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## Interventions for Program Improvement Schools

*Laura Boss,  
Director of District Communications*

### Interventions for Program Improvement Schools - Camp Mesa and Eagle Academy Summer Reading Programs Show Exceptional Attendance

This summer, Newport-Mesa Unified offered a unique summer reading academy. Camp Mesa at Costa Mesa High School and The Eagles Academy at Estancia High School ran for five weeks, four days a week, from 8:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. The program was designed to assist students in grades 4-6 from the district's program improvement schools and students in grades 4-10 who were reading two grade levels or more below expectations. The program

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**Students in the Eagles Academy at Estancia High School celebrate their last day of the summer reading academy.**

## Intervenciones para las escuelas en programa de mejoramiento

*Laura Boss,  
Directora de Comunicaciones del Distrito*

### Intervenciones para las escuelas en programa de mejoramiento – Los programas de verano de lectura Camp Mesa y Eagle Academy logran asistencia excepcional

Este verano, el Distrito Unificado Newport-Mesa ofreció una academia inimitable de verano de lectura. Camp Mesa en la Escuela Preparatoria Costa Mesa y Eagle Academy en la escuela Preparatoria Estancia duraron cinco semanas, cuatro días a la semana, de las 8:20 a.m. a las 12:20 p.m. El programa se diseñó para ayudar a estudiantes de 4° a 6° grado de las escuelas en programa de mejoramiento del distrito y

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Fred Navarro**

A lifelong educator, Dr. Fred Navarro started his career as a teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District and has recently been appointed to serve as the superintendent of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. Dr. Navarro has a wide range of experience having served in several positions during his career from activities director, to assistant director of human resources, middle and high school principal, and assistant superintendent of education. He recently served as superintendent of the Lennox School District in Los Angeles County. Dr. Navarro is returning to the Newport-Mesa Unified School district where he previously served as the principal of Costa Mesa High School and as director of secondary education at the district office. He earned his teaching credential at California State University Dominguez Hills and has two advanced degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Navarro has been married for over 25 years to his wife Lauren and they are the proud parents of two young men, Gregory and Kevin.

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The golden days of summer have come to an end and it's back to school. Kindergarten students are entering the academic world and seniors are focusing on becoming the graduating class of 2013. We are excited with them and looking forward to bringing you the news from each school under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro.

This issue is always a favorite as we publish the principal bio's. It is very interesting to read how many principals are graduates of N-MUSD. Enjoy!

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# Adams *Elementary (K-6)*

2850 Club House Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7935



**Gabriel DelReal**  
Principal

Gabe Del Real has served the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for twelve years. This is his third 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 (4) and Lucas (2).

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)*

1900 Port Seabourne Way, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6935



**Dr. Shannon Bray**  
Principal

Dr. Shannon Bray is honored and proud to join the Andersen Elementary learning community as Principal in the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Bray was born and raised in Fresno, California and recently relocated to Orange County. She began her educational career in Clovis Unified School District as an elementary teacher. Dr. Bray joins Newport-Mesa Unified School District having served nine years as an administrator in Clovis Unified where she was an elementary principal, intermediate vice-principal and high school deputy principal, with the majority of her administrative experience at the elementary level. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno. In May 2010, she earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Bray has also been a part-time faculty member at California State University, Fresno in their Educational Administrative Program.

Dr. Bray's two greatest passions are her family and her work as an educator. She lives in San Clemente with her husband Jim and enjoys spending time with him and their five children. She looks forward to serving the Andersen learning community as they continue to offer a rigorous instructional program, which is both academically challenging and rewarding for ALL students.

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# 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.

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. In 2011 Debbie was named Continuation Principal of the year for the state's Region 10. In 2012, the solar photovoltaic classes offered at back bay was recognized by the California State CCEA as an exemplary program. The solar class has been recognized by Golden West college as deserving of college and high school credit.

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# California *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Matthew Broesamle**  
Principal

Matt Broesamle 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. After teaching 8 years at Adams as a fifth and sixth grade teacher, he earned the position of principal at California Elementary School. Matt received 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 the Newport-Mesa Unified School District's first Leadership Institute. Matt is blessed to have an amazing family. He has been married for nine years to his wife Gina, who is a high school teacher, and they have two amazing boys. He is honored to be the principal of California Elementary School and he is excited for the future of the Cougars.

# College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

2380 Notre Dame Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7960



**Julie McCormick**  
Principal

Julie McCormick has been principal at College Park Elementary School for three years. She has 26 years in education, beginning her teaching career in Santa Ana Unified School District. 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. 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 looks forward to another great year at College Park.

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# Costa Mesa *High School (7-12)*

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**Dr. Phil D'Agostino**  
Principal, 9-12  
Grades

Dr. Phil D'Agostino is entering his third year as the Principal of Costa Mesa High School. He was the Administrator of the Year for Secondary Education in 2010 and is entering his 14th year with the Newport Mesa USD. He holds masters degrees in both Educational Leadership and Political Science, as well as a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership 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.



**Dr. Aaron Peralta**  
Principal, 7-8  
Grades

Aaron Peralta will begin his fifth year as the principal at Costa Mesa High School/ Middle School. In his 14 years of service in the field of education, Dr. 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. Dr. Peralta earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach, his Master's Degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in Educational Leadership, and his Educational Doctorate from 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 2012/2013 school year Mustangs!

# Early College *High School (9-12)*

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



**Kathy Slawson**  
Principal

Kathy Slawson has been employed with the NMUSD for fifteen 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 four 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.

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

2101 Eastbluff Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6000



**Tim Bryan**  
Principal, 9-12  
Grade

Tim Bryan is beginning his fourth year as the Principal of Corona del Mar High School and 29th year in education. 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.



**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 middle school. This year marks the beginning of Guy's 8th year at Corona del Mar middle school. Newport-Mesa USD has been Guy's teaching home for over 20 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.

# Davis *Magnet School (K-6)*

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



**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 schools in Orange County including: California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School, featured on Orange County Department of Education TV, *Orange County Register*, and TechAmerica OC High-Tech Innovation Award.

Principal Kevin Rafferty is the educational leader an incredibly successful school, where the students, teachers, parents, and community are committed to the school's mission — student learning!

Davis Magnet School is the third new school Dr. Rafferty has opened as principal. Beginning his 17th 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: 1) ensuring that students learn, 2) building a culture of collaboration, and 3) focusing on results. Dr. Rafferty works with the teachers to creatively utilize collaboration time during the contractual work-day to 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. Dr. Rafferty was recognized as Educator of the Year by the State of California's Early Intervention for School Success program in 2004. Dr. Rafferty has also attended the summertime Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



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# Eastbluff *Elementary (K-6)*

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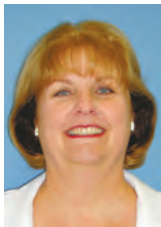


**Cheryl Beck**  
Principal

Cheryl Beck is the principal of Eastbluff School. She considers herself a life long learner and is celebrating her 25th year in the field of education. She loves working with children and has two wonderful children of her own. Mrs. Beck enjoys spending time with her family, reading books, scrap booking on Shutterfly, going to the beach, and walking her three Labordoodles. 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 15 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 seven 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.

# Harbor View *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Charlene Metoyer**  
Outgoing Principal

Harbor View Principal Charlene Metoyer announced in early August that she plans to retire effective August 31, 2012. Ms. Metoyer has served as an educator and administrator for 28 years; 24 years have been as a valued member of N-MUSD. In a prepared statement to the Harbor View staff, parents, and community, Ms. Metoyer shared the following:

*Dear Harbor View School Community,*  
*It is with a heavy heart that I send this email to our entire Harbor View Family. As you know, I've shared my focus for more than a year with my Dad's declining health. After an anxious summer with him, I made the difficult decision to focus on him full time and retire from education. I always balanced professional and personal goals, and Harbor View has been a great support for me during this time. It is now time for that balance to move from more professional to more personal.*

*I would like to thank each and every parent for the support you have given me. Without your kindness and dedication, a principal cannot lead the best professional team to the excellence you have come to expect. I know you will support your new "Captain of the Crew" and Harbor View will continue to lead the rest! I will miss you more than you know.*

*Please continue to "Learn a lot and ask really good questions."*

*Yours,*

*Ms. Charlene Metoyer*

To help ensure a seamless start of the new school year, Mary Manos, retired, former principal at Andersen Elementary School, will be serving as Interim Principal. The District has begun the process of finding a new principal for Harbor View. On August 21, a community forum was held seeking input from the Harbor View School community regarding the qualities and attributes they would like to see in the next principal. An online survey was also available for a period of time on the Harbor View school website. The process to find new principal is anticipated to take approximately two months with the hope that a permanent principal will be in place by October 2012.

For information about the principal search process or to provide additional comments, please email Mrs. Susan Astarita, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education at [sastarita@nmusd.us](mailto:sastarita@nmusd.us) or call 714-424-8959.

# 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 in 2011. Gloria served as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Ensign for four years. 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 35 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)*

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**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 third year as an adjunct professor at the University of Redlands in their Teacher Credentialing Program. Bauermeister has been married to his wife, Denise, for 26 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 graduated from the University of Arizona in May and will be attending graduate school at Chapman this fall. Kelsi just completed her junior year at Iowa State University.



# Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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



**Dr. Deborah Granger**  
Principal

Kaiser Elementary School warmly welcomed Debbie Granger as its new principal on August 13th. Prior to joining N-MUSD, Dr. Granger worked with Orange County Department of Education for eleven years serving schools and districts across Orange County in areas ranging from professional learning communities to instructional practices. Before that, she served the Fullerton Joint Union High School District for eight years as a teacher, assistant principal, and summer school principal. Two special points of pride for Debbie were her school's success in developing English language fluency with their English language learners and strong parent and community involvement. It was while serving as a long term substitute teacher with the La Habra City School District that Dr. Granger "fell in love with teaching," and switched from a graduate program in social work to pursue a career in education. With a BA in history and an MA in Educational Leadership from Chapman University, Dr. Granger became her own cross-town rival after completing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at USC in 2009.

Kaiser Elementary School parents, students, and staff are busily preparing for a fantastic school year. Together, they look forward to a happy transition for incoming third graders as well as the academic and personal success of all Kaiser students. In being selected as Kaiser's new principal, Debbie says, "I could not imagine a more perfect school to serve. Kaiser is a treasure!" Dr. Granger looks forward to spotting Kaiser community members when stand up paddling or snorkeling, a couple of her family's favorite free-time activities. Go Knights!

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# Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Dr. Lorie Hoggard**  
Principal

Lorie Hoggard is proud to begin her second year as the Principal of Killybrooke School, where the exceptional staff and outstanding families are determined that every child who attends Killybrooke is college bound. She is entering her 24th year in the field of education, serving as Teacher Assistant, Tutor, Camp Counselor, Teacher, Early Childhood Director, and Principal. 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. Dr. Hoggard and her husband, Bill, have two children who love to play sports and spend time at the beach.

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# Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Jane Holm**  
*Principal*

With thirty 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. Eight 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."

# Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Amy Nagy**  
*Principal*

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, 18, and Nicholas, 16.

Dr. Nagy will be starting her ninth year at Newport El. Nagy shared, "I feel very fortunate and honored to work with such wonderful people. In the spring of 2012, we were recognized by the state of California as a Distinguished School. We've worked hard to implement systematic practices to improve student achievement. The two practices that were highlighted in our application were our response to intervention program and our writing workshops. Newport El has a great, dedicated team that includes a collaborative staff, fantastic student body, and supportive school community. Our journey and focus on continuous improvement will continue!"

Nagy added, "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 great year!" Nagy concluded.

# Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**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 twelve years. During these twelve 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 seven 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 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 begin his third year 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 17 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.

Dr. Cox and his wife Sandy are proud parents of a four year old son, Cameron and a two year old daughter, Kibo Grace. 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*

It takes a village to raise a child. —An African Proverb

I am very excited to start my second year as principal of Newport Heights Elementary. This is truly a special place with dedicated staff, supportive families, and exceptional students.

Before coming to Newport-Mesa Unified School District, I spent 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.

As principal, it is always special to welcome back familiar faces and to greet and meet new families who have joined our Newport Heights community. The staff and I are committed to creating an exciting, challenging academic environment and we look forward to an amazing year. We believe in "Educating for Success" and are committed to working with our families so that our students can have the best education possible.

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# Newport Harbor *High School (9-12)*

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**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 12 years. In his spare time, Michael enjoys outdoor activities with his three children, Brandon (18), Nicole (16) and Caitlyn (12).

# Pomona *Elementary (K-5)*

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



**Megan Elsten Brown**  
Principal

Megan Elsten Brown is thrilled to be part of the Pomona team. 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 completed N-MUSD's Leadership Institute. Mrs. Brown is excited for school to start in September and be back at Pomona where teachers, parents, and community members work together and put children first.

# 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 ~ A No Excuses University, 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!

# Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Stacy deBoom-Howard**  
Principal

Stacy de Boom-Howard is starting her 7th year as the Principal at Paularino Elementary School. Mrs. de Boom-Howard is a born and bred NMUSD student and employee. During her school years she attended Woodland, Kaiser, Ensign and Newport Harbor. 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 Master's Degree from National University in Cross Cultural Curriculum and Instruction and her Administrative Credential at University of California at Irvine. Throughout her career she has served as an intervention teacher, first grade teacher and coordinator of the after school programs prior to landing at Paularino. 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 and is very excited to work with the whole team as new programs start this Fall!!!

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. This past May they welcomed two beautiful additions to their family, twins, Kaitlyn and Garrett. 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 every day in the lives of the students by a very professional and caring staff and school community. It truly is a place where students thrive!

# 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 fifth 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 in Anaheim. Anna is very proud to be working at Rea and is motivated everyday by the wonderful community she works with.

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# 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 and the Elementary level, grades K-6. Prior to arriving at TeWinkle Middle School, Mr. Rodriguez was once the Principal of Newport Coast Elementary School.

He has lived in California his entire life. He and his wife have been married for over twenty years. He enjoys spending family time with, Lexi, his ten year old daughter and his seven year old son, Max. This will be the third 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 focus is 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?

The school motto is "Dare to Dream, Learn, and Achieve". The 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. The school's purpose is to give students the tools they need for a better life! The TeWinkle staff believe all students can learn at high levels!

# Whittier *Elementary (K-5)*

1800 Whittier Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6990



**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. She 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.

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# Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Dr. Linda Tenno**  
*Principal*

Dr. Linda Tenno is beginning her fourth 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 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 who are away at college (both proud graduates of Estancia High School), 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.

# Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Dr. Julie Perron**  
*Principal*

Julie Perron is the principal at Wilson Elementary School. This is her 22nd st 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 traveling. She also enjoys spending time with her 100 pound Labrador retriever, Rudy. She is excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve the families and community of Wilson Elementary.

# Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

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



**Lauren Medve**  
*Principal*

Lauren Medve is beginning her tenth 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.



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## School Smarts

### Back to School



**Rajeshri Gandhi**

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Start preparing for the first day of school 10-14 days ahead of time. This amount of time allows students to complete (or start!) any summer work that was assigned, complete school-related shopping trips and for students' bodies to acclimate to "school year" routines.

Talk with your child to gauge sources of excitement and anxiety.

Getting to know your child's apprehensions makes you aware of potential triggers and better allows you to coach him/her. Having this knowledge will also allow you to communicate with his/her teacher better should a situation arise.

Use the new school year for a new start. Encourage your child to enter the new year without any old baggage (conflicts with classmates, apprehensions about academics, etc.) Help your child learn the lifelong lesson on how to use time as a healer.

Prepare your child for major changes, especially if your child is transitioning to a new school. Every new school year holds changes and change can cause anxiety. You can help address questions and ease your child's fear. An older student can serve as a mentor, answer any 'technical' questions and provide your child a peer/ 'in house' expert.

Prepare yourself financially for the start of school. Starting a new school year is expensive! Request the school supply list ahead of time. Calculate additional classroom costs (projects, fieldtrips, uniforms etc) and optional choices (sports, scouts, lunch, etc) to budget and talk with your children ahead of time about their choices.

Go through steps 1-4 above for yourself. As a parent, you have your own set of emotions about sending your children back to school and working through your anxiety allows you to be best prepared to help your child.

Rajeshri holds a BS from the University of Michigan and a MA in School of Leadership with Principal Certification from Harvard University. She uses her background in public and private schools both teaching and administration to collaborate with students, parents and schools about the various educational options available. Rajeshri may be reached at rgandhi24@gmail.com www.rajeshrigandhi.com

## Note-ables

### Make Believers, 23 Skidoo



**Kate Karp**

The title of this inventive collection of contemporary musical styles may be initially deceptive—none of the songs, even the one about "Jack and the Beanstalk," concern fantasy play. Instead, they're vehicles and metaphors intended to make believers out of children—believers in themselves.

The performer and writer of the songs, hip hop artist Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, has gathered an ensemble of musicians that include vocalists from indie bands, his wife and his preteen daughter. The instrumental backup features horns from tuba to trumpet, great percussion, and strings, including an appearance by indie-folk cellist Ben Sollee. The songs, all penned by Skidoo, concern the issues that preadolescents encounter as they prepare to face the world. They are written as much for parental enlightenment as for a motive force for young people.

"Gotta Be You" deals with issues of popularity. The song, scatted by Skidoo's daughter, Sati, takes the cliché out of "Be your own best friend." The doo wop-infused "Nightmares Disappear" lifts the fear from the night, leaving only its beauty and the security of a safe adult. "Snowforts and Sandcastles," a gorgeous and radio-hit-worthy number, can best be described as a double monologue of melody and hip hop. "High Five for the High Dive" not only sends the guys off into summer but also revels in the bravery "from the wading pool to the high dive, so high that it looks like a sky dive." And the trip back to school will come up before they rinse the last drop of chlorine from their swimsuits—"Back Home" traces the first day in a new school as related by a nervous student to his best friend, the dog.

Adolescence can be a difficult period and one during which children and parents may find communication difficult. To this purpose, and in another play on words, *Make Believers* works as a musical bridge. Available on Underground Playground Records.

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

# It's Back-to-School Time!



Evelyn Rogers  
Children's Librarian

Back to school also means back to the library. So this fall, the Newport Beach Public Library has added some new resources for students, teachers and parents.

The Accelerated Readers levels are now searchable! Students in the AR program can now search books by level to see how many points are assigned to each. In the Library catalog, just look for the "Reading Level" link on the left side of the page. AR levels are searched by a decimal number that indicates the grade level and month. For example, 3.4 is the third grade, fourth month. AR information will be updated twice a year, and new titles added in July and December.

The children's department has put together several booklists to help find books of interest. The lists for school-age children include grade level, genre fiction, award winners, read-alikes and non-fiction categories. For picture books, we have favorites, life changes and character building.

The library's newest database is the National Geographic Magazine Archive. It includes every page and photograph the magazine published between 1888 and 1994. Other useful databases include the Biography Resource Center, which features biographies on famous people from various print resources; CultureGrams, which provides concise cultural and statistical reports on over 200 countries; Ancient History and Culture, an overview of ancient civilizations with text, pictures, timelines and maps; and Kids InfoBits, where you can browse and search magazine and newspaper articles in a child-friendly interface.

Visit the Library's Web site at [www.newportkids.org](http://www.newportkids.org) for links to our catalog, booklists and databases. Also check out the Event Calendar for details on upcoming fall programs.



# Do You Know..?

By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

Do you know where the three Costa Mesa libraries are located? Do you know about the services they offer? The Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries and the Costa Mesa Library Foundation want our city to have the best library service available and have been working diligently to make it possible. To succeed, residents must decide what services they want, and let those wants be known.

## Here are some of the things that should be considered:

- First of all, economic development is one byproduct of libraries and in many cities is the central venue for workforce training, career planning and job-hunting efforts.
- Small businesses and entrepreneurs use libraries for business and research development data.
- Realtors and builders use libraries as major selling points for a community.
- Oddly enough, public safety enhancement is a byproduct of libraries where programs for at-risk kids are utilized.
- Libraries also host various citizenship and acculturation efforts and where city and state officials use libraries as the venue for public discussions of clean water, landfill, political and local issues.

These are but a few examples of how libraries function in cities far beyond accommodating stacks of books and trying to compete with the Internet. Our new central library needs to be seen for what it is — a smart investment in rounding out a vibrant urban core that will make our city the cultural center of literacy and information throughout our city.

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

Merry has been with Newport-Mesa Unified School District since 1989 and has enjoyed every moment. She considers it a privilege to work with children and families in the community. Merry appreciates each day in the district and values the opportunity to contribute to district programs. Merry’s rich background in community and school health is an asset upon which she draws daily. Her knowledge about communicable disease and public health systems has been a great help accessing resources to support programs in Newport-Mesa. Merry is delighted to be a part of the Newport-Mesa team and looks forward to a healthy school year for all.

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Pete Meslin  
Director

Pete Meslin has been in the transportation field for 30 years. For the last 8 he’s been NMUSD’s Director of Transportation. Pete frequently presents at national, regional, and state conferences on topics including transportation management practices and special education transportation issues. He is also a member of several national standards committees and editorial boards.

Appropriately supporting students with special needs is one of Pete’s passions. To that end, he is currently chair of the California Association of School Transportation Officials (CASTO) Special Needs Committee and he recently published the state guide for transporting students with disabilities.

Pete has received several honors including NMUSD Administrator of the Year, Orange County Friend of Special Ed, and the School Transportation News National Leadership Award.

School Readiness  
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Peggy Nguyen  
Coordinator  
Early Childhood  
Education

Peggy Nguyen is entering her second year as the Early Childhood Education Coordinator for Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She has been with the NMUSD Early Childhood Education department since 2006 where she served as a School Readiness Coordinator and Early Reading First Project Coordinator. Peggy was also a NMUSD 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 and a master’s degree in Education from California State University, Fullerton.

She credits her success to her amazing colleagues, dedicated staff, supportive husband of 16 years and three wonderful children.

Peggy is committed 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. She is proud and honored to be part of the NMUSD team.

English Language Learners  
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Karen Kendall  
Director

Karen Kendall is the Director of English Learner Programs for Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She is responsible for curriculum development, program implementation, compliance monitoring, and on-going support to thirty-four K-12 schools serving over approximately 6,000 English Learners. Her responsibilities include overseeing the district’s Language Assessment Center as well as the School Community Facilitators.

Karen began teaching and working with English Learners and their families in 1975. Throughout her career, she has been a high school teacher and administrator and served as an elementary principal for six years prior to assuming her present position.

Karen was the recipient of the 2004 ACSA Region XVII Valuing Diversity Award. A speaker at county and state conferences, Karen’s major interests are in establishing systems that can lead to lasting improvements in schooling for English Learners. She teams with teachers and departments across the pre-K-Adult spectrum to develop programs, systems, and interventions that will enhance the educational experience of all English Learners (with a special eye on longtime ELs) and hasten their reclassification.

Nutrition Services  
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Richard Greene  
Director of  
Nutrition Services

Richard Greene has been the Director of Nutrition Services at Newport-Mesa Unified since August of 1997. He and his team have focused on reversing increased levels of childhood obesity and early onset Type 2 diabetes in recent years by implementing over \$4.5 million in various federal, state and privately funded grant programs designed to improve nutrition education and promote increased levels of physical activity among students. He also served a two year term as Chairperson of the California State Department of Education’s “Child Nutrition Advisory Council” in Sacramento.

Mr. Greene is a native of Boston and a career professional in the Hospitality Industry. He began his work in child nutrition in California schools in 1989. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, New York and he holds a teaching credential in Vocational Education. Mr. Greene taught cooking, baking, food service management; and related math and science in vocational high schools in Massachusetts for five years. He has held various positions in the hospitality industry including Regional Manager in the western United States for a national hospitality management firm, Food and Beverage Director and Resident Manager for Hilton Hotels, Food Production Manager for Marriott Hotels, and various consulting assignments across the United States.

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combined academics with activities. Three periods of learning and one period of activities designed to bring summer into the mix and keep the kids engaged.

The summer program is only the beginning of changes at the program improvement schools. During the summer program, students were introduced to Language!, a different curriculum than what students have been taught throughout the year. It is designed to meet students' specific needs and catch them up to district standards. The summer program was intended to "jump start" the year. The majority of the Language! Program will be implemented in September and throughout the 2012/13 school year.

The schools sent out invitations and hoped for and strongly encouraged attendance by the identified students. But how many kids would actually attend and give up 20 days of their summer was the lurking question on July 16 as the program opened its doors.

They came...and they kept coming, faithfully, for five weeks. Camp Mesa had over 300 students attend the summer program. The Eagle Academy welcomed over 450 students to their campus.

A critical part of the program was to determine effectiveness. At the beginning and end of the program, students were given fluency tests. The preliminary results are in!

45% of the students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade advanced at least one grade level of skills. Using the Language! curriculum students achieved the following results:

**Eagle Academy at Estancia High School**

- 4th grade (2 months growth)
- 5th grade (5 months growth)
- 6th grade (7 months growth)

**Camp Mesa at Costa Mesa High School**

- 4th grade (7 months growth)
- 5th grade (6 months growth)
- 6th grade (8 months growth)

Congratulations to the staff and students who participated in the summer academies. 20 days of their summer dedicated to teaching and learning and the results of their efforts show!



Students in the Eagles Academy at Estancia High School celebrate their last day of the summer reading academy.

a estudiantes de 4° a 10° grado con desempeño en lectura dos grados o más por debajo de las expectativas de nivel de grado. El programa combinó la enseñanza académica con actividades; tres periodos de aprendizaje y un periodo de actividades diseñadas para incluir el ambiente de verano y mantener a los niños interesados.

El programa de verano es sólo el primero de los cambios que habrá en las escuelas en programa de mejoramiento. Durante el programa de verano, se introdujo a los estudiantes a Language! (¡Lenguaje!), un plan de estudios diferente al que se ha usado con los estudiantes durante el año. Éste fue diseñado para llenar las necesidades específicas de los estudiantes para que se pongan al corriente en las normas académicas del distrito. La intención del programa de verano fue "darle arranque" al año. La mayoría del Programa Language! se implementará en septiembre y durante todo el año escolar 2012/13.

Las escuelas mandaron invitaciones con la recomendación para participar en el programa y la esperanza de que los estudiantes identificados asistieran. El 16 de julio, primer día del programa, se abrieron las puertas esperando con ansia ver cuántos niños estarían realmente dispuestos a ceder 20 días de sus vacaciones de verano.

Y se presentaron...y siguieron viniendo, fielmente, por cinco semanas. Camp Mesa tuvo más de 300 estudiantes en el programa de verano. Eagle Academy dio la bienvenida a más de 450 estudiantes a su campo escolar.

Determinar su efectividad iba a ser la parte de fundamental importancia del programa. Al principio y al final del programa, los estudiantes tomaron pruebas de fluidez de lectura. ¡Ya tenemos los resultados preliminares!

45% de los estudiantes de 4°, 5° y 6° grados avanzaron por lo menos un nivel de grado en habilidades. Utilizando el plan de estudios Language!, los estudiantes lograron los siguientes resultados:

**Eagle Academy en la Preparatoria Estancia**

- 4° grado (avanzó 2 meses)
- 5° grado (avanzó 5 meses)
- 6° grado (avanzó 7 meses)

**Camp Mesa en la Preparatoria Costa Mesa**

- 4° grado (avanzó 7 meses)
- 5° grado (avanzó 6 meses)
- 6° grado (avanzó 8 meses)

Felicidades al personal y a los estudiantes que participaron en las academias de verano. Los 20 días de su verano que dedicaron a enseñar y a aprender ¡han comprobado todos sus esfuerzos con resultados!

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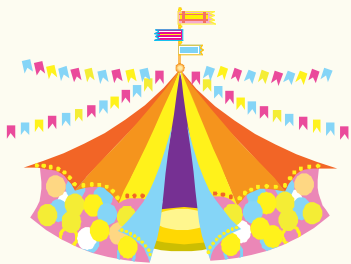
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On Saturday, October 6, 2012 the Newport Beach Fire Department invites the public to an "Open House" at the Santa Ana Heights Fire Station #7, located at 20401 Acacia Street in Newport Beach.

The Fire Station will be open to the public for tours from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., along with displays and activities with the Newport Beach Lifeguards and Firefighters.



There will be something for all age groups. Visitors are encouraged to bring a camera and get that special picture of your favorite public safety employee with you, your child or grandkids.



## Circus Word Search Contest

**Rules!!!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that is the word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put NMUSD in the subject line)  
All ages may enter including adults!

**Entries must be received by October 1, 2012**  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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Congratulations to Jose  
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