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New Orchestra Class

By Caroline Wilkes, Student
Ensign Intermediate School

This year, Ensign Intermediate School is offering a new elective class—orchestra!

This class is taught by Mrs. Grenier, who also teaches beginning and concert band and choir. Students can choose from many different string instruments, including violin, viola, cello, and bass.

Last year, orchestra and beginning band was a joint class. However, this year, Mrs. Grenier and her students are excited to have two separate classes because, as Nelson Morales, a current eighth-grade orchestra member, stated, "It's much better this year because we get to have more time with Mrs. Grenier, and we play better because we have her full attention instead of having to share her with the band students."

Mrs. Grenier's goal for her orchestra students is for them to be able to read music well and to improve their musical abilities with their instruments by the end of the year.



Horace Ensign Intermediate Orchestra

It's Not Too Late for a Flu Shot



By Annette Dunn, R.N., B.S.
School Health Services

The flu season typically lasts from October to May, with most cases occurring between December through March. Ideally, it is most effective to receive the flu vaccine prior to the flu season. However, getting it later in the season does offer protection. In other words, it is not too late to get your flu shot!

**Merry Grasska
RN, MPH, FNP-C**
Health Services
Coordinator

Who should get a flu shot? The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone over the age of six months should be vaccinated. It is especially important for those people who are immuno-compromised, or under the age of four years, or over 50.

There are other high-risk groups that should be vaccinated too, so please check with your health care provider.

How can my family get a flu shot? There are many resources for flu vaccine in our community, including your doctor or health care provider. There are also Web sites like www.flu.gov to help you find one. The Orange County Health Care Agency is another good resource, at www.ochealthinfo.com.

What if I get the flu? If you are feeling flu-like symptoms such as fever, aches, chills, cough and a runny nose, please remember to stay home from school or work except when seeking medical care. The flu can be easily spread in populated settings just by airborne droplets. And the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

Preschool Enrollment 2011–2012 School Year



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



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academic excellence, music, goal
setting, technology and so much more...

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Gang Prevention Collaboration



William M. Habermehl
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It has been noted that one of the best ways to prevent youth from joining gangs is to strengthen families and schools. This includes improving community supervision and parent and teacher training on youth management and interpersonal skills development. This idea, endorsed by the office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is the foundation for the recently successful gang prevention conferences hosted by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), Safe Schools and Support Services Office (Safe Schools).

In 2010, OCDE was awarded funding from the Orange County Health Care Agency to provide school-based mental health services, including county-wide gang prevention, early intervention, mediation, crisis response, and training.

The Overarching Goals Included:

- Collaborate with school districts, community organizations, law enforcement, and faith-based organizations to provide a comprehensive understanding of why youth join gangs, how to support their exit from gang involvement, and what resources are available
- Train service providers and mental health professionals on best practice techniques for working with gang-involved youth
- Provide a multi-disciplinary forum to share evidence-based strategies proven effective with high-risk youth

One strategy used to meet these goals was hosting a series of Gang Prevention

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The Newport Beach CERT program schedules and applications are available on the city of Newport Beach Web site at www.newportbeachca.gov, under the Fire Department link or at www.nbcert.org. Interested participants can also e-mail Community Preparedness Coordinator Matt Brisbois at nbcert@nbfcd.net or call (949) 644-3112 for additional program information.



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- **Financial Health:** Making saving a habit will help you face any unforeseen financial challenges that may come your way and will get you through most hard times. Live simply and within your means. Since the tax season is just around the corner, if you are one of the lucky ones who might be receiving a tax refund from the Internal Revenue Service, use the funds wisely. Pay down one of your loans or credit cards, set aside some for savings or open an Individual Retirement Account. You may even save money for a down payment on a new car or towards the purchase of a home.
- **Knowledge and Skills:** It's important that you take the time to improve your skills and knowledge and even acquiring new talents or hobbies along the way. The more you know, the better off you are! You'll have a better chance of selling yourself to prospective employers in this current competitive market if you are thinking of moving jobs or changing careers. Knowledge is wealth and you're likely to enjoy life more.

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So it is with this in mind that we reflect and honor some of our fantastic drivers that, within the last year or so, have chosen to enter the next phase of their lives. It is doubtful that these drivers will miss the early morning pre-trips, the late night returns from field trips, or traffic on the roads.

However, they will certainly miss the connections that they have made with customers and fellow staff. More significantly, they will miss the difference they made in the thousands of student lives that they touched. And we will definitely miss them.

So we say a fond goodbye to drivers Lori Fleurent, Ellen Wilder, Greg Kruly, Susanne Brown, Taraur (T.R.) Ria, Willie Pickering and Erica Aviles. Our transportation department will not be the same without them.

Although we can never replace such quality people in our hearts, we can replace them in the drivers' compartments of our buses!

The process for training new school bus drivers is an ongoing one that is both lengthy and thorough. It should be, too, since those who are selected are charged with driving our children.

Only the safest drivers make it through the multiple safety screenings, classroom training, behind-the-wheel training, CHP testing and hiring process. We have recently hired some high quality people who we are sure will serve our students, parents and community well.

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Karen Kendall
Director

Happy New Year!

This 2012 year promises to be a great one for the thousands of English learners in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District!

Our parents and guardians are busy learning about educational culture and language. The District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meets once a month to help them navigate the often complex explanations. This group is led by eight DELAC co-officers who demonstrate extraordinary leadership and vision.

During the rest of the school year, DELAC will be treated to a number of different speakers who will address topics of interest to parents. This month we will greet Dr. Steve McLaughlin, our director of secondary instruction and curriculum. He will walk us through high school graduation requirements and then answer questions.

Our students are intent on learning. Therefore a myriad of activities and interventions are in place at each school to ensure that every student is receiving the targeted instruction they need. For example, we have assessed each English learner as to their specific instructional reading level so that we can target the appropriate interventions if they are struggling.

Moreover, our goal is to reclassify every learner to Reclassified Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP). So prior to February 24, 2012, each school is examining the reclassification criteria to make sure that all eligible students will be reclassified.

This is an exciting time for celebration, as hundreds of our former ELs will now be reclassified to R-FEP!

We continue to focus laser-like on student achievement for each of our English learners!

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Small Changes Make a Big Difference

By Pam Williams, M.P.H., R.D., Nutritionist

Throughout the media, we hear that the United States has an obesity problem. We are exercising less, eating fewer fruits and vegetables, and drinking more sodas than we did in the past. But this is no longer true for Yolanda Torres and her family. For five weeks, Mrs. Torres attended the Network for a Healthy California's Nutrition Institute at College Park Elementary School. Here, she learned how to improve her health and the health of her family.

"Our family has made quite a few changes, and we are so happy we did," she said with a smile. "First, we got rid of the sodas and replaced them with water. Second, we eat together and pile our plates with more fruits and vegetables than ever before. And third, we exercise together, too. We walk, run, or ride our bikes for 40 minutes to an hour."

Are these changes making a difference? "My husband and I have lost weight by making these changes," Mrs. Torres said. "I used to take medication for pain in my legs, but with all of the physical activity, water and fresh fruits and vegetables, I no longer have the pain and...no more medicine."

Mrs. Torres added, "My husband and I are getting to know our children better because we now spend a lot of time together. Small changes are making a big difference!"

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The Big Bash!

Adams Elementary School held a Big Bash in November to reward 76 students who sold over 10 items or items that totaled \$100 or more in a Cherrydale fund-raiser. The items sold included various gift items, gift wrap and candies. Students sold Cherrydale items using online shopping as well as traditional sales to family and friends. Many students were motivated by the exciting prizes for them.

The Big Bash featured fun games, music and activities, including The Chicken Dance” and The Cha Cha Slide, which allowed students to play, win prizes and have fun in the multipurpose room for an hour. Second-grader Espi Logan especially enjoyed the Chicken Dance, the limbo was Devion Barnes’s favorite activity, and Alyssa Brich loved the purple blinking ring she won in the Limbo Contest.

This fund-raiser brought in \$6,500 for Adams School, which will be used to support the enriching educational programs Adams offers, like Art Masters. The Big Bash and the Cherrydale Fundraiser happened thanks to the dedicated efforts of Adams School PTA Volunteers.



Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Preparing Students for Independent Success

Monte Vista High School students will complete their first semester in the coming weeks. Independent study students are on the same calendar as the comprehensive sites. The biggest difference is that, when you are enrolled in independent study, you attend school for a minimum of two hours weekly, complete the majority of academic work at home, and are enrolled in one course at a time. The average course takes three full weeks to complete, or about 60 hours. Student course work with Monte Vista runs parallel to the district requirements for graduation. Course work, technology proficiency, California High School Exit Exams, and community service requirements for Back Bay and Monte Vista are identical to the district’s requirements for Estancia, Costa Mesa, Corona del Mar, and Newport Harbor High Schools. Students in tenth and eleventh grades are also subject to the same state-level testing as all California state students.

Frequently students who are working full-time, attending a community college, preparing for a competitive sport, or suffering from an illness which prevents them from attending school on a daily basis will choose independent study. If you are interested in working independently, talk to your school counselor. You can also contact the school directly by calling Kelly at (949) 515-3389.

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CAN (Children Addressing Needs) Adopt-A-Family Project

Andersen classrooms were brimming with gifts galore, Toasters, sweaters, toys, and oh so much more! Andersen CAN is our program for school outreach. The children have learned through giving more than we could teach. With parents, teachers, and the student council planting the seed, Our school collaborated to help those in need. Andersen adopted seven families to make spirits bright To both those who are in need and those sharing the delight! Capturing the families and our student’s smiles, Has made our CAN outreach incredibly worthwhile!



Andersen CAN shares donated gifts to the Murillo family during the holiday season.

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Six Weeks of Science

In January, we were lucky to have “Dr. Mike” come in to do a science presentation for our second- and third-grade students. Dr. Mike has the amazing ability to capture the students’ attention with his enthusiasm for science and his water-bottle rocket launcher. While the children are enthralled with how high the rockets are flying, he is able to teach them about the physics involved in launching the bottle as well as the laws of gravity when it returns to Earth.

Another science class that we are excited to have as a part of our after-school selection is our Brain Builders, which uses construction blocks.

The students began their first six-week session of the class, in which they learn about the science behind the building of many different types of structures.

We have two more six-week sessions scheduled that will be based around catapults and race cars.



College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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Julie McCormick
Principal

Building Healthy Habits Early

College Park Elementary School continues to take pride in its ongoing nutrition and exercise education programs. Recently, the largest class of parents graduated from the Parent Nutrition Institute, a six-week fall course that taught preparation of healthy meals and habits as well as tips for shopping on a budget. All participants kept track of their weight loss, and four were responsible for 100 pounds lost by the end of the program. "Weigh" to go!

Currently, cooking classes for the whole family are being offered at College Park on one Wednesday per month from 1:15–2 p.m. In addition, physical education instructor Kim O'Shea Barney has implemented the Fit Club, a once-weekly after-school program filled with age-specific fitness and sports activities for students. Beginning in February, Thursday Running Club practices will be led by College Park teachers Julie Smith and Greg Wotta. They will prepare the students for the Spirit Run on March 4, Costa Mesa Community Run on April 28 and KROC (Kids Run the Orange County Marathon) on May 5.

In a world where lack of exercise and fast food prevail, teachers and staff are dedicated to teaching students and parents how to stay fit, eat healthy and do better in school because of it. As sixth-grader Hanna Carrillo puts it, "It (KROC) is really fun to do because they teach us exercises, and you get to hang out with other kids from school while doing something fun...you don't know that you're exercising because you're having so much fun!"

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eReading

Back in 2000, Stephen King released *Riding the Bullet* solely as an eBook, the first time this had been done. It was such a big hit that he went on to do another book shortly thereafter. Here at the Corona del Mar High School (CdMHS) Library, we are also attempting to break new ground by offering eBook selections.

The CdMHS Library recently purchased more than 100 eBooks, primarily fiction. There are many uses for eBooks aside from personal reading enjoyment. These electronic resources are excellent for teaching instruction, use in computer labs, and research. Although some argue that eBooks will eventually make print materials obsolete, our mission is to support the teaching curriculum and provide students with other options for their reading requirements. Students are more engaged with eBooks through the use of highlighting, note taking, and word playback, which are accessed through interactive features. A wide range of reading levels are available in eBook format, including graphic novels and reluctant reader picks for our English-language learners, Special Education students, and those reading below grade level. All this is available without any special reading device and can be downloaded to any computer free of charge within seconds. Of course, not having to worry about returning the eBook on time is always a plus with busy students, as it automatically returns after the allotted time period.

Technology changes the way we operate but it doesn't change the importance of libraries and reading skills. CdMHS Library is excited about the possibilities this new technology has to offer.

Costa Mesa *High School (7-12)*

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Aaron Peralta
Principal, 7-8
Grade



Phil D'Agostino
Principal, 9-12
Grade

Leaders in ROP Enrollment!

Costa Mesa High School students signed up in record numbers for the upcoming spring semester Coastline ROP classes! Students taking ROP are involved in rigorous and high-quality programs that contribute to their academic and career achievement. With courses such as Medical Nursing Careers Internship, Fire Science 101, Retail Sales and Merchandising Internship, and Automotive Technology, there is certainly something for everyone! In many of these courses, students are

training in actual business and industry facilities such as automotive dealerships, hospitals and financial institutions. Students who take ROP gain a unique edge in the workforce by successfully completing ROP classes.

ROP provides students with valuable career and technical education so that students can enter the workforce with skills and competencies to be successful, pursue advanced training in postsecondary institutions, and upgrade existing skills and knowledge. ROPs are a major resource in California's workforce-development system to address the shortage of highly qualified, skilled and diverse workforce. Most importantly, ROP classes are giving our Mesa students the opportunity to learn both academic and occupational skills for future success in a career of a student's choosing.

Congratulations, Costa Mesa High School ROP students—have a terrific semester!

Davis *Magnet School (K-6)*

1050 Arlington Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7930



Dr. Kevin Rafferty
Principal

After-School Academy Classes

All Davis Magnet School students in grades K-6 have the opportunity to attend fee-based After-School Academy classes. Four different five-week after-school enrichment cycles are offered throughout the school year. Each class meets on a particular day of the week immediately after the regular school day ends.

The After School Academy classes being offered in our second session are Make a Museum, designed for students in kindergarten; Art and the Sea, designed for students in grades 1-2; Crystals, Gems, and Minerals, designed for students in grades 3-4; and Video Game Analysis, designed for students in grades 4-6. These After School Academy classes are very popular, and each section fills up fast. We look forward to offering students at all grade levels a variety of unique and enriching after-school learning opportunities as the school year unfolds.

Our next two five-week After School Academy sessions will begin in March and May. The course content and the grade-level offerings for our various After School Academy classes will be determined as we move through the year.

In addition, Davis Magnet School offers fee-based After School Academy classes in Academic Chess, LEGO Club and LEGO Robotics. Coming soon are fee-based After School Academy foreign language classes, including Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese. In addition, free table hockey tournaments are offered one Saturday per month.

At Davis Magnet School our mission is learning—after school, too! Bookmark our Davis Magnet School website, and visit often!



Early College *High School (9–12)*

2990 Mesa Verde Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/241-6108



Kathy Slawson
Principal

Getting Ahead

The Orange County Register recently named ECHS as one of the 2012 best public high schools in Orange County. All of the high schools were ranked upon their academic accomplishments and preparation for college. In the end ECHS was awarded the level of silver medal status, the No. 1 academic standing and the No. 5 overall.

“Our shared attitude just proves that any student, regardless of background, can be successful if they are motivated,” said Anne Zachan, an English teacher and senior project coordinator at ECHS. She added that, “Students at ECHS know we have high expectations and they know the teachers will help them reach their goals.”

Noted one of our seniors, Alec Victor: “If you’re adamant about going to college, then this is the school to come to, because this school is so focused on academics.”

For many ECHS students the decision to attend boils down to two main factors: the fact that they can save money and also get college credit while completing their high school diploma. “I think Early College gives you a competitive edge,” said junior McKenna Gordon, who wants to go directly to a four-year college after graduation. “This shows the colleges that I’m definitely ready to succeed.”

In March, ECHS will begin accepting applications for the next school year. Applications can be found on the school’s Web site, at earlycollege.nmusd.us.

Horace Ensign *Intermediate School (7–8)*

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Eastbluff *Elementary (K–6)*

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

So Much to Celebrate

Eastbluff Elementary School was selected once again as an Honor Roll School, a statewide recognition of academic excellence from the California Business for Educational Excellence Foundation. This acknowledges our students’ hard work and achievement on the 2011 California Standardized Testing And Reporting (STAR) assessment and met the following criteria: we met our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals, and proficiency levels were above 80 percent. We also continue to be recognized by *The Orange County Register* as a Bronze Level School!

Eastbluff has a strong commitment to the academic achievement of all students as we focus on our professional learning communities. We are utilizing the Voyager and Lexia literacy intervention programs to address the needs of students who are struggling in reading. These programs are used in kindergarten through sixth grade for targeted, small-group instruction within the Universal Access portion of the school day. These state-approved reading intervention programs address the big five reading components: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Reading and math intervention are provided through our Learning Lab with Ms. Adams, Ms. Bixler, and Ms. Yoffa. Another resource available is the Reading and Homework Club. Mrs. Yoffa has opened the library each morning from 8 to 8:30 a.m. for students to complete homework, study for tests, or enjoy reading books.

Estancia *High School (9–12)*

2323 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6500



Kirk Bauermeister
Principal

A Reason to Celebrate

Recognition and celebration are major themes this year at Estancia High School.

Each quarter a special event recognizes over 70 students for their academic achievements, improvement and/or citizenship. Our parents are invited to attend this event and help join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

In early March, Estancia will be acknowledging those students who were selected by their teachers as “Student of the Quarter” for the second quarter of the school year. We will also be recognizing the students who earned a 3.5 GPA or more during the first semester, as well as those with perfect attendance and the English-language learners who were recently reclassified as English proficient.



A list of the students who are recognized each quarter is on display at the campus bulletin board. It is also posted on the school’s Web site and sent to all of our families via School Loop.

Over the winter break the Estancia and Tewinkle Schools Foundation funded the painting of an Honor Wall on the Estancia campus. This recognizes all of the school valedictorians dating back to our first graduating class. It will also serve as a daily reminder about our focus on learning.

To celebrate the great dedication of our school employees, each month the Estancia staff nominates a special certificated and classified staff member. These individuals are then recognized at our monthly staff meetings.

Harbor View *Elementary (K-6)*

900 Goldenrod Ave., Corona del Mar, CA 92625 • 949/515-6940



Charlene Metoyer
Principal

A Balanced Education

Harbor View Elementary is fortunate to be in partnership with the Pacific Symphony. As part of our “Class Act” program we are being exposed and inspired by both the great composers of the past and our talented local musicians.

This year we are honored to have Robert Slack as our resident musician. The students will also become familiar with the percussion section of the orchestra, and our chosen composer will be Aaron Copeland. You couldn’t ask for a better team!

The Pacific Symphony will come to Harbor View for a prelude assembly which will introduce the composer and the musician. The students will then have an opportunity later in the year to attend a real symphony performance at Segerstrom Concert Hall. The students will also learn about Copland from Robert Slack in classroom lessons, and then demonstrate their learning in a Bravo! assembly in the late spring.

PFO Chairperson Adriana Foucher has worked with JoAnn Borg and Pam Caskey, teacher representatives, and Lynne Abraham-Yadlin, the Pacific Symphony’s regional manager, to help organize and facilitate this incredible program.

Along with regular weekly music instruction by Linda Messenger, our Harbor View students are now getting the kind of balanced education that is valued by the Harbor View community.

Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

3155 Killybrooke Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7945



Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

New Tools for Success

Our Killybrooke fifth- and sixth-grade students love to use their individual netbooks to both acquire and communicate their learning. Netbooks are small lightweight laptop computers which our students can use to write, research and communicate.

Every day the children log on to their classroom blogs to respond to writing prompts. They access a special “glog” set up by their teacher. This gives them the opportunity to use a number of resources that are available for further research and skills reinforcement.

Our teachers have discovered that their students are incredibly motivated to use these netbooks to research the topics that they are studying in class. They have seen great improvement too in the quality and organization of their students’ writing projects.

The children have told us that their favorite netbook activities include writing about their daily prompt on the classroom blog; using Dictionary.com to learn about the definitions of new words; using SMART Notebook and PowerPoint to create presentations; and doing research with Google.



Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

2130 Santa Ana Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6950



Jerry Vlasic
Principal

Kaiser Musicians!

Kaiser Elementary School is proud of our wonderful music program. Kaiser musicians participate in a myriad of opportunities. Students can choose to be part of band, percussion ensembles, strings, and chorus. Our own Mrs. Audrey Seidman leads the program...which expanded this year to such a degree that every instrument we have is in use! Last month, students in grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 showcased their talent in an evening of progress concerts. One night—many musical programs (percussion ensemble, orchestra, band, and chorus).-



Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

3101 Pacific View Drive, Corona del Mar, CA 92625 • 949/515-6955



Jane Holm
Principal

Multiplication Mania

In December, the Lincoln third grade added a little flare to curriculum. Multiplication was kicked off with a bang during Multiplication Mania Week. All third graders participated in math centers focused on Multiplication Concepts. The students twisted, read, wrote, examined, counted, and ate our way through multiplication. Great literature that supported this concept is the *Hershey's Book of Multiplication* and *Each Orange Had 8 Slices*. Our great Lincoln parents helped support our learning with over 30 helpers per day! Our students now have a great understanding of multiplication concepts and are quickly learning their facts!



Putting Multiplication to Work!

Mariners

Elementary (K-6)

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Newport Coast

Elementary (K-6)

6655 Ridge Park Road, Newport Coast, CA 92657 • 949/515-6975



Pam Coughlin
Principal

Sixth-Grade Oral History Tea

For over 20 years, Mariners has been hosting an Oral History Tea. This is a major project that takes three months to complete. The students chose someone 50 years older than they are who is an important part of their lives. Next, they developed a list of at least 100 questions and interviewed their subjects. The students were amazed at what they found out about their lives. They then chose the best and most interesting questions and wrote an oral history of that person.

The honorees and relatives of the students came to the tea, held in December. The Penne Ferrell Theater was decked out with beautiful decorations. Students then presented the memorized speech about their special someone. The students also gave a gift of music to everyone. They sang “You’re My Favorite Person,” “Peace on Earth,” “Hanukkah Holiday” and “Peace, Peace.”

Students shared that this project touched them in significant ways. They now had more understanding about the person they wrote about. It was also very interesting to learn how they lived when they were sixth-graders and how much the world has changed. Hearing advice from a more mature and wiser human seemed to top the list of everyone’s favorite new experiences.

It was, indeed, a very good time for all.



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

For Goodness’s Sake

Newport Coast Elementary School remains committed to the needs of others as we support nonprofit organizations and support the less fortunate in our community.

NCE held our Susan G. Komen Foundation fund-raiser and raised awareness among all of our students about women’s cancer. Students were able to reflect upon those people in their families and in their lives who have been affected by the disease. Over \$1,000 was raised for this cause.

Students raised over \$700 for men’s prostate cancer research during the November Men’s Cancer Awareness Month.

In December, over 19 classrooms, the teacher and students’ families supported the second annual Adopt a Family Program at NCE. Less fortunate families from the Costa Mesa area were selected. Classes provided gifts for the family and brightened their holiday.

All of these events have a positive impact on others and provides opportunity for children to learn.

Newport

Elementary (K-6)

1327 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6965



Amy Nagy
Principal

Technology Takes Over

Newport Elementary continues to diffuse technology across the curriculum to support student mastery of the state content standards. Thanks to our wonderful Foundation, many classrooms now have SMART Boards. Students and teachers are making the most of this new technology.

During a walk through our classrooms, for example, you might find students using the SMART Board to enhance an oral presentation or conduct research, and teachers leading students on virtual field trips and making the most of the board’s interactive nature to keep students engaged during a lesson. Technology coordinator Tiffany Lewis noted that “teachers and students are excited about this technology addition. We have seen a big increase in student engagement and achievement, especially in the area of math. To ensure that we make the most of our new technology, teachers are attending after-school trainings.”



Kathleen Jaquin
Principal

Go, Trash–Go Green!

This year, Newport Heights has been making a tremendous effort to go green. The Heights has embarked on a great recycling program for the school year. The campus has been collecting all types of recyclables and placing them inside a large recycling bin that has been placed on the campus. All types of recyclable items, including paper, magazines, cardboard, newspapers, bottles and cans, are being deposited into the bin instead of in trash cans.

The effort has been led by our school’s PTA and Student Council. Once a week, Student Council members are responsible for collecting and emptying the recycling bags that have been placed in each classroom, the office and workrooms. The cafeteria and Lunch Lady Lin have even helped pitch in by sending off all those empty pizza boxes once a week to be recycled. So far, the bin has been filled up and emptied each and every month.

The funds that have been received from the program have gone back to the Student Council, school beautification and needed supplies. Newport Heights is also encouraging the community to participate in the recycling program by dropping off plastic bottles and newspapers every Friday morning. The Heights appreciates all of the hard work our PTA and the Student Council have put into this great project.

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Valentine's Day is the time for crafts! So make a gift for someone special at one of our back-to-back craft programs. We will be hosting "Valentine Crafts" on Monday, February 13 at 4 p.m. at the Mariners Branch, and also at the Central Library on Tuesday, February 14 at 4 p.m. The "Craft Club" for children in grades K-2 will make Valentine-themed crafts as well.

Be sure to "Leap into Crafts" at the Corona del Mar Branch at 3:30 p.m. on February 29. Here you can spend your Leap Day creating crafts that will make you "leap" for joy!

In early March we will also be hosting several neat programs. Say "Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" on Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Balboa Branch. We will be celebrating this classic author's birthday with crafts and activities.

The Central Library's "Picture Book Art" program on Tuesday, March 6 at 4 p.m. will be a creative afternoon of making art in the style of the more popular picture book artists.

Online registration is required for these programs. For more information on how to register, please visit www.newportkids.org. Be sure to "love your library's" collection of books, CDs, DVDs and databases, too. And please come down this month to make some great crafts with the Newport Beach Public Library!



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By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

It's a sad fact that with the current economic situation in this country, library funding is being drastically reduced—and now when libraries are more important than ever. Nearly a million more books are being checked out every year at local libraries. Children's programs are seeing significant increases in demand, and libraries are having a difficult time providing the most basic services.

Worse, schools have been forced to cut back on library services, and some have closed their libraries entirely, putting more pressure on public library systems. All children should be going to the library weekly to check out books, roam the library to find their interests and, most importantly, instill in them a love of reading. This is hard to do when libraries cannot keep up with demand.

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Michael Vossen
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Taking the Hurt Away

BRIDGES is a program through Orange County Human Relations with the mission of improving intergroup relations by partnering with schools and communities to create, advocate and sustain a safe, inclusive climate that respects society's diversity.

The week of January 9, Newport Harbor High School's BRIDGES facilitated an Anti-Bullying Week as part of its "That's W.H.A.C.K" (Words Hurt and Can Kill) campaign. Students were encouraged to participate in the activities and educate themselves about the effects of bullying.

Besides daily announcements, there were posters around campus with statistics about bullying. Students took a look at these posters and were able to win prizes

if they did well in the Anti-Bullying Week Game.

Students also signed a pledge to be one less bully. An OC Human Relations representative shared a personal story about being bullied and educated students on how to make a difference.



Pomona *Elementary (K-5)*

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Megan Elsten Brown
Principal

Lights, Camera, Action!

As part of the Green Schools Program, Pomona Elementary School students participated in a video that will be used nationwide to spread the word about Green and Power Save Schools.

Pomona's fourth- through sixth-graders practiced lines, helped with sound checks, and were patient while the camera crew did multiple takes. The excitement was palpable on Pomona's campus and has fueled our green momentum. We now have a Green Team School-wide Council, and our sixth-grade students are developing a zero-waste composting project, in conjunction with their upcoming Outdoor Science School in March.

Pomona's Green Initiative is saving the earth, saving money, providing opportunities for student leadership, and providing rich, hands-on experiences that connect to our curriculum. As the Green Team camera crew called, "That's a wrap," we knew that our students' interest in environmental science was just beginning.



Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

1060 Paularino Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7950



Stacy deBoom-Howard
Principal

Fun and Friendships

It has been a great start to 2012 at Paularino Elementary School. Students and staff are working hard to continue academic growth both during school hours and before and after school. Our wonderful teachers share their time before and after school with their students with learning clubs where they answer specific questions, give extra support on homework, and review lessons as needed. Along with academic support, we have many clubs our students can join. Our Panther Band has over 70 students involved this year, and three times a week you can hear the pride they take in practicing. Students can also join Nature Club, Cooking Club, Ranch, Student Council and more. Our goal at Paularino is for all students to feel supported academically and have the opportunity to join something they have an interest in socially.

Since September we have partnered with Mentoring USA based out of New York and a local department store on a mentoring program for our third-graders. Each week students meet with their mentors during lunch and build friendships. The teams work on celebrating the special qualities of the students, setting goals, writing letters to someone special to say thank you, and creative writing projects. Our students can't wait for Tuesdays, and all have positives to share about their relationships with their mentors. It is great for the students to more cheerleaders in their corner.

Everett A. Rea *Elementary (K-6)*

661 Hamilton Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6905



Dr. Anna Corral
Principal

An En-Droid-able Event!

It has been an exciting year for the Rea Robotics Sharks! Our first Rea Robotics Club got to compete at a Carlsbad theme park at its open in the first league.

Our team made two poster boards to aid in their presentations to judges about what it means to be gracious, professional and cooperative. They were also asked to show their team "Coopertition"—cooperation and friendly competition—in a team-building exercise for the judges.

Our Sharks got to participate in the robot game in which each team competes against other teams by programming a robot to perform tasks. There were three rounds of competition, and each round was only two and a half minutes long! After competing all morning, these Sharks got to spend the rest of the day enjoy all that the theme park has to offer. Great job, Sharks—i.e., Robotics Sharks!



Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

966 Sonora Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7955



Christine Anderson
Principal

Dynamite Dads

The Sonora School Dad's Club started in 2009 with a vision to create special memories for dads and their children. More than 100 dads have participated in our monthly events. Since 2009, we've hosted four overnight tent campouts, five movie nights, a beach barbecue, a kite day event, Frisbee golf and s'mores night, a wood-working craft project, and laser tag.

We are also committed to serving our school. We have done two school makeovers, planted trees, and landscaped the entryway to the school. Finally, because of our dads' desire to model kindness, we visited a senior center on Veterans' Day and did a home makeover for a family in need.

We proudly wear Dad's Club T-shirts and hand out our business cards in English and Spanish. If you're a dad and not yet a member, come join the fun and create special memories with your child! Visit us on Facebook or our Web site at www.sonoradadsclub.com.



Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Linda Tenno
Principal

Lasting Learning Memories

Our Victoria Elementary School sixth-graders traveled to Arrowhead Ranch in Lake Arrowhead this month for four days of Outdoor Science School. Students were thrilled to participate in outdoor science activities.

During our fun filled stay, we learned exciting concepts about astronomy, Earth science, and zoology. Each day at camp was filled with songs, activities, hikes, and games. Students loved the night hike under the stars, where we studied the constellations. The courage walk during the night hike challenged students to use

their understanding of nature as they explored the wilderness.

Lydia Beth enjoyed the entertaining staff at Arrowhead Ranch. They kept her laughing with their funny riddles and creative camp songs. Amy Bishop enjoyed getting to know her classmates better and spending time with them during cabin time. Max Garcia loved seeing wild animals during the adventurous hikes. Nick Mendoza's favorite memory is of the courage walk during the night hike. Cobi White loved the variety of foods to choose from at each meal. Victoria School's visit to Arrowhead Ranch created memories that will last forever!



Creatively Cool Camp Creatures!

Charles W. Tewinkle

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Holiday Concert

By Daniel Perez, Karina Hurtado, Jeffrey Williams-Mensah, Students

On December 6 and 7, TeWinkle Middle School's band, choir, and guitar class performed in Boswell Hall for a holiday performance.

Anthony Robles said that he really enjoyed the concert because he had never attended one before. Andy Ceja commented that he felt they did "pretty good" because they have such a good teacher. Gwendi Perez said she loves the fact that she can finally play an instrument!

Mr. McFadden, band teacher, said, "The concert went great! The students in the audience were quieter than ever, and they all played fabulously!" He thanked all of his students for participating in the concert and said he was proud that the students who had troubles with the high and low notes were able to master them.



Whittier *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tracey Carter
Principal

Going Green and Earning Green

By Margaret Anderson, Teacher - 4th Grade

Whittier School's Supreme Green Team is looking for "energy vampires," electronic devices around school that waste electricity. Students and staff are being encouraged to turn off lights and unplug unnecessary appliances when not in use. Whittier's Peer Assistant Leaders (PALs) formed the Supreme Green Team and are working with Jenn Alvarez, the project manager of the National Alliance to Save Energy, an organization that works with local schools and businesses to educate the community about energy conservation and awareness. Kent Ramsayer, Newport Mesa's energy manager, is also working alongside our PALs to assist in their efforts to raise energy conservation awareness on campus.



Whittier's Green Team is on the job saving energy!

The Supreme Green Team's goals are to conserve energy, educate the Whittier community, and save money on our monthly electric bills. Fifty percent of all savings garnered will come back to Whittier School to help fund valued programs, such as Meet the Masters.

Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

Go, Green!

"We are the Green Team, the mighty, mighty Green Team. We want you to be officially on our team. Go, Green!"

Wilson Elementary School is proud to showcase our Green Team. The sixth-graders in Ms. Testa's class make up this amazing group of children.

The Green Team has been quite successful in educating our school community about the benefits of conserving energy on campus. Our "energy commissioners" have been trained and conduct ongoing classroom visits, reminding classes about the Go Green Tips created to help the cause.

Students also conducted a poster contest, and at our spirit rallies the group presented the "We are the Green Team" cheer to inspire conservation. This team is not afraid to stand up in front of the school and show their spirit for conservation!

So far, we have saved \$179 on our energy bill. Our goal is to save \$1,000 this year! Thanks, Green Team!



Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

2025 Garden Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6945



Lauren Medve
Principal

Bronze Medalist!

I am pleased to share with you that Woodland Elementary School made the list of Orange County's Best Public Elementary Schools for 2012. The *Orange County Register* awarded 136 medalists: 25 gold, 55 silver and 56 bronze. Woodland was recognized as a bronze medalist.

The *O.C. Register's* rankings are designed to show which local public elementary schools provide the richest academic experience and strongest environment for learning by comparing not just test scores but also cultural diversity, discipline issues and more.

We would also like to congratulate Cheryl Roberts, kindergarten teacher at Woodland, who was recognized by the Newport Mesa School Board as a "Super Star" at the January meeting.



"Super Star" Cheryl Roberts with her students and their garden.

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Conferences starting in November 2010. The first conference, attended by 300 participants, was an open invitation to service providers, including non-profits, government agencies, and educators working with high-risk youth throughout Orange County. Subsequent conferences included over 800 participants.

One reason for the success of the conference is the committee's willingness to tailor-fit the conference structure to address participants' interests and current service gaps. Each conference included nationally recognized speakers, a large scale forum for sharing best practices, up-to-date information, and opportunities for community resource networking. Each attendee was able to hear firsthand accounts and gain a new understanding of the underlying risk factors that push youth to join gangs. These unique conference features lead to an extensive wait list for all three events.

I am proud to recognize another successful year of gang prevention conferences held by Safe Schools. Hearing the real life experiences of youth and professionals who have been in the trenches for years is invaluable. The conferences, held in October and December, reiterated the importance of not only sharing strategies proven effective at preventing and reducing gang behavior, but also supporting professionals from all disciplines while they integrate new techniques into their work. These invaluable conferences continue to support a range of high quality care for Orange County youth while ensuring their success today and in the future.

For information, contact Jim Perez, Coordinator Gang Prevention/Safe School Coordinator, at 714-953-6513 or jperez@access.k12.ca.us.

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