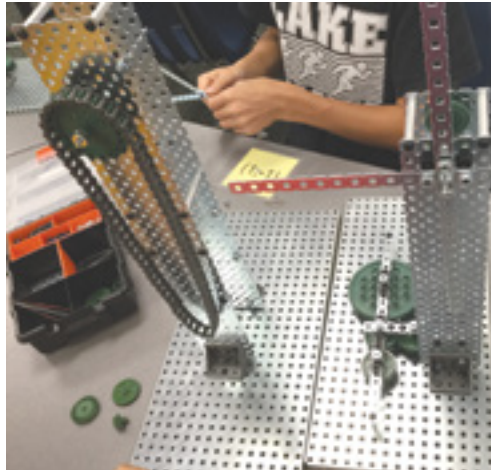
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### A Focus on Rigor and Relevance

During the 2018-19 school year, Lake Intermediate School students will continue to focus on the implementation of state standards, literacy through summary writing, new advisement

lessons, new Words of the Week using SBAC terminology, and citizenship/digital literacy. At Lake Intermediate we offer engaging STEAM elective classes, which focus on design, modeling and automation, and robotics.



**Students put their critical thinking skills to work during hands-on STEAM lessons.**

We also offer an extended learning opportunity in mathematics. This after-school program called IXL is a computerized adaptive program allowing students to focus on specific math standards.

Lake Intermediate is committed to providing students with an academic program that is focused on rigor and relevance which reflects high expectations for all students. We are preparing students to become self-directed, interactive learners, proficient users of technology, and college and career ready.

## Lawrence Elementary School

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### Great Things Ahead

Lawrence Elementary School students were eager to return for the 2018-2019 school year. We welcomed our Mild Moderate Special Education students with open arms and look forward to a wonderful year together. To enhance our robust instructional programs, Lawrence has a fully-stocked computer lab, as well as

classroom Chromebooks and iPads. Third through sixth grade students use technology each day to assist with research and create amazing classroom projects. Our work here is also enhanced by our caring families, supportive community, and our GRIP partnership which provides students with positive role models, mentors, and fun field trips and activities. There is much to be thankful for at Lawrence Elementary School.



**Lawrence students are all smiles when it's time for recess on the playground.**



## Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

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**Robin Patterson**  
*Director*

### Adult Learners Achieve Educational Milestones

Lincoln Education Center (LEC) houses the district's adult education program and we celebrate the success of many adult students as they take our courses to prepare for college and career pathways. LEC student Trinh Huynh was recognized by the GED Testing Service for

outstanding achievement with the GED Graduate of the Year award. Trinh arrived in the United States from Vietnam in April of 2017 at the age of 20. He spent his first summer independently studying English, determined to attend school in the fall. Five months after his arrival, he enrolled in GED and English as a Second Language at LEC as well as a college writing preparation course at Coastline Community College. Trinh completed his GED, earning exceptional scores in math and science and plans to attend college to major in chemistry. His ultimate goal is to pursue a degree in chemical engineering. We are so proud of his accomplishments!



**Trinh Huynh recently received the GED Graduate of the Year award and is planning to pursue a college degree in chemical engineering.**

## Los Amigos *High School*

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**Vicki Braddock**  
*Principal*

### Happy Birthday!

Los Amigos is having a birthday! This year marks the 50th anniversary for the Lobos and the celebration is just getting started. Our party planning committee is working hard to make this year one that is truly special for our students, parents,

staff, alumni and community. Check back with us throughout the year for updates on events, including a Walk Through the Decades that will take place this Spring. Our athletic teams have also had a solid start this year. In addition to the traditional sports teams that compete in the Fall – girls' volleyball and tennis, cross country, football, cheer and boys' water polo – Los Amigos is forming its first eSports team,

which is scheduled to enter competition this Spring. With modernization nearly complete it's the perfect time to pay us a visit, check out the campus and see all of the exciting new things happening with our Lobos!



**Los Amigos High School choir members and Latinos Unidos student leaders showed off their Lobos pride during the Fiestas Patrias parade in Santa Ana.**

## Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

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**Baldwin Pedraza**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Warriors

I am both excited and honored to join the Mark Twain Warrior family for the 2018-2019 school year! 'The heart of the warrior is one that demonstrates perseverance, resiliency, commitment, and passion. I believe that our families, students, and staff are all embodiments of these attributes!

Mark Twain is committed to ensuring a safe and rich learning environment for all

our stakeholders. It is through this dedication that our staff will work tirelessly in providing an enriching learning experience for our students. Whether in the classroom setting or community setting, our Warriors will continue to strengthen their abilities to communicate, build social development skills, and participate in an academic program that meets their needs.

With a support team that is second to none, Mark Twain looks forward to an exciting year ahead!



**New Principal Baldwin Pedraza poses for a photo with students at Mark Twain Special Education Center.**

## Marshall *Elementary School*

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**Lorrie Klevos**  
*Principal*

### Opportunities for All Students to Thrive

Marshall Elementary offers many opportunities for students to get engaged in a fun, rewarding school experience. The Student Leadership Team consists of students who lend their support, ideas, and service to many school projects and decisions. We also have peer tutors who partner with students who benefit from working on common projects and activities.

By popular request, we are bringing back the Problem Solvers program that focuses on developing conflict resolution skills. The goal is to empower students, to improve communication skills, and to develop empathy and confidence. As a school community, we are focusing on anti-bullying/social skills development, so that all students can help our school be a safe and welcoming place to learn and grow. Students who have an interest in athletics can represent their classroom by being a soccer captain or can play on the Marshall softball team. The morning 100 Mile Club is open to all students, and many students choose

to participate in the spring training for Kids Run the OC. Marshall is a place where all students can thrive!



**Marshall Elementary School's student leadership team demonstrates respect and responsibility and promotes a positive school culture.**



## McGarvin *Intermediate School*

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**Tahnee Phan**  
*Principal*

### Promoting a Positive School Culture

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

We are a year two “Silver” PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) school. Our PBIS program motto is “McGarvin Owls are W.I.S.E.” Our motto reminds students to be Welcoming, to Improve Every Day, to



**The school logo is a visual reminder of student expectations that help create a positive school culture and climate.**

be Socially Aware and to be Ethical. Teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors helps to develop and support a positive school culture and student motivation.

Through PBIS, we have created an environment where students feel welcomed, connected and supported through our tiered levels of intervention and support. In 2018-19, we will continue to build our PBIS program and develop an even stronger program to support all scholars.

## Mitchell *Elementary School*

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**Chris Francis**  
*Principal*

### Students SOAR to Success

Mitchell Eagles continue to S.O.A.R. by Showing respect, Owning actions, Acting safely, and by being Responsible at all times! During the first year of being a PBIS School, Mitchell earned bronze recognition from the California PBIS Coalition, reflecting excellence in our implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

We are looking forward to year two as we continue to refine our PBIS practices which help create a strong learning environment for each and every one of our students whether they are in the classroom, eating in the cafeteria, or out on the playground. In addition to PBIS, we will continue to focus on grit and developing a growth mindset- two keys to success!



**Mitchell students show off the school's values in a fun photo!**



## Morningside *Elementary School*

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**Nathan Bellamy**  
*Principal*

### **Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month**

On September 13, 1988, Republican President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Month. From September 14th through October 15th, Morningside Elementary School learned about the Hispanic culture and its contribution to the American landscape.

Students from each grade level studied about great Hispanic American artists. Students learned about famous Hispanic Americans and about Spanish-speaking countries found throughout the world. In October, Flamenco dancers entertained our students to the sounds and dances of Spain. Students had already learned about Hispanic culture when they visited our library through a variety of fiction and non-fiction books! ¡Vámonos!



**Students develop art and create classroom projects about Hispanic American culture and traditions.**

## Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

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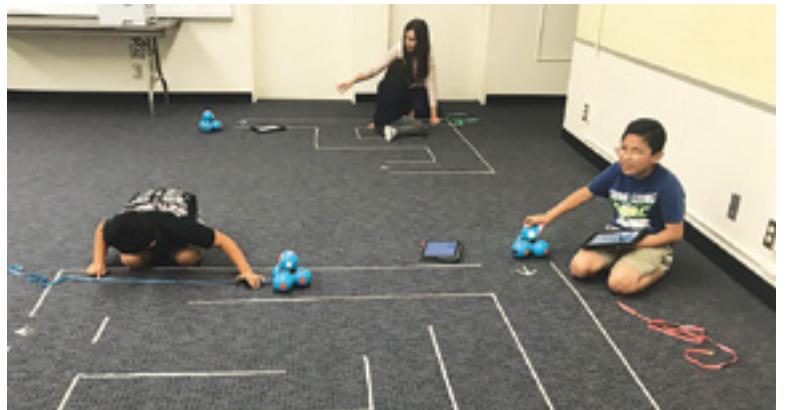


**César Loya**  
*Principal*

### **Recognized for Success with Dual Immersion**

Monroe Elementary Language Academy is excited to open the 2018-2019 school year. This is our third year of implementation of our Dual Language Immersion program. We could not be any happier with the success of our program and the overwhelming support we receive from our community. Last year,

Monroe was recognized by the Orange County Department of Education for the work we do with our English Language Learners. This year, Monroe has been named as one of the finalists for the distinguished Golden Bell Award. This is exciting news and it speaks volumes to the hard work and dedication of our entire staff. In addition to the rigorous dual language instruction, we will be implementing a Coding and Robotics program for all our students. At Monroe Elementary Language Academy, we strive to make sure we provide all of our students with a well-rounded



**Students learn important computer programming and coding skills as part of Monroe's robotics program.**

education that will prepare them to be multi-cultural global citizens, and creative and critical thinkers with a growth mindset. If you are interested in enrolling your child in kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, please call our office for important information and to sign up for one of our orientation meetings.

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## Murdy *Elementary School*

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**Marcie Griffith**  
*Principal*

### 2018-19 promises to be another exciting year

Our students will have many rich learning opportunities, as we continue our STEAM focus with schoolwide participation in Hour of CODE (computer science), expansion of our robotics and engineering after-school enrichment

programs, and participation in visual and performing arts.

2018-19 marks the second year of our Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program, which has grown to include both transitional kindergarten (TK) and kindergarten students, and the fourth year of our onsite Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program.

At Murdy Elementary, we are proud to be a California Distinguished School

and excited to move forward in our commitment to provide all of our students with a rigorous and supportive academic experience that will prepare them for future success.

To learn more about all the wonderful things going on at Murdy Elementary, follow us on Facebook and other social media @murdyelementary.



**Teachers and staff welcome students back for another year of success.**

## Newhope *Elementary School*

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**Adam Bernstein**  
*Principal*

### A Strong Start to the Year

On the day before school started in August, we welcomed several incoming kindergarten students and their parents for our annual Kindergarten Orientation. During orientation, kindergarten students met their new teachers and

participated in a few fun activities in the classroom while their parents met with the principal to learn more about our school.

We're confident that our new kindergarten scholars will get off to a good start to their academic careers! It's going to be another great year at Newhope!

We have recently been recognized as a California Honor Roll school. This year we

plan on continuing to enhance our academic program by providing AVID for our fifth and sixth graders.

In addition, we are very excited to produce our first student led theatrical production through the Disney Musicals in Schools Program.



**Kindergarten students and their families receive a warm welcome.**

## Northcutt *Elementary School*

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**Ryan Loberger**  
*Principal*

### **Character Counts with Northcutt Bulldogs**

The students of Northcutt Elementary are off to great start to the school year. The first weeks of school are an excellent time to get used to the academic standards of the new grade level, as well as the new responsibilities and expectations that come with being another year older.

Students are learning about these expectations and building social skills with Character Counts. This nationwide program focuses on the character traits of trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, respect, fairness, and citizenship. The concepts are introduced and discussed both in class and at Friday Flag Assemblies. Students demonstrating the monthly trait may receive rewards and recognition. The focus for the first month is trustworthiness. Many students have already shared with teachers how they

are being trustworthy this month. Clear expectations and supportive staff have helped Northcutt students grow both in academic skills and social development, becoming strong scholars and good citizens.



**Upper grade students turn in positive character trait slips to build toward a classroom reward.**

## Pacifica *High School*

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**Steve Osborne**  
*Principal*

### **Welcome Abroad Mariners!**

The Mariner Mentors program at Pacifica addresses the transition to high school by offering freshmen and new students a solid foundation to begin high school. The year-long program helps create a safe,

supportive environment where freshmen and new students learn that people at school care about them and their future success.

This academic year, 98 Mariner Mentors are extensively trained to be positive role models, motivators and teachers who guide incoming students to discover what it takes to be successful at PHS!

The goal of PHS Mariner Mentors is to provide structural support and purposeful connections that make a measurable difference in student success at PHS.



**During the Welcome Aboard Mariners (WAM) assembly, students write letters about their goals and interests to their future high school senior selves.**



## Paine Elementary School

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**George Martinez**  
*Principal*

### Know Paine, Know Gain

School is back in session and Paine Elementary School students are ready to train their brains! The outstanding educational programs at Paine help students realize their potential and achieve their dreams. A strong sense of community is a pillar of strength at Paine. Students feel empowered and valued and are thriving with rigorous academic programs as well as cutting-edge technology, music, art, and physical education programs. Paine is honored to be recognized for outstanding performance and academic improvement as a 2018 California Distinguished School. Paine students are ready to achieve even greater academic and personal accomplishments in 2018-2019.



**Paine Elementary School students proudly display their 2018 California Distinguished School t-shirts highlighting the school's prestigious recognition for academic excellence.**

## Parkview Elementary School

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**Ryan Baker**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Back Students

Parkview Elementary School teachers and staff were thrilled to welcome our students back to school for the 2018-2019 school year. This past Spring, Parkview was named to the California Honor Roll, earning recognition for high achievement in student success. Our team is as motivated as ever to help students achieve the academic and personal skills for lifelong success. We are proud of our anti-bullying program that helps promote a safe and positive school climate. Students attend regular assemblies to continue learning about respect. Our partnership with area law enforcement provides a mentorship program and teaches students the importance of school safety. On the last Friday of each month, we gather our scholars together to present the Bulldog of the Month award which recognizes students for positive behavior after receiving Bulldog bucks. It's a great year to be a Bulldog. We can't wait to see what our students accomplish next.



**Parkview Elementary School provides fun photo opportunities to welcome students back on the first day of school.**

## Patton *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Jennifer Carter**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Back with Ice Cream

The Patton PTA held an Ice Cream Social before school started to welcome back all of the Patton families and students.

Over 600 students came to see who their new teacher was going to be for the 2018-2019 school year.

The students were very excited to see their classmates and explore the campus to find their new classroom. We were thrilled to see several new families attend the event.

Our staff has a great year planned with a strong instructional program, after school enrichment programs, and Family Nights.



**Patton's PTA hosted an Ice Cream Social to welcome students and families back to school.**

In 2018, Patton was named a 2018 California Distinguished School, a top honor for academic excellence. The Patton staff and PTA are energized and ready for another wonderful school year!

## Peters *K-3 Elementary School*

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**Kyle Benham**  
*Principal*

### Exciting Renovations

Peters K-3 Elementary enjoyed a wonderful start to the school year. Students and family members were welcomed on the first day of school by teachers cheering them on and showering them with words of encouragement as they entered the campus. Students and staff were amazed by the school beautification project that took place

during the summer. More than 130 volunteers from Pacific Life and OneOC came together to add a splash of color to the playground and quad area. Pacific Life also gave the library a makeover by donating furniture and creating a flexible learning environment for students. A new Imagination Playground, donated by the non-profit organization Kaboom!, offers students an opportunity for creative play and promotes problem solving, communication skills, critical thinking along with providing students the necessary physical activity needed to

maintain a healthy lifestyle. Peters K-3 continues to offer after-school child care, STEM classes, Young Rembrandts Art Classes, parenting classes throughout the school year in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, along with a free monthly "Farmer's Market". Students continue to sharpen their 21st century technology skills as the student-to-device ratio is now 1:1. The students at Peters K-3 may be young and little, but they definitely mighty scholars! Go Pandas!



**Peters K-3 Elementary School received a new mural which highlights students' Panda pride.**



## Peters 4-6 Elementary School

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**Gurprit Dhillon**  
Principal

### School Receives Makeover

Students returned to school this year, not only to teachers clapping and cheering them in, but to a campus makeover! Thanks to an amazing donation from Pacific Life, volunteers painted playgrounds

and murals, and installed fence art.

The school library is also in progress of a complete remodel to a learning center, complete with flexible seating and stations for students to work with technology and a green screen.

We are also very proud to be recognized by the CA PBIS Coalition. Peters 4-6 is the recipient of the silver medal for successful PBIS

implementation. The award reflects the excellent programs and supports put in place by the entire staff to support student academic and social-emotional growth. We very are proud of our Peters 4-6 Elementary team!



**We received murals and artwork to help enhance the learning environment for students!**

## Post Elementary School

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**Joy Ellsworth**  
Principal

### Student-Inspired Game Room Opens

Students in fourth through sixth grades have an opportunity to socialize, work together, use critical thinking skills, and make new friends in a safe environment – Post's Game Room. This room is open during recess and lunch recess various

days throughout the week. It provides a safe environment where students can play games, interact with each other, and learn good sportsmanship supervised by the principal. This room came about because students expressed the need to have a place where they could come and enjoy each other, as well as have fun and relax. Students play games, Legos, various card games, and put together puzzles. The only thing that students must do is play with at least one other person. The Game Room often draws in 30-45 students at a time and allows students another outlet to have fun while at school.



**Post Elementary students enjoy socializing and engaging in critical thinking skills while playing board games in the school's new Game Room.**

## Ralston *Intermediate School*

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**Ruth Dietze**  
*Principal*

### High Hopes

Ralston Intermediate School scholars are off to a great start and have high hopes for the school year.

Our wonderful Assistant Principal, Julie Krueger, worked with ASB scholars on an activity called “Our Hopes for the School Year.” At registration, students were given an opportunity to write down their aspirations for the school year. This helped

set a positive intention for the year. We continued the activity during lunchtime and many scholars participated. The campus was full of positive conversations and Eagle spirit as students talked and wrote about their hopes for the year.

Students are looking forward to many things this year. They want to, “make new friends and get good grades, get to know my teachers, and improve my leadership skills.” Students will continue to focus on their goals through Ralston’s monthly advisement lessons.



**Students set new goals for the new school year.**

## Rancho Alamitos *High School*

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**Mary Jane Hibbard**  
*Principal*

### Promoting Positivity

This year we are focused on promoting positivity, wellness and helping students learn to manage stress.

Teachers have incorporated a variety of activities into their classrooms such as teaching mindful breathing exercises, playing calming music during independent work, teaching mindful listening to each

other, allowing students to stand up and stretch when needed, greeting each student at the door every day, frontloading expectations, and teaching how to approach and break down complex tasks. Some teachers have even created a Google form to learn more about how to support each of their students when experiencing stress and anxiety.



**Students learn about mindful listening which fosters healthy communication and positive relationships.**

We also welcomed Mr. Fernandez, our new assistant principal, to the Ranch.



## Riverdale *Elementary School*

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**Chris Ash**  
*Principal*

### Continued Focus on Student Success

The teachers and staff at Riverdale Elementary School are excited to welcome back students and families!

We are looking forward to an amazing school year. We celebrate the continued growth in both English language arts and mathematics.

Riverdale was recently recognized as a 2018 California Honor Roll School for our high achievement and student success! We are proud of our



**Students work collaboratively to show off their coding and robotics skills.**

fine arts program with our strong instrumental and vocal music programs, as well as the Disney Musical in schools program.

This spring we look forward to performing *The Lion King*. Riverdale continues the integration of technology in the classroom. Students are using technology to enhance their learning every day as we transform the way teaching and learning takes place.

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

## Rosita *Elementary School*

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**Don Terreri**  
*Principal*

### Red Carpet Welcome

2018 – 2019 promises to be another great year for the distinguished Roadrunners of Rosita! In 2018, Rosita was one of 11 GGUSD schools to be named a 2018 California Distinguished School, a top award for academic excellence. Students and parents were greeted with a red carpet welcome on opening day as students found their new classrooms full of excitement

and anticipation of the great learning that will take place. Our teachers are well prepared to provide our Rosita scholars with the tools they will need to navigate the college and career readiness standards that lead to lifelong success. Our staff utilizes research-based strategies to promote full inclusion to reach and teach our diverse student population. We incorporate technology into everyday instruction to prepare and support our students for

21st Century Learning. We are completely outfitted with one-to-one technology for all of transitional kindergarten through sixth grade students. Students participate in tech opportunities with the Robotics Club, Dash-ketball, and the Hour of Code. We promote college as an attainable and desired goal with monthly College Promotion Days and participation in the College and Career Mentoring Program which pairs sixth grade students with college students who serve as positive role models and help students with academic and personal skills.



**Distinguished Rosita scholars present their pennants for College Promotion Days.**

## Russell *Elementary Language Academy*

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**Kai Chang**  
*Principal*

### Spanish Dual Immersion Program Launched

We are pleased to launch a new Spanish dual language immersion program. Students will learn to speak, listen, read and write in both Spanish and English as part of their instructional day. Students will learn all academic content in both languages. Students will have the opportunity to earn the Pathway to Bilingual Award from the

Orange County Department of Education. Students begin the Bilingual Pathway in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten and move up a grade level each year within the program.

In addition to the benefits of our new Language Academy all students thrive in our supportive, caring environment with teachers who help all students reach high academic standards.

Every student has one-to-one access to Chromebooks and iPads and engages with innovative technology as part of daily instruction.

Russell has a school-wide focus on college-readiness and is one of the few elementary schools to offer the AVID College Readiness program and a Latinos Unidos Club.

Russell also offers free after-school tutoring and enrichment opportunities, and several extra-curricular opportunities including computer coding, art, and athletics.



**In August, Russell hosted a Preppy Kinder and Parent Academy for incoming dual language students. Parents and students attended this unique program designed to not only transition them into the world of dual language, but also the new experience of Kindergarten.**

## Santiago *High School*

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**Michael Kennedy**  
*Principal*

### Cav Time

This year the teachers at Santiago High School implemented a school-wide tutorial period for all students to receive extra support in the subject they choose. Four days each week after second period, all students choose to go

to the classroom they need the most help in for extra support. Students who have all grades at a C or higher can go to any class, and students with a grade lower than a C must report to that classroom for extra support. During the tutorial period students work with their teachers and classmates on the most challenging assignments from their classes.

The Santiago teachers spent the past four years studying other schools with similar programs to develop the most supportive plan at Santiago. This system also



**Santiago High School students receive extra academic support on their most challenging assignments during Cav Time.**

encourages and supports students who are involved in extracurricular activities and after-school employment, because they now have time during the regular school day to receive help.



## Simmons *Elementary School*

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**Jaemie Johnson**  
*Principal*

### Promoting Healthy, Active Scholars

Among the many nutrition and health programs offered at Simmons Elementary, students in fourth through sixth grades have the opportunity to participate in a national program called the 100 Mile Club.®

Through this program, students set personal running goals in September with the aim of running a total of 100 miles by June. On a daily basis, they run, track their mileage count, and receive rewards as they reach milestones along their way. In addition to health benefits, students gain self-confidence and learn perseverance, which carries over into all aspects of their lives, supporting successful academics as well as future lifestyle choices.

Sixth grade teacher and Simmons program organizer, Mrs. Kash, says she loves the program because it has been inspiring to see kids meet or surpass their goals and participate in other running programs. Years later, students will come visit her and tell her about their current best mile times.



**Students proudly display their 100 Mile Club medals.**

## Stanford *Elementary School*

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**Melanie Mathovich**  
*Principal*

### A Focus on 21st Century Skills

The Stanford Stallions have had a wonderful start to the 2018-19 school year! This year we are continuing to focus our instructional program on developing 21st century skills in all of our students. Teachers foster collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, and digital literacy in their instructional programs. We are excited to also support the development of scholarly habits and social-emotional

development with several programs, including AVID, Character Trait of the Month, Pure Games, 100 Mile Running Club, GGUSD College and Career Mentoring Program, and implementing PBIS. Teachers are creating a college bound mindset in our students by adopting colleges in many of their classrooms. School-wide we began College Wednesdays in which staff and students wear college-themed clothing to highlight a focus on our future and goal-setting. Be sure to follow Stanford Elementary on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see the great things our scholars are doing this year!



**Stanford Elementary School students display college pennant flags to showcase their college-going mindsets.**

## Stanley *Elementary School*

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**Jamie Shippee**  
*Principal*

### Teachers take the Lead with Teamwork

The teaching staff at Stanley Elementary School kicked off the 2018-2019 school year focusing on teamwork, strategies to support student discussions in class, and behavioral

expectations. Before school started, in a staff meeting, teachers worked in groups to accomplish a series of tasks. They took those ideas and applied it to building a community in their classroom through teaching activities that allowed students to work together. Through this teamwork, students were able to create norms for how they expect their classmates to communicate while learning. The staff and students also worked together to define respectful, organized, accountable and ready scholars across different settings. Our scholars are ready to work together to help



**Students collaborate in teams to build geometric shapes.**

each other achieve success inside and outside of the classroom. We are confident that 2018-2019 will be the year Stanley Tiger ROAR!

## Sunnyside *Elementary School*

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**Susie Dollbaum**  
*Principal*

### New Goals for a New Year

The 2018-19 school year is off to a fantastic start at Sunnyside Elementary. Congratulations to our students and staff for the gains we achieved with our most recent

SBAC scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics! We celebrate your accomplishments and look forward to another amazing year ahead. It is always so refreshing to be at a new beginning with brand new goals for a highly successful year ahead. Our focus continues to be on ensuring that our students receive the best education possible in a safe and nurturing environment in alignment with our GGUSD plan. Our teachers work with students to set attainable individual goals that will ensure strong academic growth. Together, we will stay focused



**Students collaborate on classwork and help each other succeed.**

on developing the scholarly habits and character that lead to the greatest results. We look forward to our Sunnyside community working cohesively to ensure lifelong success for our students at Sunnyside this year!



## Violette *Elementary School*

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**Sarah Van Dam**  
*Principal*

### Embracing Healthy Choices

Violette Elementary School is proud to support healthy lifestyles at school and home. Two new programs will be introduced this year. First is the Mobile Food Pantry. The first delivery was a huge success! Beautiful fresh produce from Second Harvest Food Bank was provided in a farmer's market style. Over 100 families selected from produce including tomatoes, summer squash, apples, plums, honey dew melons, and much more. Parent volunteers assisted with the market and shared ideas for preparing the vegetables and healthy recipes. Padres en Accion will begin training parent volunteers in nutrition, physical activity, parent engagement, and advocacy. These parents will then volunteer on the playground during lunch recess on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to consistently provide high-intensity, skill-based activity to all students. We can't wait to play with our parents!



**Terrific parent volunteers prepare to open the doors at Violette's first Mobile Food Pantry Farmer's Market!**

## Wakeham *Elementary School*

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**Michelle Rushall**  
*Principal*

### Strong School and Family Partnerships

At Wakeham Elementary School we are excited to welcome back students and families. On the first day of school our dedicated PTO officers and teachers greeted families and helped students find their new classes. Creating a strong school and family partnership is a priority at Wakeham. At the beginning of the school year, students in second through sixth grade are encouraged to sign up for Boys and Girls Club which provides after school homework help and extracurricular activities.

We will once again partner with OC GRIP to provide parent greeters, mentors, academic and behavioral incentives, as well as bi-monthly parent education. In addition, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and College and Career Mentoring will continue to offer mentoring for students in second through sixth grade. We are looking forward to our third year of Parents in Action, which trains parents to lead structured recess activities for students three times per week. Wakeham is fortunate to have strong parent involvement that helps to create a community for learning.



**Parents are dedicated to supporting the success of our students.**

## Walton *Intermediate School*

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**Sandra Valencia**  
*Principal*

### New Principal

It is an honor to serve as the new principal of Walton Intermediate School, a state recognized award-winning Honor Roll School.

Walton's rich culture and commitment to providing its students with the highest quality educational experience is one I am proud to be part of. Walton's continued attention to Respect, Ownership, Attitude, and Responsibility (ROAR) can be seen throughout our school, leading to the fostering of a safe, positive and motivating experience for every student.

Every student at Walton has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Our teachers and staff take pride in the academic preparation of our students inside and outside of the classroom, to help them develop into effective and empowered learners.



**Walton's new principal Sandra Valencia spends time getting to know students and promoting a positive school environment for all.**

## Warren *Elementary School*

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**Eileen Young**  
*Principal*

### From Bolts to Beautiful

Walking up to Warren Elementary School's campus, one cannot help but notice the transformation that has taken place over this past summer, thanks to Measure P and GGUSD's

commitment to school improvement!

Not only has the exterior of our campus received a facelift with new paint, roofing, and blacktop for our students, classroom updates have occurred as well. Every classroom has received new cabinetry, air conditioning and an upgraded lighting system, to name a few improvements! Our modern, updated classrooms help to prepare our students for a high quality 21st century education! Students and staff are thrilled that their campus went from bolts to beautiful.

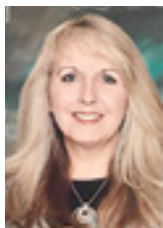


**Second grade students in Mrs. Austin's class show off their gratitude for the new air conditioning and improvements in their classrooms.**



## Woodbury *Elementary School*

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**Rose Jansz**  
*Principal*

### Instilling a Love of Learning

We are excited to have our students back in our remodeled state of the art classrooms. Our remodeled classrooms are fully air conditioned and equipped with interactive technology to engage all learners.

At Woodbury Elementary, we have great teachers who spend hours collaborating, planning, and reflecting on student achievement data to support and engage all of our students. Our rooms are buzzing with excitement as all students actively engage in their learning using technology, group collaboration, exploration, robotics, and much more!

We challenge every student to grow in his or her academic ability and become college ready. Our teachers use research-based best practices to set goals in academic achievement as well as personal growth.



**Students use technology to enhance their classroom learning experience!**

The Woodbury community believes strongly in a growth mindset and instilling scholarly habits that prepare our students for the demands of higher education.

## Zeyen *Elementary School*

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**Gary Gerstner**  
*Principal*

### Students Show Academic Growth

Welcome to the new 2018/2019 school year! Many of our students returned to see their old friends and meet new ones. Our staff welcomed our Cobra Scholars to school with big waves, smiles, and high-fives.

Zeyen Elementary School has a new principal this year and his name is Dr. Gary M. Gerstner. He has worked in GGUSD for over 19 years as an elementary school principal. Before Zeyen Elementary School, Dr. Gerstner was principal at Cook Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary, Garden Park Elementary and Northcutt Elementary. Dr. Gerstner is inspired to be part of the Zeyen educational team. Last year, Zeyen was recognized as a California Distinguished School because of our school's exceptional programs and continued academic growth.

As a school, over the last three years we have seen an additional 15% of our student population become proficient or better in English Language Arts and an additional 12% become proficient or better in Math on the state's SBAC exam. That is double-digit growth. Way to go!



**Zeyen parents and students are all smiles on the first day of the 2018-19 school year!**



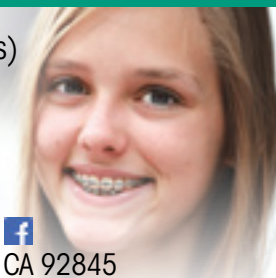
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## Safety in the Car

### Unused Safety Belts

*By Catharine Marroquin, CPSTI*

While critical for passengers' safety, safety belts can be deadly to children in the car. Since 1998, more than 30 cases have been reported in which children as old as 13 had to be cut loose from vehicle belts they had wrapped around their necks or bodies. To make it easier to install safety seats, most safety belts have a retractor that can be switched to locking mode by fully extending the belt. However, if the belt is locked without being buckled, there is no way to loosen it to free a child.. To prevent this:

- When installing a safety seat, follow instructions in both child safety seat and vehicle manuals. After installation, make sure that the shoulder belt cannot be extended. If you install the safety seat using the LATCH connectors, buckle the shoulder-lap belt, lock the retractor, and remove the slack so the belt lies flat against the vehicle seatback BEFORE installing the safety seat with LATCH connectors.
- If your child can reach any unused belt with their hands or feet, buckle and lock a large stuffed animal or pillow in the belt to make sure that it will stay locked.
- If your child is riding in a booster seat, the belt must be snug on the child. Managing the belt is harder for younger children. If your child is in a booster and struggling to keep the belt snug and correctly positioned, choose a safety seat with a harness system instead.

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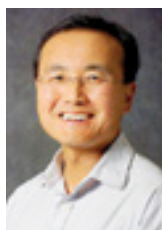
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## Signs of Appendicitis



**Kenneth Kim, M.D.**

*Medical Director,  
Pediatric ICU*

There are many reasons why you could have abdominal pain, including constipation, food poisoning, urinary tract infection, stomach flu – or appendicitis, caused by an inflammation of the appendix. The signs of appendicitis may be confused with other causes of stomach-area pain, yet the consequences may be life-threatening. So how do you know the difference?

Anyone can get appendicitis, but it usually occurs between the ages of 10 and 30 and predominantly affects men. The most

common sign of appendicitis is pain that develops around the navel and then shifts to the lower right abdomen while increasing in severity. Additional symptoms associated with appendicitis may include:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Loss of appetite
- Low fever
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal swelling
- Inability to pass gas

Abdominal pain may worsen after coughing, walking, sneezing, taking a deep breath or experiencing a jarring movement. Not everyone experiences the same symptoms or pain location. For example, young children and pregnant women can have pain elsewhere.

Appendicitis requires immediate medical attention. There is no effective home remedy to treat appendicitis. Treatment may begin with antibiotics and intravenous fluids. Depending on the severity of the condition, surgery, called an appendectomy, may be necessary. A delay in seeking treatment may lead to complications such as:

- Peritonitis (inflammation of the lining of the abdomen)
- Ruptured appendix, resulting in widespread infection
- Death

Recovery is typically quick and complete when people seek treatment right away. For more information about appendicitis, talk with your doctor.



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