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N-MUSD Tradition Continues...

By Laura Boss, Director of District Communications

N-MUSD's districtwide graduation rate increased to 94.8% in 2009-10 from 93.2% in 2008-09.

One campus, Early College High School, had a rare-for-Orange County 100% graduation rate, according to data from the state Department of Education released on August 11, 2011. Overall, Newport-Mesa students graduate at a higher rate than the countywide average of 87.5% and significantly higher than the statewide average, 80.4%.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Dr. Charles Hinman said the data came as no surprise with Newport-Mesa's tradition of achieving high graduation rates. "I'm thrilled," he said. "It's

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Newport-Mesa's Graduation Rate Continues to Score Above County and State Averages

N-MUSD Tradición continúa...

By Laura Boss, Directora de Comunicaciones del Distrito

El índice de graduación de todo el distrito N-MUSD subió a 94.8% en 2009-10 de 93.2% en 2008-09.

Una escuela preparatoria, Early College High School, tuvo un índice de graduación de 100%, no común en el Condado de Orange, según la información publicada el 11 de agosto de 2011 por el Departamento de Educación. En general, los estudiantes de Newport-Mesa se graduaron a un índice más alto que el promedio de 87.5% de todo el condado y significativamente más alto que el promedio de 80.4% de todo el estado.

El Superintendente Adjunto de Educación Secundaria Dr. Charles Hinman dijo que la información no es sorpresa debido a que tradicionalmente Newport-Mesa logra altos de

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SUPERINTENDENT

What's With All the Construction on the Campuses of CMHS and CdMHS?

Improvements for N-MUSD kids! That's what's happening on the campuses of Costa Mesa High/Middle School and Corona del Mar High/Middle School. It will take N-MUSD about three years and \$31 million in Measure F Bond funds to complete, but the end result is expected to please many whose wish lists included a place for middle school students to call their own on 7th to 12th-grade campuses. The projects, better known as the "enclaves" will include state-of-the-art classrooms and will allow a space for students to gather separately from the high school areas. The new classrooms, including exploratory labs with space to work on oversized projects, will allow for learning with the latest technology. The project also includes a theater at each school. Construction should be complete in 24 to 36 months.

Voters approved the \$282 million Measure F in 2005 with the condition they would be paying no more than

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Jeffrey C. Hubbard

¿Qué es toda esa construcción en las escuelas CMHS y CdMHS?

¡Mejoras para los niños de N-MUSD! Eso es lo que están viendo en las escuelas preparatorias/secundarias Costa Mesa High/Middle School y Corona del Mar High/Middle School. Le tomará a N-MUSD cerca de tres años y \$31 millones de fondos del Bono Measure F (Propuesta F) para completarlas, pero se espera que los resultados finales complazcan a

muchos de los que tienen una lista de deseos los cuales incluyen un lugar específico para los estudiantes de secundaria en los campos escolares de grados 7o a 12o. Los proyectos, conocidos como "enclaves", incluirán salones de clase de vanguardia y permitirán que los estudiantes se reúnan en un espacio separado de las áreas de la preparatoria. Los nuevos salones de clases, los cuales incluyen laboratorios de exploración con espacio para trabajo en proyectos extra grandes, viabilizarán el aprendizaje con la tecnología más avanzada. El proyecto también incluye un teatro en cada escuela. Completar la construcción tomará de 24 a 36 meses.

Los votantes aprobaron los \$282 millones de Measure F

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The end of summer has arrived and you can hear the cracking of books as the students prepare for another successful year at N-MUSD. This is one of our most popular issues when we highlight the principals. It is motivating to read where they each earned their degrees, about their families, pets and outside interests. Students particularly are always amazed that principals and teachers actually eat, sleep and study just like they do. I'd like to thank the principals personally for their dedication to our youth and commitment to education.

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Dr. Marc Lerner is New Medical Officer



William M. Habermehl
Superintendent

The research is clear; healthy children are more likely to have positive outcomes in school. Until now, financial restraints have made it difficult to expand health related services in our schools. The scale of this challenge was understood by our partners who have stepped up to make a new investment on behalf of our youth. It is with this generous support that we are pleased to announce that Orange County children and families have a new health champion, Dr. Marc Lerner.

As Medical Officer (M.O.) with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), Dr. Lerner joins a proactive education community that is focusing on student well-being as a critical feature that leads to academic success. Dr. Lerner is an esteemed professional, an Orange County resident, and an active leader in the medical community. As a Board Certified General, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician, and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and the Chief of the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics for the University of California Irvine, Medical School, Dr. Lerner has addressed important clinical issues and research for Orange County children and their families. A recipient of the Halo Award from the Orange County School Nurse Association in 2007, Dr. Lerner is well respected in the community as a leader in the field of pediatrics.

Dr. Lerner's will offer consultation services on youth related medical and health issues for the education community. He will join with members of the existing OCDE health and wellness team to support the physical health and mental well-being of children from preschool through high school. A comprehensive approach to health, wellness, nutrition, physical education, the prevention of mental health problems, and emergency preparedness supports Orange County youth to develop the foundation they need to achieve excellence in their learning and to reach their full potential.

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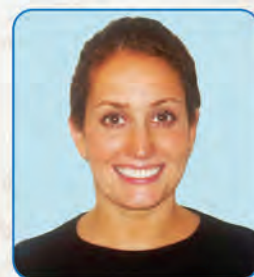
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Prepare, Plan with your Family

By Katie Eing, Emergency Services Coordinator, City of Newport Beach

This September will mark the ten year anniversary of 9/11 and we ask you to take time to remember those lost as well as time to make sure you are prepared for future emergencies. September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), which was founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S. It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for an unexpected emergency.

Emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere. If you've seen the news recently, you know that emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities and families just like yours. This September, please prepare in the event your family must go for a few days without electricity, water service, access to a super-market or local services. Just follow these three steps: Get a Kit. Make a Plan. Be informed.

Get a Kit

Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for your family – water, non-perishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and a battery-powered radio. If you own pets, remember to include their food and supplies in your supply kit. The Ready Kids family-friendly website (Ready.gov/kids) features instructions on what families and teachers can do to prepare for emergencies and the role kids can play in that effort. Spanish material is available at Listo Niños (Listo.gov).

Make a Plan

Discuss and agree on an emergency plan with your family. You can download the Family Emergency Plan at Ready.gov/makeaplan.

Be Informed

In addition to the Ready.gov site, free information is available from your city to assist you. Contact your local emergency manager to get details on specific hazards in your area, free training, local plans for shelter and evacuation, ways to get specific information before and during an emergency, and how to sign up to receive emergency alerts if they are available.

Consider planning a *Ready Kids* event in your community to encourage other families to remember, and prepare. Sample activities that are great for schools, scouts and other youth groups include:

- Helping Girl Scouts & Boy Scout work towards achieving their new Preparedness Patch
- Volunteering to present preparedness information in your child's class or in PTO/PTA meetings
- Inviting officials from your local Office of Emergency Management, Citizen Corps Council, or first responder teams to speak at schools or youth events

For more information on National Preparedness Month and for help getting your family, business or community prepared, visit Ready.gov or call 949-644-3112 (Newport Beach) or 714- 327-7406 (Costa Mesa).

Financial Tips

Safeguard Yourself from Identity Theft (Part 1)



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You or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft, which is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States with millions of victims each year. Identity theft is serious. One can spend hundreds of dollars and countless hours plus frustrations repairing their good credit and clearing their name. Below are ways your identity can be stolen:

- **Phishing** –attempts to fraudulently acquire sensitive personal information (ie. account numbers, passwords, social security numbers, credit card details, etc) through email fraud or internet scams. In a typical case, phishing involves the use of email messages impersonating your financial institution, a reputable company that you normally conduct business with or a government agency. Phishing emails always have a sense of urgency. The email will probably warn you of a serious problem that requires your immediate attention. It will then urge you to click on a button or link where you will be asked to enter or confirm your personal information.
- **Dumpster Diving** –thieves will rummage through trash looking for bills or other documents with your personal information on it that you have mistakenly thrown in the trash instead of shredding.
- **Skimming** –thieves can procure a victim's credit card number using basic methods such as photocopying receipts or by using a more advanced method such as a small electronic device (skimmer) to swipe and store hundreds of credit card or debit/ATM card numbers, which reads the magnetic strip as the user unknowingly passes their card through it.
- **Pretexting** –the practice of using false pretenses to obtain personal information. Pretexters sell your information to people who may use it to get credit in your name, to steal your assets, to investigate or sue you.

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Valuable Partnerships

By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

Studies show that partnerships between the public library, community based organizations and the business community to provide youth with new and innovative programs benefit the entire community.

The library is only one of many partners in the community that works to meet the needs of youth. With creative partnerships and the development of sustainable programs, libraries can continue to expand their important role in the lives of youth and develop the concept of public libraries as a destination for youth.

With supportive, engaged community partners, public libraries can build on existing strengths and enhance current initiatives for youth, including:

- Building regular library visits into the curriculum of existing community based programs
- Collaborating with the public school to create online tutorials for students to support current academic coursework.
- Creating a comprehensive career exploration program with paid job opportunities for youth in the library setting.
- Designing a specific space to connect teens to career counselors and higher education coordinators and materials at the library.
- Developing English language conversation groups for students, focusing on social conversation and/or academic vocabulary.
- Offering opportunities to “work off” fines at the library.
- Partnering with local schools to give extra credit or recognition for students using the library.

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Back to School with the NBPL



Evelyn Rogers
Children's Librarian

Summer is winding down, and here at the Newport Beach Public Library we hope that everyone's vacation has been great!

We have just wrapped up another successful summer reading program with over 2,500 readers taking part. The library would like to extend a big congratulations to all of the participants, as well as a big thank-you to our teen volunteers and the Friends of the Library, our essential partners in the summer programs.

The school year will be starting soon, and the library is ready with lots of new fiction and non-fiction to help children with their studies. Students will also find some very interesting databases on the NBPL Web site for home use with a library card.


September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, too, so be sure to include this wonderful resource at the top of your list of back-to-school necessities! Remember, a Newport Beach Public Library card is free for California residents.

Our library programs are a creative way to celebrate the fall season. The Central Library will host Craft-O-Rama on September 20 at 4 p.m.. A special family concert called *Adventures in Song and Story*, with the Southland Opera, will be held on October 1 at 11 a.m.

The Mariners Branch is the place to go for a “Very Fairy Princess Party” on September 24 at 3 p.m. Mariners will also resume its popular “Lego Block Parties” at 3 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, through November.

Don't miss the annual “Talk Like a Pirate Day!” program at the Balboa Branch on September 14 at 3:30 p.m. It's a fun event for the whole family, with lots of pirate entertainment and activities.

The Corona del Mar Branch will host two craft programs, so drop in any time on September 17. Or sign up for “Color Me Autumn” on September 28 at 3:30 p.m. For more information on any of these programs, please visit our Web site.




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Gabriel DelReal
Principal

Gabe Del Real has served the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for eleven years. This is his second year as principal at Adams Elementary School.

Prior to joining the Adams team, Gabe was a classroom teacher at Rea and Newport Heights Elementary Schools where he implemented one-to-one laptop computing programs in the classroom. Gabe has also served as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) at Newport Heights. In addition to his work in N-MUSD, Gabe has taught as an adjunct professor of Children's Literature for Vanguard University and has conducted many university lectures on topics such as technology in education, differentiated literacy programs, and transforming organizations. Gabe completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at California State University, Fullerton. He also earned his multiple subject and reading specialist credentials at CSUF. Gabe received his administrative services credential from University of California, Irvine. Gabe attributes his success to his supportive wife, Chrissy and their two children Sonya (3) and Lucas (1). Gabe is honored to be the principal of Adams Elementary School. Working with the dedicated staff and parents to provide an excellent education for every one of the Adams All Stars is one of his greatest experiences.

Roy O. Andersen *Elementary (K-6)*

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Laura Vlasic
Principal

Laura Vlasic has served as principal of Andersen Elementary for one year. She begins her seventeenth year in education, starting her career here in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District as a third grade teacher at Mariners Elementary and a sixth grade teacher at TeWinkle Middle School. After that, she successfully transitioned into the Capistrano Unified School District where she had an opportunity to open a brand new school with an Accelerated Academic Achievement (AAA) focus. She served as an elementary administrator for nine years at a variety of elementary school sites prior to coming back to NMUSD in 2010.

Raised in Villa Park, Laura is a native southern Californian. She attended UC Santa Barbara earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and also holds a Masters of Arts in Educational Administration from Chapman University.

Laura is married to Jerry Vlasic, principal of Kaiser Elementary School. They have a thirteen year old son, Scott, eleven year old daughter, Claire, and five year old daughter, Katie.

Laura is looking forward to working with the Andersen staff, parents and community to continue and build upon the wonderful school traditions that help children to learn, grow and become the best they possibly can be!

Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Debbie-Lucker Davis
Principal

Deborah Davis has been the principal at the Alternative Education center. since 2002. Moving from a Principal's position in Puyallup, Washington Debbie relocated to enjoy the many benefits of Southern California. Originally graduating from the University of Washington with a double major in psychology and English, Debbie obtained a teaching credential and began her career as a junior high social studies, English, journalism and vocal music teacher. She earned a Masters degree in Educational Administration at Western Washington State University in Bellingham, Washington. Debbie moved into an assistant Principal position for four years and then into a Principalship.

Throughout her career in education she has never lost sight of the reason education captured her: The Kids! Working at the alternative education center has truly been the highlight of her career. In 2010 Back Bay Continuation High School was awarded the prestigious title of "California Model Continuation High School", an honor well deserved. This year Debbie was named Continuation Principal of the year for the state's Region 10.

College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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Julie McCormick
Principal

Julie McCormick has been principal at College Park Elementary School for two years. She has 25 years in education, with her teaching career beginning in Santa Ana. She has a total of 11 years of teaching experience and 14 years of administrative experience. Since joining the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 1999, Julie has served as School Readiness Coordinator in the preschool programs, elementary teacher at Eastbluff School, and principal at Pomona School. Prior to 1999, she served as teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Santa Ana Unified School District for 13 years. Julie grew up in the Newport-Mesa Unified School

District attending Mariners, Ensign and Newport Harbor. She graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.A. in Spanish interpreting and translating. She received her teaching credential from University of California, Irvine, and a master's in educational administration from U.S. International University. She is married with five children, and loves working at College Park.

California *Elementary (K-6)*

3232 California Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7940



Matthew Broesamle
Principal

After teaching at Adams Elementary School for 8 years, Matt Broesamle will begin his first year as principal at California Elementary School. Matt began his career in education as an instructional aide at Andersen Elementary School in 2001. He then completed his student teaching at both Woodland and Adams, and was hired to teach fifth grade at Adams in the spring of 2003. Matt earned his bachelor's degree in 2000, teaching credential in 2003, and master's degree in 2006 from Concordia University, Irvine. He was also a member of NMUSD's first Leadership Institute.

Matt is blessed to have an amazing family. He has been married to his wife Gina, who is a high school teacher in Huntington Beach, for 8 years, and they have two boys, Nathan (3), and Gavin (1). He is honored to have been selected as the principal of California Elementary School.



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(7-12)



Guy Olguin
Principal
7-8 Grade

Guy Olguin is currently the grade 7/8 principal at Corona Del Mar Middle School/High School in Newport Beach. Guy's connection to Newport-Mesa began at Killybrook elementary school as a fourth grade student. After graduating from Estancia high school in 1980, Guy remained connected to the district through coaching and eventually obtained his first assignment teaching second grade at Wilson elementary school. After two years, Guy spent one year at TeWinkle middle school before moving on to Ensign Intermediate School. Guy found a home at Ensign for the next 13 years. After receiving his Masters' in Education along with his Administrative credential from Cal. State Fullerton in 2005, Guy moved across the bay to his current home at Corona del Mar middles school. Newport-Mesa USD has been Guy's teaching home for the last 25 years. Guy says the best thing about spending his entire career in Newport-Mesa has been the opportunity to teach alongside those who made such a significant impact while he was a student. Guy is married to Tracey Olguin who also teaches in the Newport-Mesa USD.



Tim Bryan
Principal
9-12 Grade

Tim Bryan is beginning his third year as the Principal of Corona del Mar High School. Prior to coming to CdM, Tim has enjoyed his 28 years in education as an instrumental music director, Instructional Dean and Assistant Principal. The support of students and teachers is Mr. Bryan's foremost goal in his role as Principal. Tim is committed to CdM's success in the four cornerstones of a great school; Academics, Activities, Arts and Athletics. He has commented many times that CdM is an exceptional school where talented, motivated students; a professional and energized staff; and active, supportive parents come together to create a culture that focuses on the success of each student every day.

Everyone at CdMHS is looking forward to another great year of student successes in the wide variety of opportunities they undertake.

Davis *Magnet School (K-6)*

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Dr. Kevin Rafferty
Principal

Newport-Mesa Unified School District's first-ever magnet school — with a special focus on science, math, and technology — Davis Magnet School (PreK-Grade 6) is recognized as one of the top ten schools in Orange County (Orange County Register). Principal Kevin Rafferty has orchestrated an incredibly successful school, where the teachers, parents, students and community are excited about all the great learning possibilities!

Davis Magnet School is the third new school Dr. Rafferty has opened as principal. Beginning his 16th year as an elementary school principal, Dr. Rafferty came to the Newport-Mesa Unified School District from Capistrano Unified. Rafferty opened the brand-new Oak Grove Elementary School in Aliso Viejo in 1996; five years later, in 2001, he opened the brand-new Chaparral Elementary School in Ladera Ranch. As the learning leader, Rafferty's schools have earned California Distinguished School Awards in 2000, 2004, and 2008.

Actively implementing best practices of Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Dr. Rafferty works with the teachers, students and parents on three big ideas: ensuring that students learn, building a culture of collaboration, and focusing on results. Dr. Rafferty works with his staff to creatively find collaboration time during the contractual workday and provide a structure for the effective and efficient function of the PLC while fostering teacher teamwork and collaboration, with the ultimate goal of constantly improving student learning.

Dr. Rafferty earned his Ed.D. in educational leadership at the University of Southern California. In 2004, Dr. Rafferty was recognized as Educator of the Year by the State of California's Early Intervention for School Success program. Dr. Rafferty attended the Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2002.

Costa Mesa *High School (7-12)*

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Aaron Peralta
Principal, 7-8 Grade

Aaron Peralta will begin his fourth year as the principal at Costa Mesa High School/ Middle School. In his 13 years of service in the field of education, Mr. Peralta has served as a middle school English and history teacher, a high school history teacher and wrestling coach, and administrative positions which include middle school and high school vice principalships. Mr. Peralta earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach and his Master's Degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in Educational Leadership.

Aaron will begin his third year of coursework for his doctoral studies at the University of Southern California. He is proud to work with a staff whose core values include the social and academic well being for every student. At CMHS/MS we hold ourselves accountable to an elevated standard of instruction, and we hold our students equally accountable to high academic and behavioral standards. Believing that a safe and secure environment is a prerequisite to effective instruction and learning, we strive to provide a stable, yet flexible atmosphere that will meet the changing needs of our students.

Our commitment to honor the traditions of the past and charter the future at Costa Mesa remain a top priority. We look forward to working with you as a school community to maintain the highest levels of student achievement, campus pride and customer service. Welcome to what is sure to be a great 2011/2012 school year Mustangs!



Phil D'Agostino
Principal, 9-12 Grade

Phil D'Agostino is entering his second year as the Principal of Costa Mesa High School, after serving for four years as the principal of Estancia High School. He was the Administrator of the Year for Secondary Education in 2010 and is entering his 13th year with the Newport Mesa USD. He holds masters degrees in both Educational Leadership and Political Science, and recently received his doctoral degree from Cal State Fullerton.

Phil has always made the holistic development of all students his top priority. He has also made it a point to encourage collaboration around such issues as the development of rigorous academic offerings, competitive athletic programs, and a rich school climate.

He is proud to be working with a dedicated community of teachers and classified staff members who strive to implement a "whatever it takes" attitude toward student success

Early College *High School (9-12)*

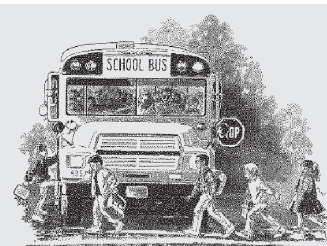
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Kathy Slawson
Principal

Kathy Slawson has been employed with the NMUSD for fourteen years. Prior to coming to NMUSD she worked in the Whittier Union High School District as a teacher and administrator. After moving to NMUSD she continued to increase her experience as an Assistant Principal. In 2005 she was hired as the principal of Early College High School. She has helped the school become a California Distinguished School and earn a state ranking of a 10 for their API score three years in a row and a perfect 10 ranking when compared with similar schools. She credits the success to working with a dedicated hard working staff who believes all students can achieve academic success.

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Eastbluff *Elementary (K-6)*

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Cheryl Beck is the principal of Eastbluff School. She considers herself a lifetime learner and is celebrating her 24th year in the field of education. She loves working with children and is married with two children of her own. Mrs. Beck enjoys spending time with her family, reading books, scrap booking on Shutterfly, going to the beach and helping to volunteer on their sports booster clubs. Born and raised in Bellflower, Mrs. Beck is a native Californian. She began her career in education first as an instructional aide in Long Beach while completing her college education at California State University, Fullerton. She then furthered her career earning her masters in administration at Azusa Pacific University. Mrs. Beck has 10 years of teaching experience and 14 years of administrative experience. She has also been a mentor teacher and a literacy trainer for the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District.

Mrs. Beck began her administrative career as an assistant principal in Norwalk-La Mirada. She then was an assistant principal in the Centralia School District. She joined the Newport Mesa Unified School District five years ago as the assistant principal at Davis School. Mrs. Beck was the principal of Davis School the following two years. She is very much enjoying and honored to continue her administrative career as the principal of Eastbluff School.

Horace Ensign *Intermediate School (7-8)*

2000 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6910



Dr. Gloria Duncan
Principal

Dr. Gloria Duncan was recently appointed as the Principal of Ensign Intermediate School. Gloria has been with Newport-Mesa Unified School for four years where she served as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Ensign. She began her teaching career as a high school math teacher, and later became an Instructional Dean of Math and Science at Walnut High School. Gloria was the Assistant Principal and Principal at Canyon High School in Orange Unified School District. Under her leadership, the school received a California Distinguished School Award and she was honored with the Outstanding Contributions to Education

Award. Gloria earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Education from the California State University, Fullerton. In May 2011, she earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California.

Gloria lives in Anaheim Hills with her husband of 34 years and enjoys spending time with him and their three children. As the principal, she is honored to be the leader of Ensign Intermediate School. She is committed to serving the needs of her students, staff, and parents so that every student, every day, is engaged in learning.

Estancia *High School (9-12)*

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



Kirk Bauermeister
Principal

Principal Kirk Bauermeister is a product of NMUSD schools, having attended College Park Elementary, Davis Middle School and Costa Mesa High School.

Bauermeister received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1983 at Long Beach State University. During the time, he was going to Long Beach State. He coached baseball and football at Costa Mesa High School. Upon receiving his degree from Long Beach State, Bauermeister finished his teaching credential in 1984 at Southern California College, now Vanguard.

Since the district was going through a period of declining enrollment and jobs were difficult to come by, Bauermeister went into the sporting goods business (Treds & Threads) and bought a store in 1989 in Costa Mesa. He returned to the educational field, accepting a teaching position at Costa Mesa High School in 1999 and selling his business. While at Costa Mesa, Bauermeister taught history and English, was the social science department chair, coached baseball and football, and was the athletic director. Bauermeister received his master's degree in educational administration from New Mexico Highlands University in 2001 and his Doctorate from the University of La Verne in 2008, in Organizational Leadership. In 2002, he was hired as the high school assistant principal, a post that he held for three years. In 2005, he was selected to be the middle school principal and co-principal of Costa Mesa High School, a position he held for two years. In 2007, Bauermeister became the principal of TeWinkle Middle School where he served until July 1st 2010, when he became the principal at Estancia High School.

Bauermeister is in his second year as an adjunct professor at the University of Redlands in their Teacher Credentialing Program. Bauermeister has been married to his wife, Denise, for 25 years, and they live in Costa Mesa. Denise works in the office at Kaiser Elementary school. Their two daughters, Karli and Kelsi, went through school in the NMUSD, attending Sonora Elementary, Davis School and Costa Mesa High School. Karli just completed her junior year at the University of Arizona. Kelsi just completed her sophomore year at Iowa State University.

Harbor View *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Charlene Metoyer
Principal

Charlene Metoyer has experienced all facets of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD). As a resident of Costa Mesa since 1976, she has been active in the PTA and Parent-Faculty Organization (PFO), serving as president at two schools. Her four children attended Bear Street School, Davis Middle School, Paularino Elementary School, and Costa Mesa High School. Before coming to N-MUSD, Metoyer taught middle school science for Los Angeles Unified School District and science, reading and Spanish in Fountain Valley. After joining the Newport-Mesa team, Metoyer was an elementary teacher for seven years at Paularino and a secondary math teacher at Ensign Intermediate School. During this time, she was also a district mentor teacher and Title IX grant coordinator. In 1996, Metoyer joined the administrative team and worked as an adult education principal at Rea Elementary School, Harper School, and Costa Mesa High School. She came to the district office to be the first coordinator of math and science, after serving for 10 years in the Summer Science program. During that time, she served as interim principal at Sonora and Killybrooke Schools. Metoyer was the principal of Eastbluff School for more than six years and is currently the principal of Harbor View School, where she has been since 2007.

Honored by her peers as Orange County Elementary Principal of the Year and a District Super Star, Metoyer has said, "I must have done something wonderful in a past life to be able to be part of the Newport-Mesa team and go to work every day with the fabulous faculty and staff, terrific kids, and supportive parents at Harbor View."

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Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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Jerry Vlasic
Principal

Kaiser's principal is Gerald A. (Jerry) Vlasic. Vlasic began his career in his home state of Indiana—teaching middle school English and history before moving to California to take a teaching position in San Marcos. Vlasic taught in San Marcos for one year before being promoted to assistant principal. Vlasic's career spanned 12 years in San Marcos, and he was part of the team that opened the newly constructed Discovery Elementary School, where he was promoted to principal. He served in Capistrano Unified School District as principal at Las Flores Elementary School and, most recently, Moulton Elementary School.

Vlasic is part of a family of educators—his father spent four decades teaching and coaching high school students in northwestern Indiana. Vlasic's wife, Laura, is principal at Andersen Elementary School here in NMUSD. Vlasic holds a BS in education from Indiana University, with a major in English and a minor in sociology minor; a MA in education in school administration from Ball State University; and an administrative services credential from USC. He also possesses a multiple subject credential in elementary teaching and a secondary teaching single subject credential with authorizations in English and Sociology. Vlasic is excited to begin his third year as part of the wonderful Kaiser Knights Team!

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Jane Holm
Principal

With twenty-nine years of educational experience, Jane Holm is still excited to come to school. "Working with Lincoln students, parents, and teachers everyday is a true pleasure," Holm states. "Because of the incredible teamwork we are able to offer a well balanced program that emphasizes core academics as well as exemplary programs in the arts, and technology."

Mrs. Holm brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Lincoln campus. She is a graduate of UC Irvine who began her teaching career in the Irvine Unified School District teaching kindergarten, first, fourth and fifth grades. She was also a teacher on special assignment, writing and implementing grants, developing program improvement plans, and coaching new teachers. After receiving her Masters and Administrative Credential, Mrs. Holm joined the Newport-Mesa team where she has worked as an assistant principal at Lincoln School and principal at California School. Seven years ago she returned to Lincoln Elementary School to serve as their principal.

Jane Holm's two greatest passions are her family and her work as an educator. "As a parent I have the same goals for my own children that I do as an educator. I love the challenge of helping children reach their goals."

Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

Lorie Hoggard is proud to join the Killybrooke School community as Principal in the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Hoggard was born and raised in Long Beach, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology, teaching credential, and master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from California State University, Long Beach. After teaching elementary school in both Southern and Northern California, Dr. Hoggard earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California. She joined the N-MUSD staff in 1999 as Principal of Sonora Elementary School which, under her leadership, earned statewide honors as a California Distinguished School and Title I Achieving School. As Director of Early Childhood Education for the District (from 2002-2011), Dr. Hoggard expanded N-MUSD's early childhood education programs from three to ten sites and secured grant funding for N-MUSD early childhood programs from the United States Department of Education, California Department of Education, Children and Families Commission of Orange County, and First 5 California to provide high-quality, research-based early learning experiences that will place our young children on a trajectory for success in the K-12 system and beyond.

Dr. Hoggard and her husband, Bill, have two children who love to play sports and spend time at the beach.

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Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

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Pam Coughlin
Principal

Pamela Coughlin started her career with Newport-Mesa Unified School District at Wilson Elementary School in 1998. Two years later she transferred to Mariners Elementary School where she has been for eleven years. During these eleven years she has been instrumental in having Mariners Elementary School receive the California Distinguished School Award in 2006 and the National Blue Ribbon award in 2007. In addition, Mariners Elementary School has earned a perfect score of 10 on Statewide Ranking of the California State Test and a perfect score of 10 on the Similar Schools Ranking for the last six years.

Before coming to Newport-Mesa Unified School District Pam was an assistant principal and principal in Palatine, Illinois for nine years. She earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and administrative certificate at Northern Illinois University.

Pam credits her career success at Mariners Elementary School to the many wonderful teachers, parents, staff, and students who have worked together to provide an outstanding educational environment where all members of the school community feel successful.

Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Amy Nagy
Principal

FROM THE SCHOOL

For more than twenty years, Amy Nagy, the principal of Newport Elementary School, has worked in the field of education. Throughout her career, she has been employed as an elementary counselor, a teacher, a curriculum coordinator, and a principal. Nagy earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, her teaching certificate from the University of Michigan, her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and her doctorate from the University of LaVerne.

She became the principal of Newport Elementary in 2004 when her family relocated from Michigan to Southern California. Dr. Nagy and her husband, Zoltan, are the proud parents of two wonderful boys, Michael, 17, and Nicholas, 14.

"It's hard to believe I will be starting my eighth year at Newport El." Nagy commented. "I feel very fortunate and honored to work with such wonderful people. The staff is both talented and dedicated and the parents are so supportive. Our student population is the best!"

"Teachers work collaboratively with their colleagues, both on campus and in our Newport Harbor Zone. Our major academic focus continues to be on improving our reading, writing and math instruction."

"Our student intervention program continues to grow stronger. We have systems in place to help students that may be struggling. Through our creative scheduling, teachers are able to work as grade level teams to plan and provide students with differentiated support. With the help of our intervention specialists, funded by our Newport Elementary School Foundation, we are able meet with our students in small, targeted groups." Nagy noted.

"In addition to Newport Elementary's focus on academics, our character education program continues to be an integral part of our curriculum. We believe this focus on developing good citizens is as important as the academics. We have some new ideas planned for the fall and look forward to showing our entire community that we truly are, 'Best on the Beach.'"

Nagy gives credit to the outstanding staff and students, as well as the fantastic support that comes from the parents, PTA and NESF. "We are a great school because of these partnerships! I look forward to another outstanding year!" Nagy concluded.

Newport Coast *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Dr. Duane Cox is thrilled to serve at Newport Coast Elementary School (NCE), home of the NCE Coyotes! He shares in the school and community's pride for their school's accomplishment. NCE was recognized in 2010 as a California Distinguished School. Dr. Cox believes that the NCE staff, parents, and students are truly distinguished. He feels privileged to serve with a staff that prides itself in their commitment to increased student achievement and a culture of Professional Learning Communities. The parents provide tremendous support to the school, and the students at Newport Coast Elementary absolutely shine!

Dr. Duane Cox has 16 years of experience as an educator. He has had a variety of classroom teaching and leadership opportunities in Orange County Schools. While at the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) he served students and school districts throughout Orange County. Prior to his work at OCDE, Dr. Cox served as a principal at Dwyer Middle School and as a classroom teacher in the Huntington Beach City School District for 10 years. Under his leadership Dwyer was recognized as a California Distinguished School and earned soaring Academic Performance Index (API) scores.

Dr. Cox, his wife Sandy, and their three year old son welcomed a new addition to their family in the 2010-2011 school year. Kibo Grace will be one year old at the start of this school year. Dr. Cox stated, "I am truly blessed in my work and in my home!"

Newport Heights *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Kathleen Jaquin
Principal

The beginning of a school year presents opportunities for fresh beginnings; new books, new classes, new teachers, new friends, just to name a few. As we begin the 2011-2012 school year, I feel very privileged to be a new member of the Newport Heights Elementary School community and the Newport Mesa Unified School District. The reputation of the staff, students and parents is outstanding and I know this school year will be a successful one.

I spent the five years in the Ocean View School District where I served as an elementary school principal. Before that, I was an assistant principal in the Torrance Unified School district and an elementary teacher in the Oceanside Unified School District. I have an undergraduate degree in social work from Niagara University and my Masters is in Elementary Education from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Learning has always been a passion of mine and I will work hard to ensure that the Newport Heights experience will cultivate a love of learning while at the same time setting high expectations and creating a caring community for all students.

Newport Harbor *High School (9-12)*

600 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6300



Michael Vossen
Principal

Michael Vossen was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. He served as the Coach for the 1984 Canadian Olympic Gymnastics Team before going into Education. He received his Bachelor's Degree from UCLA and his Master's Degree in Education Administration from CSUF. He began his educational career as a math teacher, before becoming an administrator. He served as Assistant Principal at both Costa Mesa High School and Newport Harbor High School. He has been Principal at Newport Harbor High School for the past eleven years. In his spare time, Michael enjoys outdoor activities with his three children, Brandon (17), Nicole (15) and Caitlyn (11).

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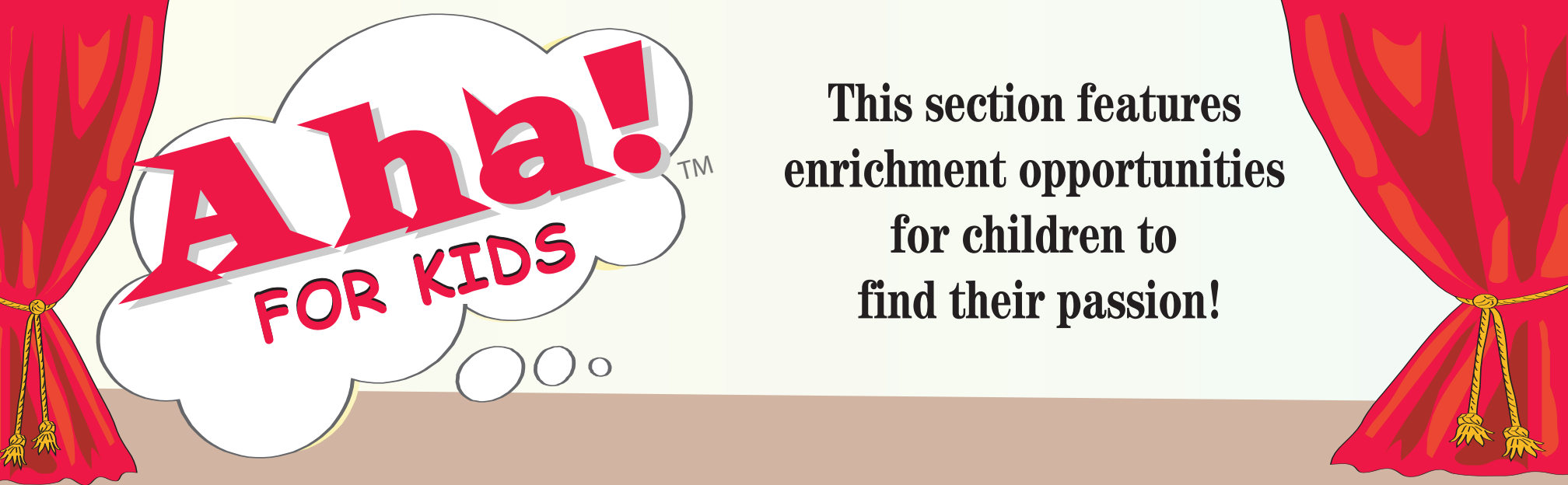
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Children need a regular study time each day. This is sometimes difficult with the multiple interruptions provided by the after school extra curricular schedule. To the extent the time is regular will the child be able to adapt to doing the work at hand.

With a child who has trouble focusing, it is best to have the child show you what the homework is and then show you what he/she has accomplished at the end of the homework period. Tell the child up-front that work must be legible (Your teacher will love you for this one!) and the work must be done. Work that is not legible will be copied over.

Keep an eye on your child's progress. Too many children flounder in school and then don't have the initiative or skills to catch up again. Ask the teachers for a grade report long before the school schedule provides one. Let the teachers know you will support them and that you want to know if your child slips behind. A letter to the teacher might say, "Thank you for choosing to teach school. We want our son/daughter to be successful this semester and request that you let us know if he/she begins to fall behind, not do homework or otherwise fail to do his/her job in school. Thank you for your time and caring."



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Working together on a project is great fun, and it is important not to take the "child" out of the project. A good grade is not as important as a sense of doing something yourself. And, if the child puts off a project let him/her fail. Failing is an important lesson that inspires a child to make better choices. Rescuing a child does not teach responsibility.

Most important, make it clear that your child has two jobs in your home: (1) to be a good human being and (2) to do his/her best in school.

Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel has written three books. She has taught school, raised two children, worked as a consultant to schools and has taught parenting for the past 20 years. Sandy lives in Meridian, Idaho. www.ParentingSOS.com

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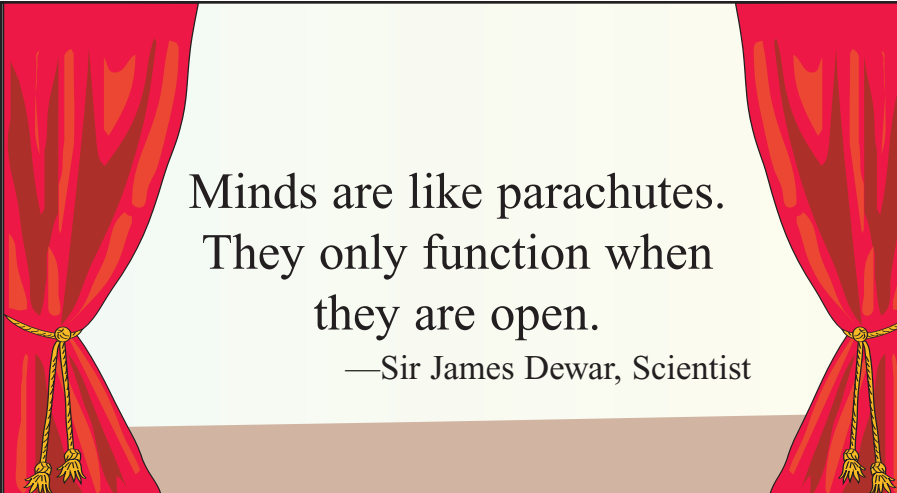
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Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

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Stacy deBoom-Howard
Principal

Stacy de Boom-Howard is starting her 6th year as the Principal at Paularino Elementary School. Mrs. de Boom-Howard is a born and bread NMUSD student and employee. During her school years she attended Woodland, Kaiser, Ensign and Newport Harbor. Throughout her career she has been an intervention teacher, first grade teacher and coordinator of the after school programs prior to landing at Paularino. Mrs. de Boom-Howard earned her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from California State University, Chico. She furthered her education by obtaining her Teaching Credential and Masters Degree from National University in Cross Cultural Curriculum and Instruction and her Administrative Credential at University of California at Irvine. She has always been passionate about working with the whole school community and watching the student's faces light up when they "get" a concept. She is extremely proud of the work each person has done to support Paularino in obtaining the honor of a 2010 California Distinguished School.

Mrs. de Boom-Howard is married to her best friend, Kyle who spends many nights at Paularino supporting not only her but the school community. While away from work she enjoys going to the desert to relax, attending Angel Baseball games, watching Broadway Musicals, spending time with family/friends and playing with her dog Riley. She credits her success and happiness to an incredibly supportive family both at home and within NMUSD. Mrs. de Boom-Howard is delighted to be at Paularino where differences are made everyday in the lives of the students by a very professional and caring staff and community. It truly is a place where students thrive!

Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Christine Anderson
Principal

For more than 30 years, Christine Anderson has been a passionate educator, excited about being a positive influence in the education of all students! Christine was born in Glendale, California, grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, and spent most of her adult life in the metropolitan Phoenix area. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri for two years and received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Arizona State University. She earned her administrative credential years later from Northern Arizona University.

Christine taught for many years as a primary classroom teacher in Arizona, with the exception of a two year position, as a Curriculum Resource Specialist, with the Santa Ana Unified School District. Before joining the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2002, as the principal of Sonora Elementary School, Christine had been an assistant principal of an alternative high school, principal of a K-8 school, in collaboration with Arizona State University, and principal of the Thomas J. Pappas School for Children of Homeless Families in Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona.

Christine is proud and honored to be a part of the N-MUSD team. She feels privileged to be a part of the Sonora School family, where exceptional teachers teach the best students each and every day, and outstanding, involved parents contribute to the success of all students! Sonora Student are college bound!

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William M. Habermehl
Superintendent

The vision and financial support for this inaugural position of Medical Officer reflects a shared mission along with a generous investment by the Orange County Health Care Agency, Hoag Hospital, and the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. Each agency has committed financial resources and will join a select group of health and community partners who have volunteered their expertise to serve on an advisory group for this effort. The goal is to advance student wellness and in doing so, support the OCDE goal of ensuring a world class education where every student succeeds.

Pomona *Elementary (K-5)*

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



Megan Elsten Brown
Principal

Megan Elsten Brown is excited and honored to begin her first year as principal of Pomona Elementary. Megan's educational and personal philosophy hinges on putting children first. Whether at home with her husband and four cherished sons, in the Costa Mesa community where she calls home, or as an educator, Megan is dedicated to making sure every child is treated with respect and has the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Megan's career has taken her around the globe as she has served as an elementary and high school teacher both home and abroad, a technology teacher leader and trainer, and an ELD and intervention teacher. Mrs. Brown's most recent assignment was as Even Start Family Literacy Coordinator for Newport-Mesa Unified.

Mrs. Brown has a deep love and appreciation for literature and literacy that she attributes to growing up in a family of educators, receiving a wonderful well-rounded education as a student in N-MUSD, and attending UCLA where she graduated with a degree in English literature. She also holds a bilingual teaching credential, a Masters in multi-cultural education, an administrative services credential, and is a member of N-MUSD's Leadership Institute. Mrs. Brown looks forward to joining the Pomona community where teachers, parents, and community members work together and put children first.

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

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



Dr. Anna Corral
Principal

Dr. Anna Corral is beginning her fourth year with the NMUSD as the Principal of Rea Elementary School. Rea Elementary School is proud of the academic progress of their students. Anna began her educational career as a band director in the Anaheim Union High School District teaching in both the junior and senior highs for ten years. She then became an administrator working as an Assistant Principal at various schools for 10 years. Anna received her Bachelors degree in music from UCLA and in 2001 received her Doctorate in Administration from USC.

Anna has a wonderful husband who is also an educator and basketball coach in Anaheim. Anna is very proud to be working at Rea and is motivated everyday by the wonderful community she works in.

Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Linda Tenno
Principal

Dr. Linda Tenno is beginning her third year as the full-time principal of Victoria Elementary School. She served as co-principal and part-time teacher at Victoria for the previous five years. Her administrative experience also includes 12 and a half years as an elementary principal in the Garden Grove Unified School District, and one year as a middle school assistant principal in the Desert Sands Unified School District. Previously, Dr. Tenno was a classroom teacher in a variety of settings, including both primary and upper grades. She was also employed by the Orange County Department of Education as a cohort advisor for the district intern program and as a coach for the Institute for Character Education.

Dr. Tenno grew up in Canyon Country, CA, and attended USC, where she earned a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science, and a Doctorate in educational administration. She is a proud resident of Costa Mesa and enjoys spending time with her family, singing and playing the flute, and attending concerts and sporting events. Dr. Tenno has two sons (one is currently attending Estancia High School, and the other is a recent Estancia graduate), and her husband is also an educator. She is excited about continuing to work with all members of the wonderful Victoria community to build a positive school culture where the focus is on high standards and on educating the whole child.

Charles W. Tewinkle

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Rich Rodriguez is not new to the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. He has taught at the middle school level, grades 6-8; the elementary level, grades K-6, and most recently served as the Principal at Newport Coast Elementary School. He has lived in California his entire life and has been married to his wonderful wife, Michelle, for nineteen years. He enjoys spending family time with his eight year old daughter, Lexi and his five year old son, Maxwell. This will be the second year Mr. Rodriguez is the Principal at TeWinkle Middle School. He is honored and proud to be working with such a dedicated team, supportive parent community and the best students. TeWinkle Middle School has experienced phenomenal growth the past few years.

The staff operates as a collaborative Professional Learning Community wherein the school focuses on learning, collaboration and results. The teachers work to answer the following questions: What do our students need to learn? How do we know if they are learning? How do we respond if they are not learning or have already learned? Our school motto is "Dare to Dream, Learn, and Achieve." Our mission is simple: TeWinkle Middle School is a partnership of teachers, students, support staff, parents, and community members where cooperation, respect, learning, and confidence foster personal growth and success for all. Our purpose is to give students the tools for a better life! We live our mission and believe all students can learn at high levels!

Wilson

801 Wilson St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6995 *Elementary (K-6)*



Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

Dr. Julie Perron is the new principal at Wilson Elementary School. This is her 21st year as an educator. She began her career with Long Beach Unified School District as a bilingual elementary school teacher. She then moved to Washington state to attend graduate school at Gonzaga University, where she received her MA and her PhD. While working on her doctorate, she taught ELD at the high school level, before becoming an elementary school principal in Spokane, Wa.

Returning to Southern California is returning to her roots, and she is elated that her three children will be able to experience the ocean as she did as a child. Julie spends her free time enjoying her family, playing guitar and travelling. She is excited to have the opportunity to serve the families and community of Wilson Elementary.

Woodland

2025 Garden Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6945 *Elementary (K-2)*



Lauren Medve
Principal

Lauren Medve is beginning her ninth year as principal of Woodland Elementary School. Prior to coming to Newport-Mesa, Lauren spent 20 years as an elementary school teacher in Saddleback Unified School District, as well as serving as an assistant principal in two of their largest elementary schools. After serving as a principal in Orange Unified, Lauren joined the Newport-Mesa family. Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara and her Standard Elementary Teaching Credential from the University of California, Irvine. While raising her three children, Lauren went on to receive her Masters in School Management and Administrative Credential from the University of La Verne. Lauren is pleased to continue as principal at Woodland Elementary with its fine students, staff and parents.

Whittier

1800 Whittier Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6990 *Elementary (K-5)*



Tracey Carter
Principal

A California transplant from New Jersey, Tracey Carter spent many of her elementary school years in Whittier, California. After graduating from Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, she moved to Orange County to attend the University of California, Irvine. Upon receiving her bachelor's degree in Social Ecology, Carter pursued her interest in the environment as a naturalist with the Orange County Department of Education Outdoor Science Program. Working with school-age children became her passion, and she returned to school to obtain her teaching credential while working with the Los Angeles Unified School District in a bilingual, second-grade classroom.

Continuing her teaching career in Acton, California, Carter taught second through fifth grades and discovered the benefits of using technology to support curriculum. A master's degree in education with an emphasis in computer applications opened the door for her work as the district technology coordinator. Working with others in the Antelope Valley, Carter conducted technology-related staff development activities for teachers. This work inspired her to obtain her administrative credential and a master's degree in educational administration.

Carter served as the principal of an elementary school in Acton before moving back to Orange County to begin working for the Newport Mesa School District. Carter is excited about starting her eighth year at Whittier Elementary School. "The wonderful students at Whittier make coming to work every day a joy," Carter said.

School Readiness

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Peggy Phan-Nguyen
Coordinator of Early Childhood Development

Peggy currently serves as the Early Childhood Education Coordinator for Newport-Mesa Unified School District. Most recently, Peggy was the Early Reading First (ERF) Coordinator for the past four years. Prior to her role as ERF Coordinator, she was the School Readiness Coordinator in the Early Childhood Education department. Peggy was also an elementary classroom teacher for over 10 years where most of her teaching experience was in kindergarten. She earned a bachelor's degree in Child Development, a master's degree in Education and Administrative Services Credential from California State University, Fullerton.

She credits her success to her colleagues, supportive husband and three children.

Peggy is looking forward to working with the preschool staff, students, parents and community to continue to build upon the high quality preschool experience that helps children learn, grow and become the best they can be for kindergarten.

School Health Services

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

Merry Grasska has been a school nurse in the Newport Mesa Unified School District since 1989. Merry previously served K-12 students as a school nurse in the San Francisco Unified School District, was a Public Health Nurse and Program Coordinator of Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, and was a Senior Public Health Nurse for the Orange County Health Care Agency. Merry received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College and a Master of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. She holds national certification as a nurse practitioner in Family Practice by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Merry has received both state and national recognition as a school nurse. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the nursing program at the University of California, Irvine. Merry is currently the Coordinator of Health Services for Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

exciting, but we've been celebrating that for some time.”

In June of 2010, *The Christian Science Monitor* published a study that reported on graduation rates across the United States. The report identified 21 big-city “overachievers” that posted much higher graduation rates than would be expected based on a range of factors including demographics and poverty. Newport-Mesa was one of five such districts that outpaced expectations by 18 percentage points or more.

“When the school board hired me... they said, ‘We don’t want to lose one single student,’ ” says Newport-Mesa Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard. “Students who are struggling in our comprehensive high schools have other alternatives,” he says, including hands-on classes at community colleges, where they can simultaneously work toward an associate’s degree.

Every Newport-Mesa school scored higher than both the state and county rates. Hinman attributed the district’s achievement to the school board’s expectation that every student should succeed. The board’s adamant belief set a target for staff, he said.

Early College had the highest rate of success, with every student in its first senior class graduating, according to the data. “That’s outstanding, absolutely, and they’re a model of what we should all work toward,” Hinman said.

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they were for Measure A, approved in 2000. Newport-Mesa residents pay about \$19 per \$100,000 of their tax assessment to support the bond. Thanks to the support of the Newport-Mesa community, the Measure F bond has already funded the gymnasium at TeWinkle Middle School, the Jim Scott Stadium at Estancia High School, the renovation of the Newport Harbor High School Robins/Loats Building and Wentz Theater, and most recently, the aquatic center at Costa Mesa High School.

The District’s goal with any construction project is to maintain safety and limit disruption to the school sites and neighboring communities. Space availability on each campus has determined the location of the projects. The majority of Costa Mesa’s project will occur at the far end of the campus closest to the fairgrounds. While, Corona del Mar’s project will occur more central to the campus. These are going to be challenging projects to complete with the space available. Inevitably, both campuses and communities will encounter some issues with traffic, parking and unforeseen issues when large school-wide events occur. Questions or concerns about the projects can be directed to the Facilities Development Planning and Design Department at: (714) 424-8934 or jlamond@nmusd.us

We look forward to sharing more information about the projects with you in the near future. As of late October, 2011, you can logon to the following link and access the construction cameras at each site and check out the progress from your computer. Please visit <http://web.nmusd.us/enclaves>

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índices de graduación. “Estoy muy contento”, dijo. "Es emocionante, pero hemos estado celebrando esto por algún tiempo".

En junio de 2010, el periódico *The Christian Science Monitor* publicó un estudio que reportó los índices de graduación de todo los Estados Unidos. El reporte identificó a 21 ciudades grandes “overachievers” (que sacan resultados mejor que lo esperado) que obtuvieron índices de graduación más altos de lo que se esperaría con base en una gama de factores que incluyen demografía y pobreza. Newport-Mesa es uno de los cinco distritos que han sobrepasado las expectativas con un porcentaje de 18 o más puntos.

“Cuando la Mesa Directiva me contrató... me dijeron, ‘No queremos perder ni a un solo estudiante’ ”, dice el Superintendente de Newport-Mesa Dr. Jeffrey Hubbard. “ Los estudiantes que están teniendo dificultad en nuestras preparatorias regulares tienen otras alternativas”, dice, incluyendo clases en la práctica en los colegios comunitarios, donde pueden simultáneamente obtener un grado asociado.

Cada una de las escuelas de Newport-Mesa obtuvo resultados más altos que los índices del estado y el condado. Hinman atribuyó el desempeño del distrito a la expectativa de la Mesa Directiva de que todos los estudiantes deberán tener éxito. La firme convicción de la Mesa Directiva ha establecido una meta para el personal, dijo.

Early College tuvo el índice más alto con la graduación de todos los estudiantes de la primera clase de tercero de preparatoria, según la información. "Eso es sobresaliente, absolutamente, y son el modelo que deberemos establecernos como meta", dijo Hinman.

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en 2005 con la condición de que no pagarían más de lo que habían pagado para Measure A, aprobada en 2000. Los residentes de Newport-Mesa pagan cerca de \$19 por cada \$100,000 de impuesto sobre su propiedad para apoyar el bono. Gracias al apoyo de la comunidad de Newport-Mesa, el bono Measure F ya ha financiado el gimnasio de la Escuela Secundaria TeWinkle, el Estadio Jim Scott en la Escuela Preparatoria Estancia, la renovación del Edificio Robins/Loats y el Teatro Wentz de la Escuela Preparatoria Newport Harbor, y más recientemente, el centro acuático de la escuela Preparatoria Costa Mesa.

La meta del Distrito en cualquier proyecto de construcción es mantener la seguridad y limitar las interrupciones en los campos escolares y las comunidades adyacentes. El espacio disponible en cada campo escolar determina la ubicación de los proyectos. La mayoría de proyectos de Costa Mesa serán en la parte del campo escolar más cercana a las instalaciones de la feria, mientras que el proyecto de Corona del Mar será en un área más central en el campo escolar. Completar ambos proyectos será difícil debido al espacio disponible. Inevitablemente, ambos campos escolares y comunidades tendrán que afrontar cuestiones de tráfico, estacionamiento y otras situaciones inesperadas cuando ocurran eventos escolares grandes. Para preguntas o inquietudes acerca de los proyectos, diríjense al Departamento de Planeación, Desarrollo y Diseño de Instalaciones al: (714) 424-8934 o a jlamond@nmusd.us

Esperamos con gusto compartir más información acerca de los proyectos con ustedes en un futuro cercano. A partir de octubre de 2011, podrán conectarse con el enlace para acceso a las cámaras en las áreas de construcción de cada escuela para checar el progreso desde su computadora. Por favor, visite <http://web.nmusd.us/enclaves>



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