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Los Alamitos Unified Announces Districtwide Wellness Plan



Dr. Andrew Pulver
Superintendent

As the school year comes to a close in the midst of a global pandemic mental health and wellness is on the minds of all District stakeholders according to engagement surveys completed by parents and staff. Although Los Alamitos students have been able to take advantage of attending a public school district that was among the first in the state to reopen for in-person instruction, the concerns for mental health and wellness have continued to grow as they have throughout the county and state over the past three years.

Enhancing mental health services to support student wellness is a Board of Education priority goal and on Tuesday, April 27 the Board of Education unanimously supported an expanded district-wide wellness plan, which includes the hiring of additional mental health staff and the creation of a Well Space at Los Alamitos High School. Earlier this school year both Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools opened on-campus Well Spaces with the support of Children's Hospital Orange County (CHOC), Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and the Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF).

We firmly believe that the decision to increase the mental health staffing and provide structured, preventive support that begins in elementary school for

all students will have widespread effects that not only support a student's socioemotional wellbeing, but their academic performance. The National Association School Psychologists has highlighted research that school mental health services can be a key factor in reducing disparities in academic achievement, physical and mental health, and access to quality care. We know that here is a clear connection between mental health and academic performance and that students with higher levels of psychological distress have more difficulty concentrating on their schoolwork; they are less likely to persist when faced with distraction or difficulty.

The Wellness Plan includes foundational elements that will provide professional development for a healthy school workforce as well as continued family-school-community education workshops. In addition, the plan outlines three tiers of support that provide for the promotion of social, emotional and behavioral skills, the support of early intervention for students identified as being at risk for mental health concerns, and targeted interventions for students with serious concerns that impact daily functioning.

The District is beginning the recruitment process to hire the additional mental health practitioners needed to implement that plan and we are confident that an expanded focus on mental health and wellness will further allow us to Ignite Unlimited Possibilities for All Students.

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At last a bit of normalcy is returning to our lives and that is highlighted with students in the classrooms. There are many milestones children experience but we would never have predicted removing masks would be a milestone. We will all look forward to celebrating when that day arrives and especially for children. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Our conversion to digital has been

very well-received and will be our permanent model going forward.

We have included student book reviews on page 11 & 15 to help with your summer choices. If your child would like to be a student columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for information. Also, on page 10 is our word search contest to enjoy and all ages may enter.

Our next issue is October 13.

Have a fun summer!



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Safety is Key to a Fun-Filled Summer!

By Chantel Rothenburger and Danny Luna, coordinators
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Temperatures are rising and summer is around the corner! As COVID-19 restrictions lift and friends and family begin to gather outside, make sure to keep safety top of mind. Follow our tips to have a safe and fun summer:

Sun Safety

Sunburns are caused by overexposure to UV rays and can increase the risk of skin cancer.

- Seek shade. UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday.
- Wear hats that shade the face, scalp, ears and neck.
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB (broad spectrum protection) 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as needed!

Water Safety

Every day, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning.

- Never leave your child in the water without adult supervision, no matter how shallow.
- We recommend using US Coast Guard-approved floatation devices.
- Enroll your child in swimming lessons.
- Install barriers, such as fencing around a swimming pool.

Bug Safety

Protect your family by preventing bites and diseases, like West Nile virus and Lyme disease, which can be transmitted by insects.

- Avoid areas where insects congregate, such as stagnant pools of water.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET.
 - The CDC recommendation for children older than 2-months-of-age is to use 10% to 30% DEET.
 - DEET should not be used on children younger than 2-months-old.
 - Avoid applying DEET on hands, around eyes or mouth.
 - Do not allow children under 10 years of age to apply repellent by themselves.
- When outside in the evenings, cover up with long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks



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Evelyn Garcia
Principal

Outdoor Science School Alternative

This has been quite the year but our Huskies have really blow us away! I am impressed by the perseverance, grit, and flexibility shown by our Huskies during unprecedented times. Whether in person or online, each worked immensely hard. We are so excited to being to enter times of normalcy. The Hopkinson Class of 2021 enjoyed an Outdoor Science School

Alternative in April. They had the opportunity to sled in snow, participate in archery, make smores with Mrs. Garcia, sing campfire songs with Mrs. McElderry and play GaGa ball together. We were so excited to welcome our Huskies@Home to the 5th grade activities as well. It was a week of science, friendship and lots of fun! Our huskies are phenomenal and never seize to amaze with their strength and determination. They have persevered through an unprecedented year with a heart of learning and a commitment to hard work.



Lee *Elementary*

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Amy Vento
Principal

National Blue Ribbon Award Nominee

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I share Lee Elementary School has been nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award! Lee School is nominated as an “Exemplary High Performing School” based on ranking within the top 10% of all California schools on statewide assessments. High expectations for all

learners, innovative instruction, ongoing professional development for teachers, strong home-school partnerships, and a student-first philosophy has earned Lee Elementary an enviable reputation as a top-ranked school in the state and nation.

The heart of Lee’s mission centers on rigorous curriculum, character development, social responsibility and family partnerships. Pride is woven in every word and action at Lee and lives through every student, teacher, and community member. Each day students and staff work hard to live up to being a National Blue Ribbon School. Congratulations to our entire FamiLEE for your commitment to student success!



Los Alamitos *Elementary*

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Gary Willems
Principal

The Place to Be!

Los Alamitos Elementary (LAE) School ends what can only be described as a unique year in education, fully prepared to work this summer to ensure a successful 2021–2022 school year. This summer, LAE will continue to implement the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) plan that we have been working with the Orange County Department of Education planning and designing. The goal of implementing PBIS is to increase positive behaviors on campus, reduce negative behaviors, and create an even safer school than we already have. LAE has taken major strides over the last four years

to increase students' safety, and PBIS is the next step to ensure that all of our students have a safe place to learn.

In addition to PBIS, LAE is also investigating and starting a Culture Club for the 2021–22 school year. The mission of the new Culture Club will be to integrate cultural lessons into our TIGERS education to highlight ethnicities, cultures and traditions from around the world. With LAE being in the top 15% of the most diverse schools in California, we want to highlight and honor our diversity while promoting inclusivity for all our students.

Between implementing PBIS and starting a Culture Club, LAE is ready to move forward into the 2021–22 school year and offer our TIGERS an unparalleled learning experience. LAE is the place to Be!

Los Alamitos *High School*

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Gregg Stone
Interim Principal

LAHS Peace, Love & Homecoming!

Yes, the Griffins celebrated Homecoming April 12 – 16, 2021. Our hard-working ASB set in motion student dress-up days throughout the week.

The highlight of the Homecoming week occurred at half-time of the varsity football game held on campus the night of Friday, April 16th.

All members of the Homecoming Court were escorted onto the center of the football field along with their parents or family members. With drum roll from the stands, Alyssa Mendoza was crowned Homecoming Queen and Trevor Felter donned the crown as Homecoming King. The evening was capped off as the football team topped Newport Harbor High School by a score of 41 – 3.



The following Griffins made up the Homecoming Court:

Queen Candidates:

Avery Gorman, Katherine Kussler, Courtney Lazar, Stephanie McCarthy, Alyssa Mendoza

King Candidates:

Trevor Felter, Gio Paduano, Tyler Roah, Ed Shean, Nico Villanueva

McAuliffe *Middle School*

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Film Festival and Spring Choir Concert

McAuliffe Middle School hosted our first on campus event this past month for our Film Festival and Spring Choir Concert. This combined event featured student-created films, and musical numbers created and performed by McAuliffe students. We were thrilled to open our campus to

Dr. Ryan Weiss-Wright
Principal



host this outdoor movie event, showing all films on two giant inflatable screens. Immediate family members were able to view the films from a designated box, socially distanced from the other guests. Student films told stories of “Grit in the Face of Adversity” and the choir performance was a “Netflix Trip” filled with songs and performances from different popular Netflix shows! We were very grateful to showcase our student work in this forum during this novel year!



McGaugh *Elementary*

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Mental Health Awareness Month

As we near the end of the 2020-2021 school year, the McGaugh community shares a collective hope that the pandemic will soon be over. We also recognize the need to better understand the pandemic’s impact on our teachers, students, and families. And while we may not know the pandemic’s full impact, I’m proud of the courageous conversations the McGaugh community is

having regarding the understanding and support of mental health and wellness, especially with May being Mental Health Awareness Month.

This month, McGaugh Elementary School invited Dr. Jerry Weichman, a popular parenting coach and adolescent psychologist, for a parent engagement event. Dr. Weichman spoke about *The Wired Child: How Screen Time is Changing the Way Children Think and Focus*.

He discussed the impact of COVID-19 and the importance of our children’s emotional health, mental health, and wellness from several perspectives.

Our McGaugh teachers and parents were able to ask questions regarding: How to help our children roll back their use of technology to pre-COVID-19 levels; understanding academic fatigue; how to remain supportive when having conversations about grades; and how to talk to the teachers or staff at McGaugh about what’s happening at home.

This is a two-part series. In the second session, Dr. Weichman will provide tools and advice for parents on how to raise resilient children in the post-pandemic era. As a community, we will continue to look at the pandemic’s impact on teachers, students, and families. And we will continue the conversations regarding how to best support our children getting back on track, staying healthy, and remaining well-balanced students.

Oak Middle School

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Erin Kominsky
Principal

Celebrating Student Success at Oak

This year our students have given their all to stay current with their school work, engage in online and in person lessons, and creatively find ways to “think” outside of the box. It is important that we show our students how proud we are of their efforts. Each month we have PAW awards which include P.A.C.E. (pursuing academic-character excellence), BRAVO (consistent



hard work), and Academic Achievement (outstanding scholarly work). We also have monthly Lion Pride recognitions where teachers nominate students for special achievement, character or perseverance. To keep COVID safe, our special recognitions are now “drive thru” with families decorating their cars with encouraging signs while our staff waive pom poms and cheer our recipients on. Teachers have written a special tribute for the students and a lawn sign, courtesy of our PTA is given for families to proudly display. We are so proud of our Oak lions! Hear us Roar!



Rossmoor Elementary

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Amy Coltey
Principal

Leadership Academy

This month, our fourth- and fifth-grade Knights were given the chance to participate in a Leadership Academy class through LAEF. Many of our Knights were thrilled for this opportunity.

We were excited about this course because it was designed to instill confidence and help children solve problems creatively. This is done through children working together in teams to learn how to collaborate with one another. As a result, this helps develop crucial social-emotional learning skills, which are an essential piece of the puzzle to help students learn the soft skills they need to be productive, successful adults.

Our Knights have been so excited to partake in games and to participate in team-building exercises. The Leadership Academy is also giving students the opportunity to learn how to self-assess and reflect as well!



Weaver *Elementary*

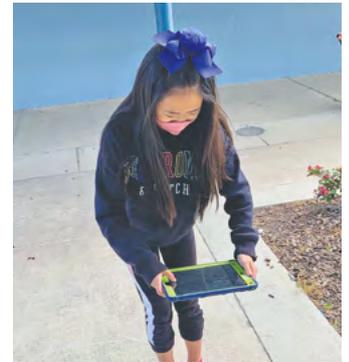
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Dr. Todd Schmidt
Principal

We Did It!

One of the challenges we have all faced this year was replacing the events that have become the cornerstone of our programs, and highlight for our students. One program in particular was the Outdoor Science School, which our fifth-graders look forward to each and every year. Because we could not send our students to OSS, we decided to bring OSS to our students!



Not wanting to add even more to our teachers' overflowing plates, two of our parents, Dr. Sue Hsieh and Mrs. Vicky Vu, took the lead and collaborated with our PTA to create OSS-In-A-Box. This was a series of lessons, activities, and events which would ensure that our fifth-grade students had a week of memory-making experiences.

Through collaboration with the district office and the other five elementary schools, we had everything from geocaching, actual snow, Gaga Ball, archery, photo-collage walks, and interactive STEAM and music lessons. We even had a local pizza parlor donate all of the materials for all six elementary schools to be able to build solar s'more ovens at the end of the week!

Milestones and Firsts—Word Search Contest

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

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

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David's Review



David H.

Funny Mystery Book

Title: *The Boxcar Children #157 – Science Fair Sabotage*

Author: Gertrude Chandler Warner

Would you like to read a funny mystery book? If so, you should read *Boxcar Children #157 Science Fair Sabotage*.



The main characters are siblings Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden. Henry is calm, Jessie is curious, Violet likes photography, and Benny loves food.

Jessie is doing a science fair project on pollution and finds that the stream she's studying is shrinking but can't figure out why. The plot is tricky but the kids work together to solve the mystery. You have to pay attention to the story and details, but if you do, it's worth it because you get to solve the mystery and feel good about yourself!

I liked the book because the author wrote the book in a witty and funny way that makes you feel like you're right there with the Alden kids.

If you love puzzles like I do, this is the book for you!

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

Taeyoung's Book Review



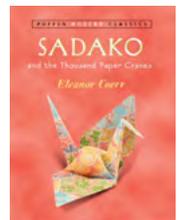
Taeyoung K.

Sadako's Wish

Title: *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

Author: Eleanor Coerr

Have you ever heard about the myth of one thousand paper cranes? This story is based on the real



story of Sadako Sasaki and the thousand paper cranes. Sadako loved running. However, she got the atomic disease, and she couldn't run anymore. One day, her friend, Chizuko, showed her how to make a paper crane and said, "If a sick person folds one thousand paper cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again." She gave Sadako the paper crane that she folded as the first one. Then, she decided to make one thousand paper cranes to make her well. Did she fold one thousand paper cranes? Did her wish come true? This book is not only about Sadako's story, but also about the horrors and tragedy of war. This is a touching and inspirational story. If you are interested in her story, I recommend this book.

Taeyoung K. is a 5th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to play video games, board games, and badminton. She would like to be a person who is kind and helps others.



Daniel's Review



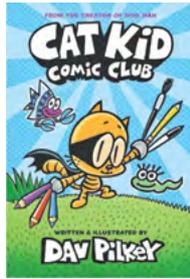
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Funny and Silly

Title: *Cat Kid Comic Club*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Do you like funny and silly books? If you do, you will love *Cat Kid Comic Club* because it's about Li'l Petey from the Dog Man series and this book will make you laugh!



Li'l Petey starts the Cat Kid Comic Club where he and his friend, Molly the tadpole, teach their friends how to make comics.

My favorite part of the book is the show and tell party where everyone in the club shows the comics that they created. Everyone agrees that it's okay to make mistakes because you can always improve yourself.

You should read this book because it is a funny book that has no scary parts, no violence, and teaches a good lesson. The author also uses silly words and pictures in this book. I read this book very quickly with a smile on my face and you will too!

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

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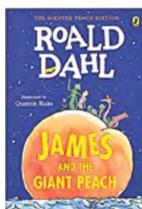
Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Whoa, a Giant Peach!

James and the Giant Peach is a classic children story written by Roald Dahl. The story is about James, an orphan boy who was forced to live with his wicked aunts after he lost his parents in a horrible rhinoceros accident. One day,



James received a bag of magic crystals from an old man. The man said these crystals would change his life forever. James accidentally spilled the crystals on his aunts' peach tree. The peach fruit kept growing bigger and bigger. It grew big enough for James to fit inside. From that point on, his adventure began.

The story is magical and suspenseful. Reading this book taught me the importance of friendship and having hopes and dreams. I recommend this book for anyone who loves magic and mystery. Since this book is not very warm and fuzzy, it may be best for kids who can separate facts and fiction or younger kids to read with parents.

Kailani is a 3rd grader who loves to read. When not playing with her baby brother, Kailani likes to color and draw. She started taking Spanish lessons while sheltering-in-place. Horseback riding and skate boarding are the new activities she enjoys. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

Sean's Book Review



Sean

The Tomb of a Dead Emperor

The Tyrant's Tomb is the fourth book in Rick Riordan's series, Trials of Apollo. Apollo (aka Lester Papadopoulos) was banished from Mount Olympus (home of the Greek Gods) by the



almighty Zeus. During his exile, he experienced many adventures and losses. Meg, his 12 year-old gifted assistant, travels with him to a Roman demi-god camp, where they are greeted by lots of old war friends. Apollo has a vision and tells the camp to prepare for a gruesome war caused by two evil Roman emperors, both with whom Apollo had treacherously fought recently. He then needs to go on a dangerous journey investigating a Roman ghost tomb for crucial information. The vivid details of the battle preparation and fighting scenes are riveting. Overall, this book is a solid 5/5 and I hope you eventually read this amazing series!

Sean is a 6th grader who enjoys playing basketball and volleyball. He loves to teach his dog, Chewie, tricks and taking him on walks. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was spending time with his family in nature.



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Tyson's Book Review

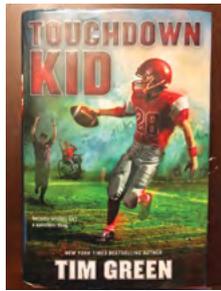


Tyson

Never Give Up

Touchdown Kid by Tim Green

Cory is an awesome football player from the Westside. He is 11 years old and is just moving into middle school, along with his friend, Liam. A



well-known coach from HBS, an elite junior high school, is giving a scholarship to a player he thinks is good enough to play football there. If Cory gets it, he will get to live in a nice neighborhood with a host family in a cozy home, and play football, his passion. His best friend's brother isn't the nicest guy and pulls him into trouble. If he is late, he won't play. What will he do? This is his dream. Find out more about this crazy adventure and read *Touchdown Kid*. This book is great and pulls me in. I can relate a lot to this book and if you're an athlete, you'll love it. I'm not much of a bookworm and I rate it 5 out of 5 stars!

Tyson is a 7th grader who enjoys playing basketball, skateboarding, and video games. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. The best thing about quarantine was having extra time to play with his dog and meeting new neighborhood friends!

Yoona's Review

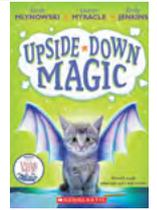


Yoona C.

Magic goes...

Title: *Upside Down Magic*

Author: Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins



This book is a book where magic is real. A girl named Nory Horace lived with her father, sister, and brother. Nory was a fluxer. Fluxers turn into animals. Every single time she wanted to become an animal she would have turned into that animal, but the other half would be another animal. When she turned into those things she would cause a lot of problems. Nory wanted to get to Sage Academy but she failed. After that her Aunt comes and takes Nory to Upside-Down School. Upside-Down School is a school where people go if they have Upside-Down magic. She enjoys Upside-Down school but she wants to be normal still. She then uses a box to help her and Elliot get out of Upside-Down School. She succeeds but she starts thinking how she is going to miss Upside-Down magic and her friends. Will Nory leave the school or not?

Yoona is a 3rd grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys singing and listening to music.

Katie's Review



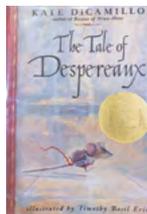
Katie C.

An Adventurous Mouse

Title: *The Tale of Despereaux*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

Have you ever felt like an outsider? Or like someone who didn't fit in? That's exactly how Despereaux, the tiny mouse with large ears, felt like in his family of mice. He



learns to read (which is forbidden) instead of eating books, and despite the consequences he faces, he continues to stay curious and explore the human world that has been largely left untouched for many years. Once he meets Princess Pea, he realizes that humans aren't as bad or dangerous as the mice claim to be. Rather, he wants to get to know them more and be able to live harmoniously with them, as they had once done before. In multiple adventures and close scares, Despereaux, accompanied by his companions, set out to rescue the princess from the danger that awaits. Will he be able to save her and unite the mice and humans? Read to find out! If you enjoy reading adventurous books, I recommend this book to you.

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

Jenna's Review



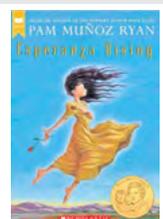
Jenna C.

Riches to Rags

Title: *Esperanza Rising*

Author: Pam Munoz Ryan

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be rich almost your whole life then become poor all of a sudden? Well this is the story of a girl named Esperanza. She used to live a luxurious life but one day when her father died everything went downhill. Esperanza's Uncle asked Esperanza's mother for a hand in marriage, of course she denied but then Esperanza's Uncle wasn't expecting that answer. Later one night her uncle set their nice house on fire! Then, Esperanza's mother accepted the proposal. But, something no one knew was Esperanza's mother planned an escape for California where they were free. They managed to escape secretly with a few friends, leaving her grandmother behind. They later landed in California in a camp that provided food and a place to stay as long as they worked. But, a few months later her mother got sick! Do you think Esperanza can save up enough money to bring her grandma? Do you think her mother will survive? I give this book 5 out of 5.



Jenna is a 5th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and painting. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

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Classified School Employees of the Year



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

Classified staff members are known for performing essential roles that promote the health, safety and success of all students.

In the face of a global pandemic, however, their actions were nothing short of awe-inspiring. Exhibiting ingenuity, creativity and dedication, these school employees more than met the moment to support schools and families.

If you're not familiar with the term "classified employees," you are certainly aware of their contributions. This group includes office clerks, custodians, instructional assistants, technicians, bus drivers, maintenance workers and other non-certificated staff members who make our schools and district facilities run smoothly and efficiently.

Classified employees are often the first to greet students as they arrive on campus, and they're the ones who clean our schools and lock the doors at night. As such, these employees forge strong connections with our communities, and they are deeply invested in student achievement.

It was no surprise then that these workers went above and beyond in the COVID-19 era to ensure that Orange County students had access to healthy meals, technology for remote learning, health and wellness supports, and campuses that met the highest safety standards once in-person instruction resumed. They performed these roles with patience, grace and reassuring smiles that were apparent in spite of face coverings.

Of course, many of these unsung heroes prefer to work quietly behind the scenes. But now is the time to pull back the curtain and give them a standing ovation.

The California Department of Education created the Classified School Employees of the Year program about 13 years ago to spotlight the contributions of these professionals, and while there are so many who are worthy of our praise and admiration, the Orange County Department of Education recently selected nine local winners by job category.

The 2021 Orange County Classified School Employees of the Year are:

- Allison Goettman, school clerk, La Habra City School District (Clerical and Administrative Services)
- Miguel Laris, senior custodian, Westminster School District (Custodian and Maintenance Services)
- Rosemary Tamayo, food services lead, Garden Grove Unified School District (Food and Nutrition Services)
- **Cassandra Palacios, licensed vocational nurse, Los Alamitos Unified School District (Health and Student Services)**
- Jessica Lee, paraeducator, Huntington Beach City School District (Paraprofessional)
- Patricia Mendez, activity monitor, Santa Ana Unified School District (Security Services)
- Adrian Prieto, HVAC technician, Anaheim Union High School District (Skilled Trades)
- Chris Martinez, systems network technician, Magnolia School District (Technical Services)
- Mathew Sobelman, bus driver, Huntington Beach Union High School District (Transportation Services)

These individuals will be formally celebrated by OCDE and Schools First Federal Credit Union during Classified School Employee Week, which begins May 17. Each is also eligible to compete for state and national honors.

They are certainly deserving of that and more, because these employees weren't just honored for their technical skills; they were selected for the care, empathy and compassion they showed to others.

In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out."

We have endured a great storm over the past year. But the kindness and dedication of our classified workers was never more evident, and these are traits that will endure long after the pandemic is over.