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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Status of 2010/11 Budget at Second Interim, Routine Staffing Actions and Planning for Future Budget Impacts

On March 8, 2011, The Board of Education approved the annual release of temporary certificated teachers and adopted a positive certification for the 2010/11 Second Period Interim Budget.

The annual release of temporary teachers is in accordance with Education Code section 44954. This action is necessary to carry out the potential loss of revenue including but not limited to certain categorical funding, and/or funding for special programs, the possibility of probationary and permanent employees returning from leaves of absences,

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Fluent English Proficient Students



Congratulations to some of the Whittier Elementary English Language Development Graduates!

By Tracey Carter, Principal
Whittier Elementary

Nineteen of Whittier's English Language Learners have met their highest language goals!

These 3rd-6th graders became reclassified Fluent English Proficient putting them in an elite club of outstanding achievers. This is a rigorous process that involves many years of hard work and perseverance. Achieving English Language Fluency means that these students are able to listen, speak, read, and write in English proficiently, all while continuing to use their primary native language. What an awesome skill that will help them bridge success in many other areas of their lives.

Way to go Whittier dolphins!

Developing Leadership Skills

By Cheryl Beck, Principal
Eastbluff Elementary

There are so many ways that our students can show their leadership skills at Eastbluff School!

One way is to become a member of our student council. As role models, this group knows how to demonstrate appropriate scholarly and social behaviors. They also have great problem-solving skills.

The council helps lead the Friday Flag Deck celebration, which awards pride tickets and class flags. It also sponsors activities like PJ Day, Twin Day and Wear Green Day.

The students also coordinate community service activities like Jump Rope for Heart, coin collection for UNICEF and pennies for leukemia. They also sponsor two animals at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

With the help of our school and community, the Green Team works hard to recycle paper, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. We have already filled our bins twice this year!

The students are also working hard to help conserve energy. We are turning off light switches when rooms are unoccupied, using one-half the number of lights on bright, sunny days, and are updating non-energy efficient appliances in the staff lounge.



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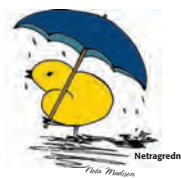


It's that time of year when students are testing, thinking of Spring Break, testing, thinking of summer, testing, thinking about college and testing. Parents are thinking much the same thing perhaps from a different prospective.

This issue is full of articles highlighting theatre, arts, college planning, healthy choices, science, and, of course, the importance of parents and community support.

Don't forget to enter our contest on page 16 and see who won last issue.

Our next issue is June 6th.



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Grants for Teachers



Barbara Rothman
President

On February 3, the Newport Mesa Schools Foundation held its annual "Grants for Teachers" night. Over 234 teachers and community members attended this fun-filled dinner and presentation at the Costa Mesa Hilton.

In all there were 68 grants awarded, for a total amount of \$176,297.42. The lucky winners also received over 100 auction and drawing items. All monies raised will go towards next years' grants. The Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. Each year, members of the local community volunteer their time to read these grants. The board of directors governing the Foundation is also an all-volunteer group from the Newport-Mesa area.

In fact, one of the Foundation's main responsibilities is to raise money to fund the teacher grants. The group gladly accepts donations from local businesses, community organizations and individuals.

If you are interested in joining our governing board, please contact President Barbara Rothman by leaving a clear, detailed message at the Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation Office. The phone number is (949) 631-3293. She will get back to you with more information.

We are currently seeking a volunteer webmaster to help update our website. We are also looking to expand our board to include more non-retired members. It meets once a month for an hour, at 8:15-9:15 a.m. in our NMSF office. Please call if you are interested or have any questions. Let us know, too, if you have any fund-raising ideas or would like to make a donation.

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Convenience of Online Banking (Part I)



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Paying bills online is convenient, fast, saves money, helps to protect the environment and allows you greater control in managing your finances. Why write checks and spend money in postage to pay your bills when you can do all of this online?

One of the top concerns for all consumers is identity theft issues. However, there is often a greater risk of identity theft through the items that can be found in your trash can at home. Any paper trail with your personal and account information on it can be compromised when stolen from your mailbox or your trash. Online financial accounts have many security requirements including encryption and multi-factor authentication to protect your account.

You have two options when paying bills online: Use your financial institution's online service to set up accounts to be paid automatically on certain days of the month or pay them manually by visiting your online banking to schedule payments before they are due. Your second option is to pay your creditors directly by visiting each of their websites to pay on your account with them.

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The Power of Parents and Physical Activity



William M. Habermehl
Superintendent

We know one of the most powerful tools in the fight against childhood obesity is physical activity. Yet, researchers tell us as our children grow, there is a decline in the amount of physical activity they get. How much physical activity do children and teens need? The 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends that children and teens to get at least 60 minutes a day of physical activity, with a majority of that spent doing moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA). MVPA means raising your heart rate and "breaking a sweat" during physical activity.

Kids who get 30 minutes a day of MVPA have improved physical health, physical fitness, and mental health. At school we see links between physical activity, fitness, and improved academic performance. In other words, better grades and test scores at all ages!

Parents can have a powerful influence their children's time and activities, by being an active role model for physical fitness. Children imitate what they see their parents do. Families can schedule an active play date at least once a week and should strive to make physical activity a part of every day if possible. Parents and caretakers can also substitute active play time for television, computer, and video game screen time at home. Children can invite their neighborhood friends to join in your family play time.

Physical Education (PE) is the class time schools allocate for students to learn and practice the movement knowledge, motor and social skills they need to start and sustain an active, healthy lifestyle. State and federal academic requirements for physical education are 200 minutes every 10 days in K-6 schools and 400 minutes every 10 days in grades 7-12. Schools are doing their best to make sure students are getting adequate PE time, however some may find it difficult to fit the time into the regular school day. If adequate PE time is a concern, ask your child's teacher or school principal what you can do to help.

Parents can volunteer to help provide more MVPA at recess, lunch time, and after school. Parents can also assist teachers by supporting scheduled physical activity breaks in the classroom. Parents can promote walking, skating, and biking to and from school. As educators, we can encourage parents to learn about their school district's Wellness Policy and participate in the Kids Run OC or Governor's Challenge. Many organizations, including the Orange County Department of Education, offer free physical fitness resource materials, activity plans, and tools for parents.

None of us can do it alone. Working together, parents, schools, and communities can provide an environment that promotes physical activity and increases the amount of MVPA our children get. Let's encourage collaborations between cities and community organizations, like YMCA's and Boys & Girls Clubs, to work together and find ways to expand the use of existing facilities such as pools, parks, fitness centers, gyms, fields, playgrounds, and skate parks. Together we can find innovative ways to increase physical activity resulting in better health and fitness for everyone.

For more information: <http://HealthySchools.ocde.us>; www.classroom.kidshealth.org
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Libraries—Alive and Well

By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

A few months ago, the CMLF sponsored an essay contest asking students why libraries are important and what they would like to see as part of a new library. We chose four winners from the many entries we received. We shared excerpts two months ago from two of our winning essays. We now would like share with you excerpts from our other two winners.

Libraries are fantastic. They are like a train station, and books are like the trains that will take you to your next destination. As a fifth-grader, I would like to see a study room in the new library. The new library would also have a book club, summer reading group and extended hours on the weekend.”

—Oliver Ressler, 11, Kaiser Elementary

Libraries—why are they so important? Well, there is something spectacular that they hold: Information. The library is like part of history. You have books about Mozart, the Revolutionary War, science fiction and fantasy, but imagine if we didn't have libraries. It is like a time-traveling world taking you inside books to discover a fascinating world of fantasy, fiction, history and more.”

—Christopher Hutchinson, 12, CMHS

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Arts for All!

Scott Fitzpatrick, Lead Teacher

The District Vocal Festival will be Tuesday, March 29, 6:00pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, not at CMHS. Please see the district website for a list of upcoming events.

On Sunday, February 27, N-MUSD vocal students performed in the Pacific Honor Chorale at the Segerstrom Center for the Performing Arts. Jon Lindfors, Choral Director at CMHS, had this to say: “My students loved it. After the first rehearsal one of them said she was so inspired to be singing with so many other schools and at such a high level. And then, of course, adding in the orchestra and performing in the professional hall added another level of awe!” The Pacific Symphony Honor Choir Assistant Conductor, Brandon Elliott, will guest conduct our combined choirs at our Vocal Festival. Thank you to Brandon, Katherine Yang and everyone at the Pacific Symphony for bringing these opportunities to our students.

Hats off to Kristi Jacobs, Brian Ristow, Keli Marchbank and Roberta Kramer for entering student artwork for this year's VSA Festival (11:00am April 30, Westfield Mainplace, Santa Ana). Thanks to the leadership of Brian Ristow, we are seeing more and more students and teachers participating in this wonderful program.

An exciting week-long program with integrated hands-one experiences Science, Math, Art and Music was piloted for primary students at Paularino Elementary School over President's Break. Congratulations to Guy Erskine, Mary Widtmann, Michele Arbuzow and everyone else who made this project a huge success.

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Gabriel DelReal
Principal

Read Across America

As usual Adams School celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday & Read Across America Day in grand Seuss Style. The day opened with teachers and staff wearing Cat-in-the-Hat hats and all of us reciting the Readers’ Oath at flag deck. Each grade and classroom had various activities going on throughout the day. Kinder and first grade wore their jammies to school and cooked, ate and read Green Eggs and Ham. They also went to TeWinkle for reading with a middle-school buddy. Guest Readers, including two Costa Mesa firemen, came throughout the day and read to classes. You can read more details and see photos in the *Daily Pilot* March 3rd edition. Once again all Adams students celebrated the fun and excitement reading brings to our lives.



Laura Vlasic
Principal

Jog-a-Bunga

Andersen Elementary was energized as students participated in the first annual Jog-a-thon on January 29. “Jog-a-Bunga” was a sunny, warm, fun day filled with enthusiasm and school spirit where Starfish, Sharks, Sea Turtles, Tikis, Waves, Surfers, and Lifeguards represented kindergarten through sixth grade joggers and walkers. Andersen students warmed up doing stretches and exercises before their track time led by Andersen parent, Mr. Denny Spruce. During the 20 minute lap time, students danced, sang and jogged to great musical tunes from Danny the DJ. Principal Laura Vlasic made a promise at Flag Deck that if the students could raise \$25,000 in pledge donations, they would be able to pour Gatorade on her. Andersen School raised over \$28,000 at this exciting school-wide event and needless to say, Mrs. Vlasic kept her promise—Her hair turned red a few weeks later because a huge bucket of cold strawberry Gatorade was doused on her.



Back Bay/Monte Vista

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Debbie-Lucker Davis
Principal

Fully Accredited High Schools

Back Bay and Monte Vista mailed off our WASC report last week and we are looking forward to an excellent visit in April. The WASC accreditation committee visits the school for three days and evaluates our compliance and progress with required California State standards, our testing programs, graduation rates and over all status of the both high schools. The last visit was in 2005 and both schools were granted a six year term. That is the highest rating you can earn! This year with our student, staff, parent and community support we are expecting to get another six year. Back Bay and Monte Vista High Schools are both fully accredited high schools, and we require and meet the same standards as all high schools in the Newport Mesa School District.

If you are interested in an alternative program Newport Mesa offers you two great opportunities for change!

Monte Vista 2010-11 Grad List

Monique Conant	12/17/2010	Hadyn Lambright	12/15/2010
Nathaniel Costillo	11/2/1010	Brianne Nichols	2/1/2011
Ashley Erickson	1/27/2011	Kelsey Nichols	1/6/2011
Elizabeth Farnell	12/20/2010	Marco Robles	12/14/2010
Armani Ferrante	12/3/2010	Sarah Schulte	2/2/2011
Ryan Hatcher	1/28/2011	Massimiliano Stecca	1/27/2011
Langdon Holmes	12/14/2010	Wendell Elizabeth	11/5/2010



Kelli Smith
Principal

Grants Bring Classroom Materials

California School is buzzing with new supplies and programs because of the talented staff at California School. Six teachers wrote and received grants through the Newport Mesa Schools Foundation totaling several thousands of dollars. Hands on materials for reading and math were purchased and integrated immediately into the classroom. The schools music teacher purchased instruments and is in the process of starting an on site jazz bands for students to joy. Students are excited about all these new materials that are enriching their everyday curriculum. Hats off to the awesome staff at California School!



Happy smiles at the grant dinner.

College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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Julie McCormick
Principal

From Jump Roping to Writing to Science

College Park students raised more than \$450 for the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart program. All 675 of our students jumped rope for 15-30 minutes and practiced the benefits of exercise while at the same time donating to a good cause.

Kylie Keating and Alex Orozco were selected as winners in the recent Elks Essay Contest. We extend our congratulations to these students who will be receiving a \$100 savings bond. We also thank the Elks Club for providing these opportunities for our students!

Graduate students from UCI's chemistry department provided an assembly to our third grade students on Matter. The students were fascinated when objects

changed form: from solid to liquid or gas and from liquid to solid or gas. The opportunity provided the students to watch chemical reactions usually reserved for a High School or College lab, and inspired them to want to explore more about this area in science.



Costa Mesa *High School (7-12)*

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Aaron Peralta
Principal, 7-8
Grade



Phil D'Agostino
Principal, 9-12
Grade

Science Fair

On March, 1st Costa Mesa Middle School had their 6th annual Science Fair and it was a huge success. Some of this year's projects included Using Modified Alcohols to Extract DNA, Does Water Temperature Effect Goldfish Respiration Rate, Does a More Acidic Ocean Effect Marine Life and Does Bean Size Effect Plant Growth.

Science teachers Roy Center, Ed Bell and Lee Kelly guided over 130 students in completing their

projects. Top honors went to Mrs. Kelly's student-7th grader Alyah Kanemoto. In addition to Alyah there will be thirteen 7th graders and four 8th graders going on to compete in the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair on April 6th.

Congratulations to all on a job well done!



Corona Del Mar *High School (7-12)*

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Tim Bryan
Principal, 9-12
Grade



Guy Olguin
Principal, 7-8
Grade

Utilizing Technology

By Julie Bentwood, CdM Head Counselor

CdMHS has a greener future, thanks to Naviance and the support of the CdMHS Foundation.

Naviance is an electronic college data management system used by our counseling department to track student data including: GPAs, test scores, college choices, college application information and a personality/career assessment. Paid for by the CdMHS Foundation, students use Naviance to access their personal site which allows them to

search for individual college matches by using unique college search tools, and anonymous data from CdM alumni. Naviance can also be used to store a personal game plan, a list of possible careers and majors, a resume, a list of colleges a student is considering, and tracks application results.

Next year, Naviance will allow counselors to complete most of the students' college applications by sending transcripts and letters of recommendation online. This new process will save time, money, and trees. We are excited about more efficient processes.

Davis *Magnet School (K-6)*

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Dr. Kevin Rafferty
Principal

Fourth Graders Play Hockey With the Anaheim Ducks

For the third year in a row, the National Hockey League's Anaheim Ducks are teaming up with our Davis Magnet School Ducks for a special street hockey P.E. program designed especially for 4th grade students.

The Anaheim Ducks Street Team comes out to the school for five P.E. sessions to teach our 4th graders the fundamentals of hockey. The Ducks provide all of the necessary equipment: sticks, street hockey balls, goalie equipment, and hockey goals, too!

The Anaheim Ducks and our classroom teachers present this award-winning and state recognized curriculum entitled, Anaheim Ducks S.C.O.R.E. (Scholastic Curriculum of Recreation and Education).

Plus, this year our Davis Magnet School 4th grade students are piloting a series of special P.E. lessons on the ice – with full hockey gear from head to toe – with the Anaheim Ducks Score a Goal Ice Hockey Program.

Our students are having a blast learning and playing the world's fastest team sport!



Early College *High School (9–12)*

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Kathy Slawson
Principal

College News

Early College High School (ECHS) seniors are getting the attention of college representatives. Seniors at ECHS are receiving early acceptance into the University of California and California State University system and competitive private schools around the country. ECHS students stand out to the college representatives who examine the applications because college courses receive Advanced Placement (AP) weighting in a student's grade-point average. We've been told ECHS students are standing out among those applying from comprehensive high schools because of the number of college courses they take. While at ECHS, students complete several general education college courses, an average of 40 college credits by the completion of their senior year. The college credits are giving Early College High School students a jump on the application process. All of their hard work is paying off!

During the four years at ECHS, our students have opportunities to visit various college campuses, visit with college students, mingle in student unions, and see what dorms are like. These experiences help them make important decisions regarding college plans. Visiting college campuses, taking transferable college credits, earning the grades required by the University of California and California State University systems and receiving early acceptance are putting students on the road for great success. We are proud of our students' accomplishments!

If you know someone who would like to be a part of this successful program, go to earlycollege.nmusd.us for more information.

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Cheryl Beck
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Developing Leadership Skills
(See our story on the front page.)

Estancia *High School (9–12)*

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Kirk Bauermeister
Principal

Eagles Prepare for Future Careers

As sophomores were taking the California High School Exit Exam, juniors at Estancia High School participated in a variety of experiences related to postsecondary career preparation. Students toured the Vital Link interactive exhibits which focused on three career pathways - Environmental Design, Alternative Fuel and Medical. Students participated in activities and demonstrations related to the career pathways including a fuel cell car race, wind turbines, CPR, and an eco house. Eleventh grade students also attended a presentation about the Regional Occupation Program (ROP) by our on-campus Career Specialist and learned about career preparation courses which are offered on our campus and at other local high schools. Youth

Employment Service (YES) shared information regarding the job application process, interview skills and free services which are available through their organization to improve youth employability. Finally, students participated in web-based career assessments through Kuder to help students identify career possibilities based on their interests, skills and work values.



Horace Ensign *Intermediate School (7–8)*

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Steve McLaughlin
Principal

AVID – Focus on Your Future Week

From March 17th – March 26th Ensign held its annual spring AVID-Focus on Your Future Week. The purpose of the week was to help students to look past middle school and start considering their future options. The week started with over 100 8th grade students participating in Challenge Day to help celebrate diversity and “challenge” them to make a positive difference in the world. There were also two days of Vital Link Career Exploration exhibits where all of the students learned about careers focused on the fields of medicine, environmental design/construction, and alternative fuels. Additionally, our 8th grade students were visited by NHHS teachers from the culinary, digital media arts, and business pathways. The week ended with motivating assemblies by the hosts of the PBS series Roadtrip Nation on Friday, and on Saturday with our AVID fundraiser the ACT/Explore college preparatory test. What an informative, inspirational, and motivating week for our whole community.

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Harbor View *Elementary (K-6)*

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Charlene Metoyer
Principal

Thinking About Others

Our “Kid Power” was demonstrated during the month of March when Harbor View School had its Team Kids Challenge, a four-week program where the students learned how to help others in need.

This is the third year that our school has participated in this worthy program. Supported by the Newport Beach Police and Fire Departments, it is one of the most exciting, fun, and worthwhile projects at Harbor View.

During week one, the students donated over 2,000 books to Pomona School, our sister school in Costa Mesa. Our students want all children to have a big library of books in their homes.

Week two brought barrels and barrels of the kind of food that our students like to eat; it went to the Second Harvest Food Bank so that all Orange County children can have good food.

Week three was spring cleaning time! Our students brought in outgrown clothes, gently used toys, and stuffed animals to help the homeless in our county.

Week four and the focus was on recycling. Harbor View has an extensive recycling program, but we added soccer shoes to this week's drive. Again, we support our sister school Pomona, and brought them outgrown soccer shoes so that everyone who wants to play soccer there is properly equipped!

Finally, Team Kids Leadership put on a carnival! The fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders had booths on the playground, and the preschool- to third-graders purchased 25-cent tickets so that they could face-paint, drink slushies, play bean-bag games or just have 45 minutes of fun. Go Harbor View!

Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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Jerry Vlasic
Principal

Author's Day at Kaiser!

Kaiser Elementary School celebrated the March birthday of Dr. Suess in a special way—by hosting a guest author. Through the dedicated efforts of Kaiser's librarian, Mrs. Lori Sheppard, students in all grades attended author's assemblies.

Kaiser's guest author was Scott Sutton. Mr. Sutton conducted assemblies that encouraged students to read, to think creatively about writing and to develop characters and illustrations for their own stories. Scott is the author of many books, including *How to Draw Stuff*. Students attended the assemblies with clipboards and drawing paper—and left with wonderful creative sketches of their own.

We'll continue our celebration of reading with Kaiser Reading Day on March 18th!



Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Kathy Sanchez
Principal

Magnificent March

In March, many of our students had the opportunity to participate in the annual talent show and families had fun at Skate Night. Our staff and parents had a great time celebrating our 50th anniversary at PTA's Dinner and Silent Auction, and our fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders enjoyed the PTA-sponsored Walk Through History program.

Sixty-four students reached the halfway mark in the KIDS Run the OC training program and received beautiful half-marathon medals. They will continue to accumulate the equivalent of 25.2 miles of vigorous exercise and will run the last mile on KIDS Run

the OC on

April 30! All students also had the opportunity to participate in the Spirit Run, the Newport Beach Track meet, and the Costa Mesa Community Run.

We're excited about all students having the opportunity to participate in after-school cooking classes sponsored by Network for a Healthy California. Our fourth- and fifth-graders are participating in a service learning project with Sage Hill High School students. Students from Sage Hill visit once a month to work with our students. All families were invited to a service learning evening and had a wonderful time. Our sixth-graders enjoyed Outdoor Science School this month as well.

We also received a check for recycling phonebooks from Orange County Sanitary District, trees for each third-grader from the Rotary Club, and gems for 115 student winners of “Why Mom Deserves a Diamond” from a local jeweler.

Students, staff, families, and community are committed to making Killybrooke School a great place to learn!

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Jane Holm
Principal

Lincoln's First Annual Jog-a-thon

Lincoln had the first annual Lincoln Elementary Jog-a-thon on February 15. In preparation for the run, many students participated in our jogging club, working to

improve their endurance before the big day.

The preparation and enthusiasm paid off! Students arrived for the jog-a-thon fit and ready to run for Lincoln. The Lincoln fields were filled with students and staff in their blue jog-a-thon t-shirts celebrating healthy living by running/jogging/walking as many laps as they could in 20 minutes. The jog-a-thon was also a fundraiser for the school with all proceeds going to support the excellent technology instruction at Lincoln. Thanks to the outstanding organization efforts of the Lincoln parents and PTA, all students were able to participate in a healthy and fun filled event.



Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

2100 Mariners Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6960



Pam Coughlin
Principal

Building Young Scientists

By Ann Marie Baker, 1st-Grade Teacher

The students at Mariners are benefiting from a variety of programs geared toward making science not only interesting and fun but also hands-on and relatable to the experiments around us during our everyday lives

Beyond the regular instruction in the classroom, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students receive instruction from Ms. DeGrave in the science lab for an hour each week. It gives students a chance to conduct kinesthetic practices that relate to their curriculum.

The students in grades K-3 also get help once a week from an aide who assists in the administration of hands-on lessons as a supplement of their standards.

The Mariners Elementary School Foundation has also brought in a program through Discovering Science in which students from all grades receive a hands-on lesson once a month in the science lab. The student's favorite scientist, Mr. Fogg, guides exciting experiments, and students leave with not only a new appreciation and understanding of their curriculum but also take home a piece of the experiment.

Additionally, the PTA offers Science on the Go to K-3 students. During the assemblies, students explore a specialized topic and then are given the opportunity to touch and feel artifacts. They get a close-up view of everything, from reptiles to fossils.

The staff at Mariners is committed to creating scientists through these programs as well as integrating science into other curricular areas such as reading and writing to further our young scientific minds.

Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

1327 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6965



Amy Nagy
Principal

Students on the Move

Newport Elementary students are on the move. In an effort to keep students not only mentally challenged but physically challenged as well, our school sponsors numerous opportunities for students to get moving. Student Council President Barron Banta planned and coordinated our very own March Madness. Coed teams had the opportunity to get into action in this exciting basketball tournament. (Special thanks to retired teacher volunteer, Ric Barth, for making the tournament possible.) Students more interested in solitary pursuits can be seen practicing their skate-

boarding skills and ramp tricks, refining their taekwondo proficiency, or working on their flexibility/coordination in a Play Ball class thanks to our after school A.C.E. Program.

Finally, an impressive number of students can be seen on Tuesdays and Fridays running up a storm. Students are anxiously watching their miles add up, looking forward to the day that they hit the magical marathon number of 26.2 miles.



Newport Coast *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Inspiring Authors

Newport Coast Elementary recently hosted two different children's authors. Our NCE Scholars learned about the writing and publishing process from Scott E. Sutton, the author and illustrator of the *Dinosaur Dog* series of chapter books for young readers. The children were inspired and entertained by his lively and artistic presentation as he sketched drawings for them on the spot. Our NCE Coyotes also enjoyed a visit from "Weird Al" Yankovic whose story *When I Grow Up* provides a fun look at the unlimited potential of our students. These visits were fun for our



Scott E. Sutton with his books and character.

young readers and writers and gave them a glimpse into the process of brainstorming and prewriting, drafting, character development, editing/revising and publishing original works. Maybe some of our Coyotes will be inspired to become published authors as a result of programs like these!

Newport Heights *Elementary (K-6)*

300 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6970



Dr. Kurt Suhr
Principal

Classroom Visitations

Our staff recently finished a series of classroom visitations and observations here in our own Newport Heights classrooms. In continuing to develop our professional learning communities, eight different teachers taught lessons that incorporated technology and innovative teaching methods. All teachers on the campus had the chance to observe two of their peers teach a lesson and participate in a debriefing discussion about the lesson and technologies used.

Two lessons were taught in our 6th grade one-to-one laptop program, a cooperative learning PowerPoint, and creating an advertisement flyer using Microsoft Word. Five lessons were focused on the use of a SMARTBoard and included a math wall and Cognitive Guided Instruction (CGI), a word family word sort, an art lesson on still life, social studies, and a lesson on fractions. The last lesson focused on exploring the Extended Response portion of Accelerated Math.

During the debriefing sessions, teachers discussed how the lessons could be adapted to their classroom or even a different grade level. All in all this was a tremendous opportunity for teachers to showcase, observe, and collaborate on the teaching and learning happening here at the Heights.

Be sure to enter the
Word Search Contest
on page 16.

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National Library Week



Evelyn Rogers
Children's Librarian

The Newport Beach Public Library will once again be celebrating National Library Week with an assortment of fun and educational activities. City officials will even be reading at story-times throughout the week! It will be held during April 10–16.

There will be lots of laughter, along with lots of learning, at the Silly Science Show on Tuesday, April 12 from 4–5 p.m. in the Central Library Friends Room. The "Professor" will demonstrate basic science principles in a silly, interactive way. At the Mariners Branch, stop by for Drop-in Crafts any time on April 11 and April 13, and Drop-in Games on April 12 and April 14.

On Wednesday, April 13, the Balboa Branch Library is celebrating Library Week with the show *Animal Tales and Musical Scales*, with Ken Frawley, from 3–4 p.m. Featuring Ken's puppet friends and plenty of audience participation, it is especially geared to preschool and elementary-age children.

Children will also be able to have an up-close encounter with exotic live animals from all over the world, when Wildlife America comes to the Corona del Mar Branch Library on Thursday, April 14 from 4–5 p.m.

The National Library Week finale program will be Puppets and Magic, on Saturday, April 16 from 2–3 p.m. at the Crean Mariners Branch. Puppeteer extraordinaire Richard Woloski will bring his magic.

We hope to see you at these events, and all year long! Check out the Newport Beach Public Library's online calendar, at www.newportkids.org, for the full schedule of events.



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Swimming in Noodles



Kate Karp

Jim Cosgrove is a lot of fun. He's a daddy who treats his children and yours as well to silly songs set to foot-tapping styles and genres that ramble from acoustic to zydeco. His "Stinky Feet" has been requested so often that it's earned him the dubious moniker Mr. Stinky Feet, but Mr. Cosgrove doesn't seem to mind.

No stinky feet, though, on his latest offering, *Swimming in Noodles*, probably because there are too many songs about food on the collection "Cookie Time," "Spaghetti and Goofballs" and "Chips and Salsa" are side dishes to friendship and task breaks. There are cozy family songs, such as the Cajun-flavored "Cool Daddy," which recalls the New Orleans classic "Iko Iko." Others can be used for science, personal development and social studies, like "We're Electrons," "Nobody Does It like You" and "Just Like You." In the whimsical "Hang On Mama," Mom disappears under a load of laundry, not exactly the way she does in real life but she'll relate, and we're guests in the otherworld of a child who protects a mysterious animal from the zookeeper. Listen for the surprise ending.

The recording was produced using live musicians and in collaboration with Grammy award-nominated producer Tor Hyams, who founded Kidzapalooza, the children's musical version of the annual Lollapalooza music festival. The CD jacket is peppered—there's that food theme again—with fun facts relating to the songs. Bet you didn't know that electrons are smaller than a freckle on a fly or that salsa is the number-one condiment in the United States. *Swimming in Noodles* will be a tasty accompaniment to car trips, playtime and classroom hands-on time.

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

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Newport Harbor *High School (9-12)*

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Michael Vossen
Principal

Parenting Wisely at Newport Harbor

We know that high school can be a positive, yet challenging experience for students. At Newport Harbor we are always striving to give our best to our students, parents and community. This year, we have made a lot of progress in the area of Parent Involvement. NHHS is now hosting its second Parenting Wisely program. Last semester, 50 parents completed the Spanish version of the program! Now, over fifty parents are attending the new five-session series! These families represent all of our grade levels, and many of these parents are also part of other NMUSD Schools. NHHS is extremely proud of the Parenting Wisely participants' commitment to their children and their community. We appreciate their effort every evening, and together, we celebrate the empowering changes we are all experiencing. Through Parenting Wisely, we are able to really appreciate the positive outcomes of a school, parent community and surrounding community working closely together as a team. Bravo NHHS parents!



Pomona *Elementary (K-5)*

2051 Pomona Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6980



Stacy Holmes
Principal

Nutrition/Fitness Education

Forty-one proud parents recently graduated from a six week Nutrition/Fitness Education course at Pomona Elementary School. The course presented current research findings to help parents make healthy, economical choices to improve the nutrition and fitness of their families. Each class included multi-media lecture and active parent discussion with both the oral presentation as well as the written handouts in English and Spanish. The practical applications were delicious conclusions for each meeting!

Pomona School Community Facilitator Carmen Mora promoted and hosted the program with assistance from Head Custodian Lalo Sanchez and Administrative Assistant Flor Chavez. Pam Williams and Geoff Ianniello from NMUSD Food Services led the instruction. Liliana Zerouali from NMUSD Early Childhood Department helped with translations. The course was funded by Champions for Change thanks to Dale Ellis, NMUSD grant writer. Student chefs from Orange Coast College prepared and presented the gourmet graduation banquet.



Parent Nutrition Class Graduates 2011.

Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Stacy deBoom-Howard
Principal

Panther Band

The Paularino Panther Band established last year has grown from 55 students to 65 students from fourth, fifth, and sixth grades under the direction of Mrs. Suzanne Rivera. These students work hard all year and perform in our community and at school district events. They also take a trip to perform and play and Knott's Berry Farm. Recently, the band had two special guest conductor's Mr. Rob Henthorn from Newport Harbor High School and Mr. Tim McFadden from Tewinkle Middle School. The two conductors taught the band students to look up out of their music and new breathing exercises to help them perform well. We are very excited to be performing at our District Instrumental Festival on Tuesday, April 19th at Costa Mesa High School.



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

601 Hamilton St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6905



Anna Corral
Principal

Putting On a Show

In April, Rea Elementary School presented its third-annual school-wide musical, *Disney's The Jungle Book Kids*. Taking place in three performances on April 5-7, *Jungle Book Kids* featured some of the classic story's most beloved songs, *Bare Necessities* and *I Wanna Be like You*.

The show's 18 cast members were selected by audition in early January, during which the students were expected to sing and act. It was evident that Rea has some very talented performers!

During the ensuing four months, the cast worked very hard to prepare for the upcoming show. They spent long hours after school memorizing lines, rehearsing songs and music, and learning choreography. In addition to featuring the select Rea Singers, the musical also showcased performers from many classrooms, from kindergarten to the fourth grade.

Student costumes included monkeys, snakes, bees and elephants. The elaborate sets, props and costumes were created by Rea staff, students and parents. The Rea family truly came together to produce an incredible performance.

The *Jungle Book* gave our Rea students an opportunity to demonstrate their singing, dancing and acting talents live on stage. Their hard work led to an absolutely amazing performance and an unforgettable experience!

A big Rea thank you goes to the parents, teachers and staff members who took time out of their busy schedules to prepare for the production, as well as to the students who participated. We look forward to next year's spring musical!

Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Christine Anderson
Principal

The Arts are Alive and Well at Sonora School!

This year is especially exciting for students at Sonora Elementary. Not only are students experiencing the wonderful Art Masters Program, but they also have a resident master ceramist teaching them about the creative process with clay. Master artist Eiko Amano is working with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders in teaching them aesthetic perception in relation to clay. She blends both her artistic training and medical science background to enhance the learning, and connects the clay pinch pots, hanging pouches, and clay boxes to student learning in geometry and chemical properties. Students will complete four projects in all. Parents will be invited to view the work on a special Sonora Art Exhibit Evening.

Students are also dancing, doing puppet shows, and painting with hue, shades, and tint with the Art Connection Program through The Segerstrom Center for the Arts and Arts Advantage through the Orange County Department of Education. Funded by a grant, Sonora Elementary has had the privilege to participate in museum exhibits and field trips to expand student learning in the visual and performing arts.



2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students working with Master Teaching Artist, Eiko, from the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, during the Ceramics Residency this school year.



Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

1025 Victoria St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6985



Dr. Linda Tenno
Principal

Read Across America

Victoria School hosted Muffins in the Morning on March 2nd to celebrate Read Across America. Moms, dads, grandparents and siblings came in to the classrooms to enjoy breakfast with their children while enjoying the love of reading together!

Later in the day the kindergarten and first grade students visited TeWinkle Middle School for Books for Kids. Our students joined other students from the Estancia Zone for the TeWinkle ASB sponsored event. It was great fun to see hundreds of teenagers reading to hundreds of five, six and seven year olds. The TeWinkle students gave each child a book to take home to continue their love of reading.



Enjoying Muffins in the Morning.



Books for Kids event at TeWinkle.

Charles W. Tewinkle

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Career Exploration

TeWinkle's AVID/Pre-AVID classes participated in the Vital Link career exhibit in the gym. Career exploration focused on three different pathways: Medical Careers, Alternative Fuels, and Environmental Careers.

On March 2nd, 60 students traveled to Saddleback Hospital where an emergency surgery was observed. Students met the members of the medical team. The team spoke about their specialties, training, and what they loved about their career field.



2nd Annual TeWinkle "Books for Kids" Event



Adams, California, Pomona, Victoria and Wilson Elementary students visited TeWinkle for the Annual "Books for Kids" event. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, several hundred elementary students came in their pajamas and enjoyed a good book read to them by a TeWinkle student. Each child left with a free book...compliments of TeWinkle.

Whittier *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tracey Carter
Principal

Fluent English Proficient Students
(See our story on the front page.)



The Mr. California and Miss Southern California
2011 Pageant



**For more
information
please see
page 22.**

Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

801 W. Wilson, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6995



Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

A Busy End of Year

After a restful and well-deserved spring break, students are back in business at Wilson Elementary. Our state testing (STAR) will begin soon, and students are busily preparing to “show what they know.” We also have launched our “Coffee with the Principal,” which now occurs monthly after our Wild Cat Rally and Flag Deck. This is an opportunity for our parents and guardians to meet in an informal setting with the principal and school community facilitator to discuss ideas, events and concerns. The May Wildcat Rally and Flag Deck will recognize the mothers and grandmothers in our lives that make the difference for our children. Also this month, we continue to focus on science, with Estancia High School students partnering with our primary grades and our afterschool science program for students, organized and facilitated by our teachers. Lastly, we are looking forward to our Wildcat Festival on May 13, with our families celebrating our spirit with various food and activity booths and music afterschool on campus.



District Transportation

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Pete Meslin
Director

Demonstrating Our Skills

Spring time in the school bus world brings a whole new set of activities. Dispatchers are preparing for spring field trips, cover drivers and schedulers are beginning the summer school scheduling process, trainers are providing refresher training, and a few of our best drivers are entering school bus safety “Roadeos.”

A Roadeo is a competition designed to improve student safety skills by testing driver knowledge and precision driving skills. The Roadeo season starts with the Orange County competition. This year the event was held on Saturday, March 5 at the Great Park in Irvine. Approximately 80 drivers from throughout Southern California spent their off-time competing for the few coveted trophies, while eager spectators arrived to cheer on their teams.

Last year, the Newport-Mesa transportation staff won the overall team best represented trophy. So this year we had a reputation to defend. Under the very capable leadership of our new training supervisor, Norm Turner, the team turned in a fantastic performance. The transportation department’s trophy shelf may have to be reinforced, as the team drove away with six trophies.

The winners were Tammy Sue Boliou, First-Place Novice; Norm Turner, Second-Place Overall; Victor Garza, Jim Helman and Humberto Montalvan, Third-Place Team; and Tammy Sue Boliou, Fifth-Place Overall.

Additional participants from Newport-Mesa were Cynthia Gomez, Deborah Szecsei, Harold Provenzano, Tif Bush, Kimberly Egnovich, Mike Marsh, Tracey Barton and Peter Regalado. Supervisor Danny Lesser and Driver Sue Brown served as judges, while Driver Lucky Nguyen served up a delicious BBQ.

We are very proud of the transportation department staff, who continue to demonstrate our commitment to student safety.

Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

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



Lauren Medve
Principal

Fridays are Special

Woodland is very fortunate to have Mrs. Shirley, our Speech and Language Pathologist, coordinate the Dragon’s Den for kindergarten, first and second graders during their recess or lunch time once a week. Every Friday, Mrs. Shirley carts out a variety of games and activities to involve students in play. These activities include bubbles, puppets, parachute work, and other popular games such as Twister, legos, chess, etc.

The program is designed to encourage social pragmatics or interaction among all students, including our special education population. It is designed to take place on the playground during less structured times during the school day. The focus of the program is to draw in all students and encourage appropriate play interactions. While playing the games, rules and cooperation, as well as manners, are encouraged. Positive behaviors are reinforced verbally.

Dragon’s Den has been so successful at Woodland thanks to Mrs. Shirley. Students look forward to Fridays for this special treat.



Nutrition Services

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Richard Greene
Director of Nutrition Services

Take the Healthy Eating Challenge

By Pam Williams, MPH, RD, Nutritionist

It seems that everywhere we look someone or some article challenges us to make healthy choices in our diet. So, why not focus on creating healthy eating habits? We can start with small changes that will help us stay healthy. Try adding a new fruit or vegetable to your family’s diet each week. Get them involved and let each person select new produce to experience. Visit the farmer’s market and find out which produce is in season. These fruits and vegetables are reasonably priced and usually taste the best. After eating lunch or dinner, have a piece of fruit for dessert.

When you make sandwiches, add tomatoes, lettuce, thinly sliced cucumbers and other fruits and vegetables inside them! Keep dried fruit on hand like raisins and when the desire hits for something sweet, have raisins instead of candy. Keeping frozen vegetables on hand is a great way to keep them on the menu—Add them to soups, salads and other dishes or eat them as a side item.

Take the healthy eating challenge to new levels and add more fruits and vegetables to your daily diet.

and other considerations that relate directly to the justifications for employment of temporary certificated employees. While the annual release is legally necessary, N-MUSD is optimistic that the released temporary teachers will be able to return to their current positions for the 2011/12 school year.

N-MUSD is not projecting significant budget reductions or the need for staff layoffs for the 2011/12 school year. The Board approved the District's Second Period Interim Report and adopted a positive certification. Based on all available information known by the District at this time, the District meets the State's standards and criteria for fiscal stability and is projecting a positive unrestricted fund balance and a positive year-end cash position for the General Fund.

The projections for 2012/13 however, include a few different scenarios that could bring significant cuts to education.

Governor Brown's current budget proposal includes a tax extension measure on the June 2011 ballot. If the tax extension portion of Governor Brown's budget proposal doesn't pass, we anticipate massive cuts to education. In that instance, N-MUSD would have a \$15 million dollar structural imbalance between revenues and expenditures in 2012-13, and consequently would have to prepare in 2011-12 for \$15 million dollars in cuts.

The potential of another \$15 million in cuts would add to the District's already \$24.8 million dollars in budget cuts that have been made over the last three years due to funding shortfalls at the state level and a decrease in local revenues.

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board of Education previously responded to these concerns and took action on February 15, 2011, to adopt Resolution No. 27-02-11, in support of placing a revenue extension measure on the June 2011 ballot. The Resolution reflects the following points:

- Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solving the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve
- Over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts
- State and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District has cut \$24.8 million dollars from its budget over the past three years as a result of ongoing statewide cuts to education funding
- The loss of \$7 billion in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets
- To begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students
- The governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases
- A ballot measure to extend temporary revenues will help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District opposes a cuts-only budget and supports a budget that is balanced with a combination of cuts and revenue extensions
- Newport-Mesa Unified School District supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our state.

N-MUSD will continue to follow and assess funding and legislative activities at the state level. The District encourages the local community to review the Governor's budget proposal and revenue tax extension proposal that will hopefully be put before the voters on a June/July 2011 ballot.



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Technology Update

The Information Technology (IT) and Education Technology (ET) Departments are meeting with each school in the District over the next several months. This is an exciting time for examining new possibilities. It can be the kick-off for planning new technology projects for the schools, or allows for sharing changes in focus or priority regarding existing programs and projects. It's not only a time to look forward to new technologies in the classroom — but also looking back to see how the existing technology is fairing, its utilization, and gauging the services and software that make it all run. Technology is ever changing; so this is our opportunity to build a vision for the new and existing technology for the coming months and years.

SMART Training Opportunities in NMUSD

Newport Mesa is hosting three SMART training opportunities for teachers all over Orange County. The trainings will take place on May 16, 17, 18 from 9:00-4:00pm at Newport Heights Elementary School. The classes offered are SMART Notebook level 1 and Level 2 and SMART Notebook certification. For more information, visit <http://www.smarttech.com/us/Resources/Training> and click on SMART Training Events.

School Health Services

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

Preteen-Teen Risk Behaviors

By **Claire McGirr, RN, PH.N, BS.N**

Experimenting is part of growing up. The major concerns for parents nowadays are drinking, drugs, dare games, sexual activity and reckless behavior.

A risk activity less commonly known, and a dangerous trend, is the choking game. The Centers for Disease Control report that in a 10-year period, 83 young people from 31 states have died from dangerous strangulation games. Youth are choking, strangling or hanging themselves (or having a friend do it) with noose-like dog leashes, scarves or by squatting and holding their breath.

Why? These activities supposedly offer a fast and free high. Depriving the brain of oxygen can induce tingling or a mild euphoria because of its effect on the nervous system.

Other names for this activity are the blackout game, pass out, airplaning, California choke, and suffocation roulette. Boys are more likely to participate, and 13 years is the average age. Of the children who have died, 96 percent were alone.

After three minutes of hanging or strangling, the balance, memory and nervous systems begin to shut down. This potentially causes accidental death, loss of consciousness, concussions, seizures, coma or injuries from falling.

Warning signs of this activity are bruises around the neck, headaches, blood-shot eyes, disorientation after being alone, or choking paraphernalia in the room.

Always explain the risks of this activity to your child, and consult a doctor if you suspect anything. Being informed and talking to your child about all types of risky behaviors is an important part of parenting. Making smart decisions, and thinking about the consequences before acting, is an essential and possibly life-saving skill that our children need to learn.

The Mr. California and Miss Southern California 2011 Pageant Information



The Mr. California and Miss Southern California are scholarship pageants with the opportunity for titleholders to receive prizes of up to \$1,000 and work with charities such as: Special Olympics • CHOC (Children's Hospital of OC) • Orange County Food Bank Cystic Fibrosis Foundation • And much, much more.....

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Adult Education

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Bob Nanney
Principal

Prescription Medication—Use, Storage and Disposal

Do you know how to safely use, store and dispose of prescription medications? Adult Education and Rea Elementary partnered for a very informative presentation on the safe use of prescription drugs. The two schools combined learners from Adult ESL and families from Rea for morning and evening events presented by Project PATH (Positive Action Toward Health) from Community Service Projects, Inc. Nearly 600 participated in the Spanish presentations and over 150 in English. This worked well into the Adult ESL Standards of how to understand labeling and medications.



We also learned how youth are getting prescription drugs from home medicine cabinets, taking them to a party and combining in a bowl. Partiers take a handful and see what type of “high” they get. This very dangerous activity is causing deaths and long-term disabilities.

For more information or a presentation you may contact: Irene Umipig at 714.441.0807 Iumipig@cspinc.org.

School Readiness

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Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Director of
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Development

Preschools Pilot Pre-K Math Program

College Park and Davis Preschools were recently selected by the MIND Research Institute to pilot the ST (Spatial Temporal) Math for Pre-K. This program applies the same visual-based approach to teaching problem-solving skills as the elementary program, but is specially designed to be developmentally-appropriate for younger children. The program is comprised of technology (age-appropriate and interactive software games) and hand-on activities that promote children verbalizing their understanding of math concepts. The software games, featuring a penguin named “JiJi,” are based on current neuroscience research designed to engage children’s spatial temporal reasoning abilities. A student at



College Park Preschool shares, “I like to play JiJi. I make patterns with shapes and I match.” Preschool Site Facilitator, Angela Goddard, says, “I like that the program software reinforces the hands-on experiences. The children interact with JiJi on the computer in a different way than we can do with traditional math activities and manipulatives.”

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Great Wall

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Olympic Game Site 2008

The National Stadium serve as the main venue of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The design was awarded to a submission from the Swiss architecture firm Herzog & de Meuron in April 2003.



Ancient City

Xi'an was authorized by the UNESCO as a world-famous historic city in 1981. Xi'an is one of the four Great Ancient Capital Cities together with Athens, Rome and Cairo. The ancient city of Xi'an is a miniature of Chinese history.



Forbidden City

The Forbidden City was built during the Ming dynasty. It is actually a city-within-a-city; with 9999 rooms spread over 250 acres. During the Ming and Qing dynasty, 24 emperors made their home in the Forbidden City.



Terra Cotta Warriors

The Terracotta Army, one of the wonder of the world, is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the First Emperor of China. It includes warriors, chariots, horses, officials, acrobats, strongmen, and musicians.

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