

SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Fred Navarro

A lifelong educator, Dr. Fred Navarro started his career as a teacher in the Long Beach Unified School District. He is entering his second year as superintendent of 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, assistant superintendent of education, and superintendent of the Lennox School District in Los Angeles County. 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. This year Kevin will be entering USC as one of twenty freshmen who have been awarded a Mork Family Scholarship.

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Arts and Student Creativity Valued

*By Laura Boss
Director of District Communications*

Summer music is back in full swing at Newport-Mesa. Students voluntarily came to rehearsals for three hours a day, Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm for three weeks at Sonora Elementary. Students have had the chance to learn to read music and then immediately apply their learning to band and string instruments. The program was offered to all students in the district who were in grades 3-6 last year.

Students were provided with instruments, a “method book” about how to play the instrument, a “theory” book to learn how to read the notes and a book of “arrangements” that they could put their learning together with their instrument with other students on other instruments to create a full band or orchestra sound.

District music teachers included Sarah Grenier (Ensign) and Tamara Fairbanks (Mariners) who taught violin and cello, Tim McFadden (TeWinkle) who taught trumpet, clarinet and baritone horn, Rob Henthorn (Newport Harbor High) who taught alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and flute and Suzanne Rivera (Paularino) who taught snare drum, bass drum auxiliary percussion and electric bass. Maria Hernandez, office assistant, and Cynthia Grainey, our school nurse,



Newport-Mesa Students Rock A Summer Concert.

After only three weeks of music lessons, families from throughout N-MUSD were treated to a summer music concert where new student musicians showcased what they learned.



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Here we are ready for another school year. We hope you had a fun summer. This is one of our most popular issues when the principals share with you their bio's. It is interesting to read about where they graduated, their families, pets, hobbies and years in education. They all share the same focus and dedication to educating our youth.

Chalk boards have faded into our memories soon to be joined by smart boards and iPads as technology continues to evolve. Until then... Common Core is here!

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Bullying Epidemic & Public Health Crisis



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

As educators, parents, and community members, we know that the goal of education must go beyond learning reading, writing, and mathematics. Teaching students basic human values such as honesty, kindness, respect, and compassion are essential to ensuring our children become morally responsible and productive citizens in an increasingly interconnected world. Children spend much of their young lives in classrooms. This time in school is an opportunity to explain and reinforce the core values upon which character develops. Schools are much better places for academic learning when they are civil and caring communities.

The self-discipline that enables a child to behave in morally acceptable ways is also, what allows them to apply themselves to tasks such as homework and to concentrate in the classroom and at home.

Each day in America, approximately 160,000 students miss school because they are targets of bullying or not feeling safe at school. In the past bullying was considered a “rite of passage”, today it is viewed as an epidemic and a public health problem. Youth who bully others are at an increased risk for violent behavior later in life, substance use, academic problems, and conviction of crime. Targeted individuals are at increased risk for anxiety, depression, sleep difficulties, and a negative impact on their academic achievement.

In many incidences, the word bullying is used to describe an event that in fact could be teasing, and it is important that educators and parents understand the difference. Bullying is aggressive behavior that is repetitive, intentional, and involves an imbalance of power. Teasing behaviors are often not intended, may be isolated, and center on a lack of awareness regarding potential outcomes.

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Merry Grasska
RN, MPH,
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Coordinator

Merry has been passionate about public health since she discovered the world of nursing. She had her first experience in school health while working for the public health department in San Francisco, where she worked for seven years. After moving to Orange County, she worked for the local health department and realized how much she missed school nursing. It was in 1989 that Merry became a member of the Newport-Mesa family and has since looked forward to each day in the district. Merry considers it a privilege to serve children and families and is pleased to work with the Health Services team and the many high caliber professionals throughout the district.

Merry is a native Californian. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, earned a Bachelor of Art in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley, and a Master of Public Health from UC Berkeley. She completed post graduate study as a Family Nurse Practitioner at UC Irvine College of Medicine. She is credentialed as a school nurse and school administrator by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Merry is delighted to be a part of the Newport-Mesa team and is committed to ensuring students receive the necessary support to be healthy and engaged in learning. Merry looks forward to a healthy school year for all.

Nutrition Services

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Dale Ellis, R.D.,
M.B.A., S.N.S.
Director

Dale Ellis has worked as a school nutrition professional for over 23 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in foods and nutrition from Iowa State University, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

Dale has been a registered dietitian-nutritionist for 30 years, and holds a School Nutrition Specialist Credential from the School Nutrition Association.

Dale recently became the director of Nutrition Services after serving as district nutritionist for 12 years. As director of Nutrition Services, she is passionate about "feeding the future" and supporting student academic achievement by promoting healthy lifestyles.

Dale leads the Nutrition Services team in providing healthy and nutritious food choices. They partner with the schools to create a healthful environment for students, and utilize grant funding to provide nutrition education to the entire school community.

When not working, Dale enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle of golf vacations, exploring new restaurants, and reading and listening to music.

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Bullying among youths may take place in a variety of aggressive actions. The most common are physical, verbal, and psychological. Behaviors can include hitting, kicking, pushing, taunting, name-calling, threatening, rumor spreading, manipulation, exclusion, extortion, and intimidation. Girls are the primary offenders of verbal and psychological bullying, especially when it involves the cyber world.

There are potential characteristics and warning signs that youth who bully others and their targets may display. The child that bullies may have higher levels of conduct problems, display a positive attitude toward violence and a strong need to dominate, have a confident view of themselves, and little empathy toward the target. For the child who is the target of bullying behavior, warning signs could include, a drop in grades, lack of interest in school, refusal to go to school, complaints of stomachaches or headaches, and withdrawal from family.

As educators, we take seriously the responsibility to support student development, and take advantage of the opportunities to model and teach positive behaviors such as respect, responsibility, honesty, and compassion. Since 2011, OCDE has collaborated with the Orange County Health Care Agency to host the Annual Bullying Prevention Conference in June. The conference brings together the Orange County Sheriff's Department, real life stories from students and their families who have experienced bullying, and other community agencies who present best practices and information on bullying and cyber bullying.

We welcome parents to take an active role in shaping their school and neighborhood climate. The leaders of tomorrow are in our classrooms today and we must all work together to create positive environments for teaching and learning.

For additional information, visit www.ocde.us/SchoolSafety/Pages/More-Safe-School-Resources.aspx or contact Christine Laehle, MPH, Program Specialist, Safe Schools, at 714-327-1067 or claehle@ocde.us.



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Adams *Elementary (K-6)*

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Gabriel DelReal
Principal

Gabe Del Real has served the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for thirteen years. This is his fourth 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 (5) and Lucas (3).

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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Dr. Shannon Bray
Principal

Dr. Shannon Bray is delighted to begin her second year as the principal of Andersen Elementary. Dr. Bray began her educational career in Clovis Unified School District as an elementary teacher. She served nine years as an administrator in Clovis Unified at the secondary and elementary levels, 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 their five children and two grandchildren. 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.

Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Debbie Lucker-Davis
Principal

Deborah Davis has been the principal of 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 a graduate of the University of Washington, with a double major in psychology and English, Ms. Davis obtained a teaching credential and began her career at a junior high school teaching social science, English, journalism and vocal music. She later earned a master's degree in educational administration at Western Washington State University in Bellingham. Throughout her career she has never lost sight of the reason why education captured her interest: it's because of the students!

But working at the Alternative Education Center has truly been the highlight of her career. In 2011, Debbie was named the Continuation Principal of the Year for Region 10. In 2010, Back Bay Continuation High School was awarded the prestigious title of "California Model Continuation High School," an honor that was well deserved.

Additionally, in 2012, the solar photovoltaic classes at Back Bay were recognized by the California State CCEA as an exemplary program. These classes have also been recognized by Golden West College as deserving of college and high school credit. And in 2013, Back Bay earned Model Continuation High School recognition for the second time! This honor is only given to continuation high schools that meet rigorous standards set by the state.

Monte Vista, the independent high school located on the same campus, has recently gone online so that its students can access academic work when they are unable to attend school daily. Both programs and schools are exemplary, and have supported many college-bound seniors.

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 followed by 8 years of teaching at Adams Elementary School. After completion of his 8th year teaching, he earned the position of principal at California Elementary School. Matt received his bachelor's degree, teaching credential, and master's degree from Concordia University, Irvine. He was a member of Newport-Mesa Unified School District's first Leadership Institute. Mr. B will be entering his 3rd year as principal and is thrilled about the growth the school has made over the past two years. Matt is blessed to have an amazing family. He has been married for ten years to

his wife Gina, who is a high school teacher, and they have two amazing boys. When he has free time, he enjoys playing golf and hanging out with his family. He is honored to be principal of California Elementary School and is excited for what's in store for the 2013-14 school year. Go Cougars!

College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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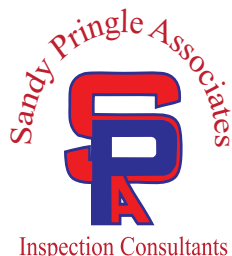


Julie McCormick
Principal

Julie McCormick has been principal at College Park Elementary School for four years. She has 27 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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Corona Del Mar *High School (7-12)*

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Guy Olguin
Principal
7-8 Grade

Mr. 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 9th 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.



Kathy Scott
Principal
9-12 Grade

Kathy comes from the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) where she just completed seven years as principal of Oxford Academy. During this time Oxford became a highly ranked school within the state and the nation. Oxford was the highest ranked California school in 2012 with an API score of 995, was recognized in 2005 and 2011 as a California Distinguished School and will be receiving the National Blue Ribbon recognition in November.

Kathy is a graduate of Texas Tech University and received her Master's degree in administration from the University of the Southwest. She was a classroom teacher for 18 years and has been an administrator for 16 years. Kathy and her husband have two married sons and three grandsons. She resides in Anaheim Hills.

Kathy shared, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve with such a strong and committed school community as Corona del Mar High. My hope is to collaboratively lead the CdM teachers and students to the next level of greatness."

Kathy's appointment is scheduled for approval by the Board of Education on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Her official start date is still to be determined.



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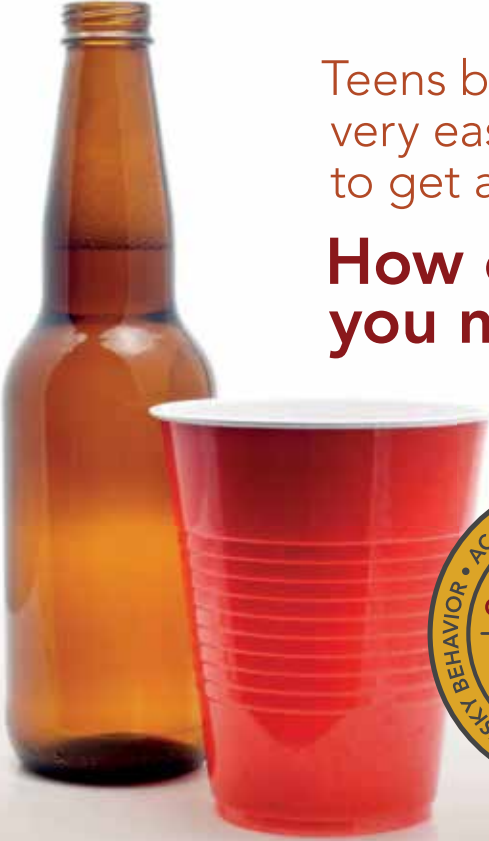
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Dr. Aaron Peralta
Principal
7-8 Grade

Dr. Aaron Peralta will begin his sixth year as the principal at Costa Mesa High School/ Middle School. In his 15 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.

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Dr. Phil D'Agostino
Principal
9-12 Grade

Dr. Phil D'Agostino is in his fourth year as the Principal of Costa Mesa High School. He began teaching in the Newport Mesa Unified School District in 1999 after seven years as a social studies department chair and AP teacher in Lakewood, Ca. In 2001 he was Newport Harbor High School's Teacher of the Year and distinguished himself in the community as the advisor to the school's Student Political Action Committee and the Director of the Magellan Academy for Global Studies. In the fall of 2006 he moved to the administrative ranks where he served as an assistant principal at Estancia High School. Eight weeks later he was named its principal and continued to serve in that capacity until 2010 when he was asked to lead the Costa Mesa High School community as its principal. He was the Administrator of the Year for Secondary Education in 2010. Now in his 22st year as an educator, Phil has always made the holistic development of all students his top priority and has 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. Most importantly, Phil believes in the power of community and the great things that can be accomplished when a school's stakeholders are focused and driven to do "whatever it takes" to achieve success for its kids.

Davis *Magnet (K-6)*

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Christy Flores
Principal

Mrs. Flores is beginning her 11th year in education, all within the Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She previously taught at Adams Elementary School, Newport Heights and Davis Magnet School prior to becoming the principal at Davis in January 2013.

Mrs. Flores is looking forward to opening the school year as principal. When asked about the upcoming school year, Mrs. Flores said, "I'm excited for this school year to begin and to continue to work alongside the dedicated staff and devoted parent community to support student learning and success. I love coming to work every day and having the opportunity to work with such wonderful people on a daily basis."

Mrs. Flores attended Chico State on a volleyball scholarship and received her BA in liberal studies with a minor in Spanish. She remained at Chico for a fifth year to receive her BCLAD Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, and she went on to receive her master's in educational leadership and administration from Chapman University.

Mrs. Flores is an avid sports fan who also enjoys running, reading and baking. She lives in Irvine with her husband, who teaches seventh-grade history at TeWinkle Middle School and coaches football at Estancia High School. They have a black lab named Harley.

Eastbluff *Elementary (K-6)*

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Ms. Cheryl Beck is the principal of Eastbluff School. She considers herself a life long learner and is celebrating her 26th year in the field of education. She loves working with children and has two wonderful children of her own. Ms. 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, Ms. 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 16 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 eight 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.

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Kathy Slawson
Principal

Kathy Slawson has been employed with NMUSD for sixteen years. Prior to working in NMUSD she taught Biology, Health, and Physical Education and was an Assistant Principal in the Whittier Union High School District. After moving to NMUSD she continued to gain experience as an Assistant Principal at the secondary level. She was hired as the Principal of Early College High School in 2005 and as the instructional leader helped ECHS become a California Distinguished School, and was recognized with a state ranking of a perfect 10 for the students' state test scores and a perfect 10 ranking when compared with similar schools for five years in a row. Early College High School continues to be one of the top schools in Orange County because of the dedicated hard working administration and teaching staff who believe all students can achieve academic success.

Harbor View *Elementary (K–6)*

900 Goldenrod Ave., Corona del Mar, CA 92625 • 949/515-6940 • <http://harborview.nmusd.us>



Todd Schmidt
Principal

Mr. Schmidt is going into his 17th year in education and his second year as the Chief Viking at Harbor View Elementary School! During his first year, Harbor View saw the implementation of a 1:1 iPad program for sixth-graders, as well as the addition of a mobile iPad cart for other grades to use for both enrichment and remediation. In addition, Harbor View incorporated the Response to Intervention (RtI) program, which gave all students the time and support they needed to learn at high levels.

In this upcoming year, through the generous donation of our PFO and Harbor View Dads, Harbor View purchased two additional iPad roving carts. We will continue to expand our successful RtI program to ensure enrichment, reinforcement, or remediation for students on specific grade-level standards as we implement the Common Core State Standards!

In his spare time, Mr. Schmidt is finishing his doctoral dissertation through the University of Southern California. (Fight on!) He enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters. He also enjoys reading, exercising, and being the proud principal of Harbor View! Let's continue to make learning our adventure!

Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3–6)*

2130 Santa Ana Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6950 • <http://kaiser.nmusd.us>



Dr. Deborah Granger
Principal

Deborah Granger recently completed her first year as principal of Kaiser Elementary School. She joined Newport-Mesa USD after a multifaceted career in education including previous service as a teacher and administrator at the secondary level as well as extensive experience in the areas of curriculum and instruction while working with the Orange County Department of Education. With her undergraduate degree 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.

A highlight for Dr. Granger during the 2013-2013 school year was students' creative use of the school's "Speak Up" box. In addition to the anticipated notes regarding student concerns, many students used the "Speak Up" box to send Dr. Granger drawings, notes, and letters sharing what they loved most about Kaiser Elementary School. While she shared that she was ready for vacation (which included a chance to pet Bengal tiger cubs and lots of snorkeling!), Dr. Granger looked forward to returning early to Kaiser to teach a summer academy for English learners and prepare for some of the exciting new student opportunities to be unveiled this year. She says, "Kaiser's staff, students, and community inspire me to be my best in serving them." As Kaiser begins to pilot and implement instruction in alignment with Common Core State Standards, Dr. Granger looks forward to seeing Kaiser students continue to shine. Go Knights!

Horace Ensign *Intermediate School (7–8)*

2000 Cliff Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6910 • <http://ensign.nmusd.us>



Dr. Gloria Duncan
Principal

Dr. Gloria Duncan was appointed as the Principal of Ensign Intermediate School in 2011. Dr. Duncan 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. Dr. Duncan 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. She 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.

Dr. Duncan lives in Anaheim Hills with her husband of 36 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. Dr. Duncan is dedicated to making the school a positive place for everyone by instituting a Community of Kindness Program. 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 • <http://estancia.nmusd.us>



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 has been married to his wife, Denise, for 27 years, and they live in Costa Mesa. Denise works in the office at Kaiser Elementary school and was NMUSD Classified Employee of the year this year. 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 and is in her last year of graduate school at Chapman, to be a High School Counselor. Kelsi graduated from Iowa State University in May and is currently serving a six-month internship in Uganda.



Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

3155 Killybrooke Ln., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7945 • <http://killybrooke.nmusd.us>



Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

Lorie Hoggard is proud to begin her third 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 25th year in the field of education, having served as teacher assistant, tutor, camp counselor, elementary teacher, early childhood director, and principal.

Dr. Hoggard was born and raised in Long Beach. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, a teaching credential, and a 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 Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD) staff in 1999 as the 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 through 2011, Dr. Hoggard expanded N-MUSD's early childhood education programs from three to 10 sites and secured grant funding for N-MUSD early childhood programs.

As the principal of Killybrooke School, she is passionate about fostering a school culture that sends a clear message to every child that he or she can and will become prepared for college and be inspired to choose an exciting career path. Killybrooke students continue to achieve at high levels, consistently exceeding statewide expectations in core subject areas, leading to Killybrooke's recent honor as California Business for Education Excellence Award recipient.

Dr. Hoggard and her husband, Bill, have two children who love to play sports and spend time at the beach. She enjoys spending time with her active family, running, and researching her family tree. She is looking forward to another outstanding year of learning at Killybrooke, as the staff and families continue their exciting efforts to transition to the Common Core State Standards to ensure every student is fully prepared for success in college and career.

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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At press time the principal had not been assigned.

Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Rich Rodriguez is the new principal of Newport Elementary School. He has worked in the Newport Mesa district for 16 years. Mr. Rodriguez taught and has been a principal at the elementary and middle school levels. As the principal of Charles W. TeWinkle Intermediate School and Newport Coast Elementary School, he was part of a collaborative team that implemented a targeted and systematic pyramid of interventions and enrichment model.

During his four years, 2006 through 2010, at Newport Coast Elementary School, this model propelled proficiency rates to the 90% level. They also successfully implemented a character education program based on coach John Wooden's pyramid of success. As part of the TeWinkle Middle School team, they were successful in implementing an intensive intervention and enrichment model that met the needs of all students. Also, a successful positive school wide behavior model was implemented which focused on academic and social skills in order to give the students the tools they needed to be successful in high school. During his three years, 2010 through 2013, at TeWinkle Middle School, the school experienced continued academic growth and for the first time past the 800 academic performance Index benchmark.

Mr. Rodriguez is humbled and honored to be part of the Newport Elementary School team. The teachers are extremely talented and they are all eager to implement this successful model in order to ensure high levels of learning for all children.

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 thirteen years. During these thirteen 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 since the state began testing in 1998. 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 Rd., Newport Coast, CA 92657 • 949/515-6975 • <http://nce.nmusd.us>



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Dr. Duane Cox is thrilled to begin his fourth 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 18 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 five year old son, Cameron and a three 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 • <http://newportheights.nmusd.us>



Kathleen Jaquin
Principal

It takes a village to raise a child. —An African Proverb
I am very excited to start my third 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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Sean Boulton
Principal

Mr. Sean Boulton was officially appointed to serve as Principal of Newport Harbor High School on August 27, 2013.

Mr. Boulton is an experienced high school administrator and educator. Since 2008, he has served as the Principal of Laguna Hills High School in Saddleback Valley. Laguna Hills High School has thrived under Mr. Boulton's leadership. Their API has reached 854 from 779; 48% of graduates completed University of California A-G requirements; he has grown the 25-year old International Baccalaureate Program which is slated to award 39 diplomas next year; and started Laguna Hills High School Culinary Arts and Chinese Mandarin programs in 2012.

Mr. Boulton also has previous experience in Newport-Mesa Unified School District serving as a teacher at Ensign and assistant principal at Estancia High School. He is also a member of the Newport-Mesa community and shared, "Newport Harbor High School is one of those rare places where history, community, and educational excellence come together. I cannot wait to meet students, teachers, parents, and members of the educational community. My wife and I have two children that will one day be Sailors, and to be connected in such a unique way is remarkable. I'm honored to be the next leader of NHHS, and as always, Go Sailors!"

Pomona *Elementary (K-6)*

2051 Pomona Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6980 • <http://pomona.nmusd.us>



Megan Elsten Brown
Principal

Megan Elsten Brown is returning for her third year as Principal at Pomona Elementary, a school where each member of the learning community believes that all students can learn at high levels and are committed to creating a caring and safe learning environment filled with high expectations.

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, an ELD and intervention teacher, and family literacy coordinator.

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. This fall Megan starts her three year journey in Cal State Fullerton's Ed.D. program where she will pursue a doctorate in P-12 educational leadership.

When she's not focused on the field of education, Megan enjoys spending time with her husband and four boys who are the light of her life.

Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

1060 Paularino Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7950 • <http://paularino.nmusd.us>



Amy Nagy
Principal

After nine years as the principal of Newport Elementary School, Amy Nagy is excited about her move to Paularino Elementary School! She has worked in the field of education for 25 years. Throughout her career, she has been an elementary counselor, a teacher, a curriculum coordinator, and a principal. Dr. 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 La Verne.

In addition to her role as principal, she is a wife and mother. She and her husband have two sons, Michael, 19, and Nick, 17. Michael is a sophomore in college, and Nick is a senior in high school.

Dr. Nagy shared, "I am honored to serve this great community! I have heard nothing but positive things about our staff, students, and parents. I am looking forward to a great year, building new relationships and continuing the Panther tradition of striving for our best!"

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

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Dr. Kalim Rayburn
Principal

As the new principal of Rea Elementary School, Dr. Kalim Rayburn is beginning her 20th year as an educator.

Dr. Rayburn brings to Rea extensive experience in working with K-12 and higher education students in various public, private and nonprofit educational organizations. These have focused on science, technology, engineering and math subjects (STEM), as well as on college- and career-readiness, professional development in line with 21st-century learning initiatives, and online learning and teacher preparation.

Dr. Rayburn is looking forward to joining the faculty and staff at Rea Elementary, which has already established a strong collegial foundation committed to the success of the school community. She is excited to be working with a dynamic group of educators who go above and beyond to help support the design and implementation of professional development opportunities for N-MUSD educators. This will enrich their practice and quality of instruction for both Rea students and the N-MUSD English language learner population.

Bilingual in Spanish and English, Dr. Rayburn received her doctoral degree in educational administration at USC's Rossier School of Education; her M.S. in educational leadership and policy analysis, administrative and director of curriculum and instruction licenses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and her B.A. in human development (with a minor in elementary education) and her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential at CSU Long Beach, where she also received an athletic scholarship to compete on the women's golf team.

Charles W. TeWinkle *Intermediate School (7-8)*

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Kira Hurst
Principal

Kira comes from the Huntington Beach Union High School District where she was an administrator in Activities, Supervision, Guidance and Special Education. Prior to becoming an administrator, Kira taught many years in Social Studies and Spanish at both the middle and high school levels. She was also extensively involved in extra-curricular activities both in coaching and ASB.

Kira brings a strong multi-cultural background with her to Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She lived twenty-eight years overseas as both a student and later an educator for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Kira has two sons, Kyle and Ryan and has lived the past eleven years in Costa Mesa. She is excited to join the TeWinkle community as their new principal.

Kira's appointment is scheduled for approval by the Board of Education on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Kira will assume her new role at TeWinkle on Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

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Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

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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!

Whittier *Elementary (K-6)*

1800 Whittier Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6990 • <http://whittier.nmusd.us>



Scott Wilcox
Principal

Mr. Scott Wilcox is the new principal of Whittier Elementary School. He comes to Whittier from Lennox, where he was the principal of Felton Elementary School.

Mr. Wilcox has been in education for over 25 years. He decided to go into the field in order to make a difference in people's lives. He graduated from Cedarville College, and received his teaching credential from California State University, Fullerton. He later received his M.A. and administrative credential from California State University, Long Beach.

The new Whittier principal has taught both elementary and middle school students, and has been a principal at three different schools. He is also bilingual in Spanish and English, and looks forward to using this ability to engage the Whittier community. He says that he has already met some amazing Whittier teachers, and is excited to be working with such a dedicated staff. He is proud to be at Whittier Elementary School, and says, "Go Dolphins!"

Mr. Wilcox loves working directly with the students and teachers. When asked about his favorite thing in the field of education, he replied that it was "seeing the light of knowledge come on in a child's face." He is truly looking forward to making a difference at Whittier.

In his free time, Mr. Wilcox volunteers at Community Hospital in Long Beach. His dog Zelda is a therapy dog, and they like to visit the patients in order to brighten their days.



Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

1025 Victoria St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6985 • <http://victoria.nmusd.us>



Dr. Linda Tenno
Principal

Dr. Linda Tenno is beginning her fifth 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.

Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

2025 Garden Ln., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6945 • <http://woodland.nmusd.us>



Lauren Medve
Principal

Principal Lauren Medve is beginning her eleventh year as principal of Woodland Elementary School. Prior to coming to Newport-Mesa, Lauren spent 20 years as an elementary school teacher in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District, as well as serving as an assistant principal in two of Saddleback Valley's largest elementary schools. After serving as a principal in Orange Unified School District, Mrs. Medve was honored to join the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2003.

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 exceptional students, dedicated staff and supportive parents.

Mrs. Medve and her husband, Ron, have made Mission Viejo their home since becoming educators in the public school system. Their three children attended Capistrano Unified School District and all reside locally keeping the family close by for family gatherings.

Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

801 Wilson St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6995 • <http://wilson.nmusd.us>



Dr. Julie Perron
Principal

Julie Perron is the principal at Wilson Elementary School. This is her 24 th 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 Forest Grove, Oregon and then 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 105 pound Yellow Labrador Retriever, Rudy. She is excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve the families and community of Wilson Elementary, a place where great things are happening.



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Students started their morning with rehearsals in classrooms, enjoyed a nutrition break and a chance to make friends on the playground and then spent their final hour in a combined large-group rehearsal with all band students playing together. This gave students a chance to work in small groups to learn music theory (notes and timing), apply their learning to their instruments and practice learning how the instruments work and then put their instruments all together to create a large ensemble and experience the sound of being in a large band.

String students had much the same schedule except they stayed together rather than combining since they learned different music that works better for violin and cello.

The final day of the program, students showcased their learning at two concerts. Band students listened to string students and string students listened to band students. Strings perform in the MPR the band performed outside near the lunch tables under the shade. The concerts were attended by proud parents, site and district administration, board members and our very supportive Superintendent, Dr. Frederick Navarro. Students described their learning verbally, demonstrating the building blocks of music on each their instruments and then put those building blocks together and perform full performance arrangements. These concerts were more than just playing a number of songs and "sounding good," they were a way for students to demonstrate their learning both about how music works and how to implement what they learned on their instruments. Each instrument section had a student representative who took to the microphone and talked about what they learned from each exercise and song they played.

We were also grateful for the wonderful high school volunteers who were nominated by their directors to earn community service hours to come to rehearsals and support these young budding musicians. They helped with everything from putting the instrument together to how to follow along with the music as it is played to moving chairs and music stands. The leadership

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of these fine young people was amazing and provided a positive role model for elementary students. Many of the high school volunteers had their first experience playing an instrument in summer music themselves and it was wonderful to see them come back and encourage students starting out just as they did. A perfect example of “paying it forward!”

We are fortunate in Newport-Mesa to have a culture that values the arts and student creativity. Our school board has long maintained its commitment to the arts with board members serving on the district arts commission. I also want to thank Superintendent Dr. Frederick Navarro for his support to the arts as well as Assistant Superintendent Susan Astarita and Director of Elementary Education Kurt Suhr for their leadership in supporting this program so that it could be offered to these amazing students this summer.



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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 5,000 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.

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By Gayle Spinks, Foundation Member

Good news for public libraries! According to a study done, Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, 16 to 29 year olds use the library more than any other age group.

The survey found that 75 percent of 16-to-29-year-olds have read a printed book in the past year, compared with 64 percent of those 29 and up. Pretty amazing for a generation that was raised on electronic media 24/7.

Better still these younger Americans' reading habits and library use are still anchored by the printed page. And while this may be because of the demands of school or work it might also reflect the personal preferences of this age group. This group's priorities and expectations for libraries likewise reflect a mix of traditional and technological services – the something for everyone adage.

And better even still they're not just interested in "just hanging out" there. According to the survey, 67 percent of the 16-to-29-year-olds said they would like libraries to have a digital media lab and yet they still want to enjoy a real life paper book.

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It's Library Card Sign-up Month!



Evelyn Rogers
Children's
Librarian

The Newport Beach Public Library's children's staff would like to extend its thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program. The children read books and earned prizes, and attended some fun, crafty and messy events!

But with summer wrapping up, we look to the coming school year. Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-up Month? When you are collecting essential school supplies, don't forget to include a library card. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the library and sign up for a free card.

To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, the library will be having a prize drawing for children. Visit any branch of the Newport Beach Public Library during the month of September, sign up for a children's library card (if you don't already have one), and then enter the drawing to win a goodie pack.

With their library card, children will be able to check out books from the library and access databases from home. Having a library card is especially important for middle and high school students. Research assignments and group projects often require access to the Internet.

An NBPL card is required to access the library's Wi-Fi, as well as to use its computers. There is a wealth of reliable information on the NBPL's many research databases.

Library card applications for anyone under age 18 must be signed by a parent or guardian. Be sure to use your library card early and often this school year!

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Pete Meslin
Director

Pete Meslin has been in the transportation field for 31 years. For the last 9 he's been NMUSD's Director of Transportation. Pete is a sought after presenter at national, regional, and state conferences on topics including management, leadership, and special education transportation best practices. He is also a member of several national standards committees and editorial boards.

He has published numerous articles in several school transportation and special education journals. He also has published the California Association of School Transportation Official's (CASTO) state guide for transporting students with disabilities.

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

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Recess



Kate Karp

Recess is here, and just in time, too. Award-winning musician Justin Roberts, along with his Not Ready for Naptime players, has whipped up a whimsical collection of songs to play, imagine and relax along with and have a generally good time in the process. Just like recess.

Everyone, whether a dreamer or a doer, has a song here. "My Secret Robot" and "Otis" cocern a couple of most unusual imaginary friends—the name Otis is a clue to one of them. "The Princess Wore Pink" is a fantasy of how a gently subversive individual—OK, she happened to be a princess, so she had perks, but she used them for leadership—made a much-needed change to her town. "Looking for Trains" is a lovely, lilting song reminiscent of autumn evenings with an added flavor of Simon and Garfunkel. "Every Little Step," dedicated to Roberts's dog, Udo, sounds just like what a dog would think and feel: "There's no trouble as big as my heart is wide." And if you're a teacher and "School's Out (Tall Buildings)" doesn't choke you up with happy tears, I don't know what will.

The collection is available on CD, and there's a limited edition that includes a pop-up robot and special web links for craft activities and bonus media.

Who among us hasn't waited for that last enchanted click of the minute hand that rings the bell? Take a little break and enjoy *Recess*!

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Coach Lou's Life Lessons



Kent Kawaguchi
Guest
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September to January is a special time for college sports fans. It's the season when millions of people watch football games and sports analysts almost 24/7 during the weekend. As I watch sports television, I remember my interview with the ESPN analyst and former Notre Dame head coach Mr. Lou Holtz when I was 13 years old. Lou Holtz, also known as "Coach," won three national Coach of the Year honors, is the only coach to ever lead six different schools to bowl games, and as head coach is ranked ninth in most career wins in college football history. As a successful coach and sports analyst, Lou Holtz is known for his knowledge, wit, and enthusiasm. Before my interview with Coach, he gave a lecture to a large audience, where he discussed his three simple life lessons: do what is right; do everything to the best of your ability; and care about people.



he responded by saying, "Find something that you can do pretty well and do what you like to do. Then work at it. Do the best that you can. If it doesn't work out, the fact that you did something to the best of your ability will make you win in the long run. You are not competing against anyone except for yourself. So ask yourself, 'What am I capable of doing?'" In addition, Coach Holtz said everyone must have: passion and dreams; love for someone; something to dream for; and something to believe in. To achieve those dreams, Holtz said not to cut corners when life is tough, as you will only be fooling yourself. Although achieving dreams requires sacrifice and can be tough, one should never do something half way because in the end, it will be worth it.

He said, "It should not be all about me. Rather, it's about others. Ask how you can genuinely help, care about others. Learn to be unselfish for the benefit of your teammates."

I will always remember Coach Holtz's authentic personality and willingness to talk to me. His kindness towards others on and off the field is what makes him an icon in the football community. Coach Holtz's final words of advice were, "Keep life simple. God put you on Earth to do something. Have a vision, make a plan, lead by example, be accountable, and have core values so that you can make a difference in people's lives. Play like a champion today. Live like a champion every day."

Lacrosse—Word Search Contest

Rules!!! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put NMUSD in subject line)

Entries must be received by October 1, 2013
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Congratulations to **Jason Farthing**
Winner of the June Word Search Contest!

Word Search by Kai Coop

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