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#### SUPERINTENDENT

#### **Inspiring Students to Achieve Academic Success**

With the adoption of California's challenging state standards four years ago, came a new way of thinking that changed the way we teach to match how students actually learn. We are now requiring students to think more critically and explain their responses with sound rationale and evidence. We have moved past multiple choice tests of the former standards and instead are using a multidisciplinary approach to prepare students for college and career success in today's info-tech economy. While the "basics" as we know them have not gone away, they are being taught at higher cognitive levels which are more closely connected to the skills our future workforce demands. These instructional shifts make this a truly exciting and challenging time in education.

One example of this is NMUSD's restructuring of the teaching of reading in elementary schools. Throughout the past three years, elementary schools have made incredible progress implementing a reading program focused on foundational reading strategies which include small-group instruction and identifying student specific interventions. This ensures that students get the needed support and/ or enrichment required to meet their individual needs. These are important strategies since we know that kids



Dr. Fred Navarro

do not all learn the same way and at the same pace. We also have supported the expansion of specialized teaching staff to expand the effectiveness of the reading program. By maximizing the added support of specially trained intervention teachers. our students receive the increased individualized attention required to develop higher level reading comprehension skills.

In keeping with the goal of raising student mastery of the new standards, our secondary schools have launched the process to select new core instructional math materials. This compliments the efforts that elementary has previously undertaken to select math materials in recent years. This effort will result in establishing a coordinated K-12 continuum in mathematics. We also continue to implement the shifts toward the Next Generation Science Standards throughout the grade levels. We are committed to offering rigorous science programs, and as such have hired several science specialists to augment science instruction from transitional kindergarten to sixth grade.

Great things are always happening at Newport-Mesa and we encourage you to read through School News to get a glimpse into some of it.



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#### **Board of Education Selects New Trustee Boundary Map and Change to Election System**

By Karen Yelsey, President

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) Board of Education, which is comprised of seven elected members (known as trustees), adopted a new trustee area boundary map and election system to commence with the 2018 Board of Education elections. This does not impact school attendance boundaries. Students' home school will remain the same.

There has been extensive population growth on the east side of the district and there was a need to balance the population among the seven trustee areas. The new trustee area boundary map that we selected provides a balanced

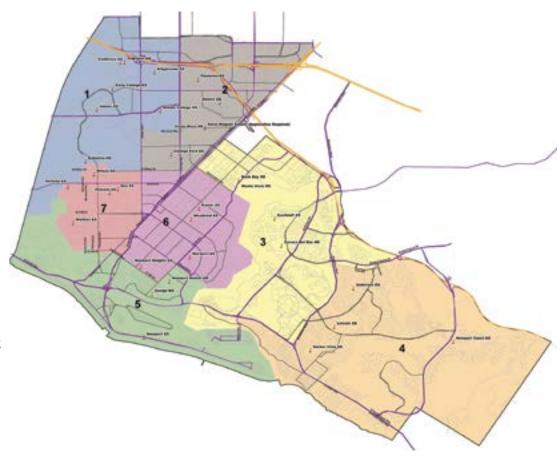
population among the seven trustee areas throughout the district's jurisdiction that includes the City of Costa Mesa and City of Newport Beach.

The selected map also maintains a majority-minority trustee area in area seven, that aligns to the California Voters Right Act.

In a related topic, we also approved a change from at-large to bytrustee area elections that begin in November 2018. By-trustee area elections means trustees will be elected by only the voters living in a designated trustee area – according to the newly adopted trustee area boundary map instead of the entire school district voting population.

Prior to our approval of the map and voting change to by-trustee area elections on October 17, 2017, there were various opportunities for public input regarding these changes, including multiple public meetings and hearings that were hosted in March 2017 and fall of 2017.

As Board of Education Members, we have always focused on the needs of all students in the District regardless of the Trustee area we represent. We are committed to continuing this focus even though the boundaries have been adjusted and voting areas have changed.





**Kay Coop** Founder/Publisher



Superintendent Dr. Navarro's message on page 3 is very important to understand how much teaching has changed in the past few years. It is an exciting time to be a student. I remember "way back when" new math was introduced to our children and my husband and I were no longer much help with homework. When the chalkboards were taken out of the classroom, I think I went right with them. This is a perfect time to be thankful for our dedicated educators who are focused on the success of our youth.

Thank you for continuing to include School News among your reading choices. Our staff wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our next issue is February 7, 2018.

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#### City of Costa Mesa



Katrina Foley Mayor

#### **Home for the Holidays!**

December is a busy time for the City of Costa Mesa with multiple community events that directly benefit Newport-Mesa school children.

One of those is the fourth annual Costa Mesa Home Tour on Dec. 7. from 3-7 p.m. Visitors to the Home Tour will see Costa Mesa's finest homes decked out for the holidays. There will be a reception after the

Home Tour that takes place at the Pottery Barn, South Coast Plaza. The proceeds from the Home Tour event benefit the Costa Mesa High School Foundation and Heroes Hall at the OC Fair & Event Center. In fact, the money that goes to Heroes Hall is used for students to take field trips to the hall and learn about the county's military history. For more information visit: www.costamesahometour.com.

Another event is our beloved Snoopy House display at City Hall. The holiday display is available for viewing from 5:30 to 9 p.m. nightly from Dec. 14 through Dec. 23 in front of Costa Mesa City Hall located at 77 Fair Drive. From 7 to 9 p.m. each night, children and their families will have opportunities to receive free photos with Santa.

And Snoopy House benefits our local students who are able to sell food and beverages to raise money for nonprofit youth groups and showcase their talents with free musical

#### Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue



**Dan Stefano** Fire Chief

#### **Safety Tips for the Holidays**

The holiday season is here, providing valued opportunities for families, friends, and communities to share special moments in time together. To help ensure a safe holiday, here are 10 safety tips that we hope will serve you well:

- Use flameless candles!
- Test your smoke alarms and practice your home emergency plan—have a plan
- If you have a Christmas tree, make sure it stays fresh; is not blocking an exit; and is away from any heat source.
- Make sure heater vents are not covered by or in close proximity to furniture.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep decorations away from any heat source.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen when using your fireplace.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations when you leave or go to bed.
- It takes a Community to protect a Community...

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#### City of Newport Beach



**Kevin Muldoon** *Mayor* 

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are countless opportunities to get connected and volunteer in Newport Beach. Local nonprofit groups support education, the environment, and health and human services causes. The City of Newport Beach also has volunteer needs.

Every year, the City Council appoints residents to serve on its boards, committees and commissions. These volunteer posts are

great ways to apply your talents to, and provide input on, projects and policies that help shape our community.

We also have a national-award-winning Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and an active Volunteers in Policing program. The OASIS Senior Center and the Newport Beach Public Library are always seeking volunteers as well. And, we are grateful to have a number of volunteer groups that raise funds to support City libraries, arts programs and our senior center and animal shelter.

We've got volunteer opportunities for young adults too. Our Recreation staff offers a summertime Teen Leader program and high school students can participate in the Youth in Government program during the school year. For more information, please visit newportbeachca.gov/volunteer. Thank you, in advance, for lending your time and talents to your community.

#### Newport Beach Fire Department



Jeff Boyles Assistant Fire Chief

#### **Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires**

The holidays are fast around the corner. While holiday decorating can be fun and merry, it is important to remember that many of our decorations are electrical and pose fire risks. The City of Newport Beach Fire Department has responded to Christmas tree fires from the following igniters: candles, fireplaces, and discarded smoking material. According to the United



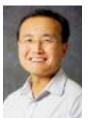
States Fire Administration, your tree should be at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits. Candles should be at least 12 inches from anything that burns. Every household is encouraged to be fire safe during this holiday season.

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#### **Urgent Care, Emergency Care: Finding the Right Care**



Kenneth Kim, M.D. Medical Director, Pediatric ICU

Choosing the kind of medical care you need depends on your situation. If you are injured or ill, going to the hospital emergency room (ER) may seem like an appropriate choice. But if you are not facing a real emergency, you may have other choices.

Hospitals typically provide a full range of services for common medical conditions as well as a level of emergency care. Urgent care centers offer medical care for conditions that need immediate attention, but are not life-threatening. And in a doctor's office,

patients usually receive personalized service due to an established working relationship.

According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, warning signs of a medical emergency include:

- Problems breathing
- Chest or upper abdominal pain
- Fainting or sudden dizziness
- · Changes in vision
- Uncontrollable bleeding
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Confusion or changes in mental status

If you are experiencing these symptoms you should go to a hospital ER. Some hospitals use online scheduling tools such as InQuickER to post their ER waiting times so



you can check before going to the hospital.

If you are experiencing symptoms of a heart attack or stroke, call 911 for an ambulance instead of driving. This allows emergency medical services to begin treatment immediately.

If you need medical care for a condition that is not serious or life-threatening such as: minor illnesses, cuts, burns, puncture wounds, fractures, bites, stings, sprains and strains, you may want to go an urgent care center when you cannot see your primary doctor right away. An urgent care center may be a more convenient, less expensive, and less time-consuming choice.



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**Gabriel DelReal** *Principal* 

#### Veterans Day Donations

Americans should be honoring our veterans every day of the year for their bravery and selfless devotion to our country. Adams Elementary School invited veterans who

are friends and family of our staff and students to join us in November so we could thank them during our Community Flag Deck and provide refreshments in their honor.

Students have been supporting the United States Military by collecting items for care packages that will be



Items collected for U.S. Military care packages in October.

assembled in May. Students collected toothpaste and toothbrushes in October and lip balm in November. Based on the generosity of Adams' students, staff members should be able to fill an astonishing 500 care packages.

If you are interested in learning more about donating items to our troops, please stop by the school office and pick up a flier. To those in uniform serving

today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you.

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

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**Dr. Shannon Bray** *Principal* 

#### **Never Give Up!**

Andersen students rolled out the red carpet to welcome Mr. Brent Poppen for a fun-filled and inspirational two days. Mr. Poppen is an author, teacher and Paralympian. He shared his message of having a growth mindset and never giving up.

Mr. Poppen spent time in every classroom talking with students and helping them to understand that everything is possible with the right attitude and mindset. Because of this mindset Mr. Poppen was able to win a Bronze medal on the US Paralympic Rugby Team. Mr. Poppen brought his competitive tennis wheelchair for students to use during lunch recess and also let students wear his Olympic Bronze medal. We truly had two wonderful inspiring days!



#### Back Bay/Monte Vista High School

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**Marc Trocchio** Principal

#### **Connected, Support, Thriving**

What can be more powerful than understanding that by being kind, loving and helpful toward others, you are also being kind, loving and helpful toward yourself?

High School can be incredibly tough, especially for students who got off to a poor early start. But here, our students go through a complete reboot process and thrive!

To date, 100 Back Bay students have performed over 3,000 community-service hours and saved over 100 lives through our most recent blood drive! With Dream It, Be It, a career-support group for girls offered through the Soroptimists, caring professional women help girls build life skills and self-esteem. The Bulldog Men's Group works with mental-health-professional volunteers, focusing on decision making and stress management. Groups like Robyne's Nest and The Exchange Club of Newport Harbor help support rewards through our positive behavioral interventions. We're grateful for their partnership!

The Back Bay Bulldogs are excited to head into the holiday season connected, supported and thriving!



#### California Elementary (K-6)

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**Jacob Topete** Principal

#### **Our Incredible Community**

California's school community has been hard at work during the beginning of this school year helping to build community and support our school's vision of academic excellence through technology and the arts. To kick the year off, our PTA and California School Education Foundation (CSEF) joined together to host a Welcome-Back Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Night. With around 200

people in attendance, it was a great way to come back together as a California community.

In early October, CSEF hosted the Cougar Cup Gold Tournament. The event was a huge success, with over 50 golfers participating at a local country club. The support from our community makes a powerful impact on the students at California. Later in the month, our PTA hosted our annual Halloween Hoot. It was a wonderful community night, filled with games, prizes, a costume parade and so much more.

A really big thank-you goes to all of our PTA and CSEF members for their time and commitment to building the California community. Thank you to all of the volunteers that donate their time and effort to make these events a smashing success. I am proud to be a California Cougar and part of such an incredible community! Go Cougars!

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#### College Park Elementary (K-6)

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**Rich Rodriguez** Principal

#### **Halloween Fun at the Parade!**

Students and staff at College Park Elementary recently had some fall fun during our annual Halloween parade. The event gave the school an opportunity to come together, display some creativity, and delight in the fantasy and theatrics that make this holiday so much fun. With Halloweenthemed music playing in the background, each class paraded their costumes for all to

see. Spectators were treated to Storm Troopers, wizards, several T-Rex dinosaurs, princesses, unicorns, dragons, and some good, old-fashioned ghosts! The Halloween parade is just one of many festivities the fall season has to offer, and staff and students enjoyed every minute of it. The event is also a great way to build community, foster a sense of belonging, and display school spirit.



Winnie the Pooh (aka Allison Loftis) leads her kindergarteners through the parade route.

#### Davis Magnet (K-6)

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**Christy Flores** Principal

#### Arts Abound!

From performing arts to visual arts, Davis Magnet School students have multiple options before, during, and after school to expand their artistic abilities. The music department remains strong at Davis with over 100 students participating in our band and choir, with select students participating in our Advanced Band. All Preschool through 6th grade students have the opportunity to get their hands dirty while molding clay projects to be fired in our campus kiln. Most recently, Davis Magnet School proudly had the largest participating group of students with almost 90 entries in this year's PTA Reflections art competition. This was the first year we had student entries in every category. Our young artists are supported thanks to teacher and parent collaboration.



#### Corona del Mar High School (7-12)

2101 Eastbluff Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6000 • http://cdm.nmusd.us



Dr. Rebecca Gogel Principal 7–8 Grade



**Kathy Scott** Principal 9-12 Grade

#### **Fall Competition**

Competition is in the air at CdM with Fall sports going into the CIF playoffs. Football, Boy's Water Polo, Girl's Volleyball, Golf and Tennis all have enjoyed very successful seasons. All of these sports will be competing in the CIF playoffs. These tournaments are likely to be met with

student excitement and hopefully many more victories.

The teaching staff also is in the competitive mood as the Fall semester brings on the annual Dancing With The Teachers competition. CdM's dance company, Orchesis, partners with several of our teachers, counselors, and even principal Scott, to host a night of friendly dance competition. The winner leaves with bragging rights and the coveted Dancing With The Teachers trophy.



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

2650 Fairview Rd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-8700 • http://cmhs.nmusd.us



Dr. Jennifer Padilla Principal 7-8 Grade



Jacob Haley Principal 9-12 Grade

#### The MESA Way

In September, we shared our commitment to developing the whole student mind, body, and heart, and our vow to live by the MESA Way -Model Integrity,

Engage Respectfully, Show Compassion, Achieve Excellence. The holiday season lends itself to the heart and to Showing compassion.



Our student groups are preparing to give back to our community through several drives and events: our Madrigal Choir has performances scheduled at local homes and centers, The MESA Gives club has organized a food drive with all items going to Share Our Selves. ASB will be "Spreading the Love" with lunchtime activities including "We are Thankful" Thursdays and "Find your name/heart Friday".



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Dr. David Martinez Principal

#### **Celebrating Our Seniors!**

ECHS will hold our first College Application Success Campaign event on November 21st. We will celebrate that every Senior in our Class of 2018 will be submitting a college application that morning between 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. We are then holding a luncheon in their honor along with their parents and distinguished guests from our school district and Coastline Community College in our Multi-Purpose Room from

12:45-1:30 p.m. that day before we head into Thanksgiving Break.

While the Seniors are completing their applications, all 9th-11th graders will take part in breakout sessions to listen and learn from panels consisting of our teachers, former ECHS students and current college students on how to prepare and be ready for college.

ECHS also wants to congratulate Mrs. Joanne Treffner, 9th and 11th grade English Language Arts teacher, for being named a recipient of the Los Angeles Clippers Teacher Appreciation Award. Mrs. Treffner will be recognized in a pre-game ceremony at Staples Center on December 9th prior to the Los Angeles Clippers vs. Washington Wizards game that afternoon. Way to go Mrs. Treffner!

#### Eastbluff Elementary (K-6)

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Cheryl Beck Principal

#### STEAM Enrichment

Our students are excited to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) activities! Students are

working in collaborative lessons to design and create their products.

Mrs. Wendland's art program provides art instruction twice per month to all of our students. Each lesson is designed for a specific grade level and is integrated with the language arts or math focus. Students are viewing art through engineering and math lenses and utilizing rulers, compasses, protractors, and more. The lessons are also modeled after the master artists. So far, our students have learned about Mondrian and Kandinsky.

Our Robotic Club meets after school weekly to learn how to code, design, and maneuver their robots. the culminating activity will

again be the district competition. Students are also using new robots as part of STEAM activities in the classroom. We are having a lot of fun learning experiences!



#### Horace Ensign Intermediate (7-8)

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Michael Sciacca Principal

#### **Ensign Science moving to** the Next Generation

Ensign 7th grade and 8th grade science teams continue to lead the way in the development and implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards recently adopted by the state. Our science team is merging advanced writing

and thinking skills with highly engaging science experimentation. The combination or rigor and excitement has creative classroom environments of highly interested students learning very complex materials. Ensign teachers have been working together to create lessons, align units and share resources. Recently, students studied friction through a car racing lab, force by dropping eggs from 9 meters, and filtration by creating water desalination mechanisms. This approach to science requires students to apply science concepts to real world application.



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Michael Halt Principal

#### **Students Helping Students Succeed**

This year, Estancia High School established a new program called Link Crew to assist freshmen with the transition to high school through academic and social

mentoring. Estancia's Link Crew consists of 70 juniors and

seniors who were selected through an interview process and provided training to prepare the student leaders to help freshmen assimilate to the high school culture through activities specifically designed to promote and nurture individuality, selfesteem, team building, and inclusion within Estancia's campus. Each pair of volunteer Link Crew Leaders are responsible for working with their group of 9-12 freshmen and meet with them four times a week during Eagle Advisory

building friendships beyond their peer mentoring roles. Recently these remarkable leaders met other Link Crew Leaders from the southern California area at a Link Crew Conference where Estancia's leaders made a great impact on the other high schools in attendance.



Estancia High School's 2017-2018 Link Crew. Also pictured are Denise Moore and Marc Rodig, EHS Link Crew Coordinators.

#### Harbor View Elementary (K-6)

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



Dr. Todd Schmidt Principal

#### **Honoring Our Veterans**

Over the last several years, Harbor View Elementary has taken special consideration to honor, recognize, and thank our Veterans. In conjunction with our Parent/Faculty Organization (PFO), we hold an annual Veterans Day assembly. Veterans were invited by students to attend a special ceremony that included performances from our award-winning choir, essays written and

read from sixth grade students that illustrate the values Veterans exemplify, and a special rendition of the song "Taps." Each Veteran had a chance to share their branch of service and a short vignette/adventure. Two special events included the singing of "One World" by our choir and "God Bless America" by our entire Harbor View community. It has been a tradition at Harbor View that has stood the test of time!"



US Veterans Mr. Pagano and Mr. Williams were invited by their grandson, Clark, and his parents, David and Kim Williams.

#### Heinz Kaiser Elementary (3-6)

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Dr. Deborah Granger Principal

#### **Reading is Our Jam!**

In addition to the twice-annual book fair opening during Kaiser's parentstudent-teacher conference week, Kaiser Knights excitedly have been racking up points in this year's PFO-

sponsored Read-a-Thon! Students are reading here; they are reading there. They are reading in the



Kaiser Knights enjoy a book or two on a beautiful afternoon!

Adirondack chairs! Knights are reading in a bunch; they are reading during lunch. They are reading on the ground; they are reading all around. This wonderful celebration of reading is also Kaiser's PFO's fundraiser this year! While Kaiser Knights earn prizes for all their reading, Kaiser Elementary School's PFO earns much-valued funds to underwrite the enrichment programs they sponsor all year round! The Read-a-Thon has proven to be a tremendous success. Read on, Kaiser Knights!

#### Killybrooke Elementary (K-6)

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



Dr. Lorie Hoggard Principal

#### The Chargers Came to Killybrooke!

On October 27th, the Los Angeles Chargers came to Killybrooke School to provide a Junior Chargers Training Camp for students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The Junior Chargers Training Camp is a no-contact, football inspired program designed to teach children the basics of football, exercise and sportsmanship. Killybrooke students

enjoyed participating in real NFL-style drills and listened to messages about being healthy and active. Our physical education teaching staff, nutrition services staff, and PTA parent volunteers worked alongside the Los Angeles Chargers to make this event memorable for our students.



#### Mariners Elementary (K-6)

2100 Mariners Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6960 • http://mariners.nmusd.us



Matthew **Broesamle** Principal

#### Trick or Treat at the Boo-Fest!

Mariners Elementary PTA recently hosted Boo Fest, an annual event that featured food, games, costumes, friends, family, and a haunted house! This well-attended

event brought members of our school community together for an evening of fall fun. Students



Second grade student Kayden Kim displays her "spirit" of the season.

displayed their "spirit" of the season by coming dressed in their Halloween costumes. Games and a bounce house also helped elevate spirits. While there were many "tricks" inside the haunted house, those interested in finding treats didn't have far to look. This is one of many fabulous PTA-sponsored events that foster school pride, build a sense of community and belonging, and support our school's common goal to inspire, motivate, and make a difference in the lives of students every day.

#### Abraham Lincoln Elementary (K-6)

3101 Pacific View Dr., Corona del Mar, CA 92625 • 949/515-6955 • http://lincoln.nmusd.us



**Carrie Gammel** Principal

#### **STEAM**

Lincoln Elementary's "Technology and Tinkering Center" includes over 100 bins of STEAM supplies for Maker Stations, inspired by a library of activity books. All grade levels have access to materials to provide challenging engineering and critical thinking activities, like "STEAM in a Paper Bag", Rube Goldberg engineering design, or participate in a "Breakout Edu" challenge. Students also

have access to a wide variety of invention-based learning through creativity and play. This year students are learning to engineer using a modular platform, magnetic electronic building blocks designed to inspire all students to invent and imagine as seen here as Lincoln's Instructional Technology Assistant, Ryan Ratfield, coaches students in designing challenges with a Droid robot.



#### Newport Coast *Elementary* (K-6)

6655 Ridge Park Rd., Newport Coast, CA 92657 • 949/515-6975 • http://nce.nmusd.us



Julie McCormick Principal

#### Make a Wish

The spirit of giving has taken the Newport Coast Elementary School (NCE) campus by storm! Students, families, and staff members have committed themselves to spreading kindness and making wishes come true!

In October, with the help of parents and staff, NCE students wrote letters to the troops, donated their Halloween candy

to families in need, and raised money for UNICEF. In November, students and teachers in second and fifth grades teamed up to kick off a yearlong school-wide effort to fund-raise for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Throughout the remainder of the school year, a different theme will be introduced each month in an effort to raise enough money to fund wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. From turkey feather sales in November to heartfelt wishes in February and a walk for wishes in April, the NCE community is excited to contribute to such a worthy cause.

With seven wishes funded over the past eight years, fund-raising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation has become a cherished tradition at Newport Coast Elementary!

#### Newport Heights *Elementary* (K-6)

300 E. 15th St., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6970 • http://newportheights.nmusd.us



**Somer Harding** Principal

#### **Outdoor Science Camp**

We recently had 90 of our sixth-grade students (and three of our teachers) embark on a journey in November to Arrowhead Ranch in Pinecrest for the school's annual Outdoor Science Camp. This was the first experience for many of our students of being away from home and families.

But any sense of nervousness quickly disappeared as the students participated

in activities like the Strawberry Peak Hike. This is the toughest hike there, but every student made it up the hill! There was also the Independent Night Hike, where the students could learn about echo-location and night vision.

Upon their return to school, Wyatt expressed that, "It was amazing! It was so much fun and I want to go back!" Kylie added that, "It was the best time ever. I miss it!"

Mrs. Dolan, a first time sixth-grade teacher who attended with her students, also shared with us. "Science Camp was an amazing experience for both the students and teachers," she said. "When you get the students out of their element it is amazing to see how much they can accomplish together. Students who never hang out or talk were suddenly bonding over an activity, or helping each other become successful and build each other up.

"The collaboration and communication that I watched happen over four days was incredible. The children really transformed before my eyes. They were responsible. accountable, kind, and had a strong growth mindset about accomplishing any goal that was given to them. I can't wait to go again!"

The overall experience of our students and teachers was that this was a memorable and once-in-a-lifetime experience!

#### Newport Elementary (K-6)

1327 W. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6965 • http://newportel.nmusd.us



Amanda Estrada Principal

#### **Rewards for Good Behavior**

Flag Decks are important events in our school community and an integral part of our PBIS system. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. It is how we teach students respectful, responsible, and ready behavior expectations, reinforce good citizenship, and teach positive character traits through Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success. At Flag Deck, students, teachers and parents get to celebrate all the great things happening on our campus. We pass out flags for classes who show "Best on the Beach" behavior in their classroom, specialist classes, and learning zone. We also give students awards based on an academic area or one of the attributes on the Pyramid of Success. The students in the photo were recognized for showing "action" because they try their best and take risks.



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

600 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663 • 949/515-6300 • http://nhhs.nmusd.us



**Sean Boulton** Principal

#### **Honoring Our Veterans**

Newport Harbor High School is celebrating Veterans Day and honoring the past and distinguished Alumni!

To the left is Dr. Shirley-15th Regiment. 3rd Infantry Division United States Army.

To the right is Dr. Don Miyada-100th Infantry Battalion 442nd Infantry Regiment ("Go for Broke"). Both graduated from Newport Harbor High School in 1942, are in NHHS Hall of Fame (Dr. Miyada 2014 and Dr. Shirley 2017), and were close high school friends going on to fight during World War II in the European Theatre.

Today, they are 92 years-young and can also be thanked for serving with distinction as they were awarded for their combat valor with: 2 Purple Hearts, 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Sliver Star, 1



Legion of Honor, and 1 Congressional Gold Medal. In fact, Dr. Miyada's Congressional Gold Medal is displayed in our very own Web Jones Heritage Hall.

#### Paularino Elementary (K-6)

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



Dr. Amy Nagy Principal

#### We Are Amazing!

Paularino Elementary School students are off to a great start with the new curricula. Our new programs are challenging and rigorous, but our students are excited about the challenge!

We are implementing new curriculum in both math and English language arts. The entire school community is rallying. We've got an amazing staff that spends many hours

planning and collaborating in teams to be sure they are well planned and prepared. Our staff meetings are focused

on implementation. Teachers are also participating in afterschool workshops on their own time, collaborating with staff across the district.

One exciting component in both programs is the focus on student collaboration. Students are working together and supporting one another with the new learning. They engage in lots of conversations about math problem solving and what they are reading and writing about. They, too, are amazing! Parents are doing their part by making sure students are reading every night and completing any unfinished work.

It is an exciting year! Paularino is a great place to learn.

#### Pomona Elementary (K-6)

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



Megan Elsten Brown Principal

#### The Battle of the Books

Last time Pomona Elementary School shared the good news about our new expanded library space. The Panthers have wasted no time putting this space to good use too, and it now serves as our official Battle of the Books headquarters!

Battle of the Books is new to Pomona this year. It was introduced to us by Eastbluff librarian Barbara Yoffa. Pomona now has a team of over 30 students who meet each

week to discuss their "Book of the Week," and also create questions for their final quiz show.

The group's booklist includes a variety of topics, themes, and genres. After the group finishes a book, Mrs. Somera, Pomona's awesome librarian, then raffles off five of the books to go into the students' home libraries.

The book club will culminate in a quiz show competition against students from Rea and Wilson Elementary, scheduled to take place at Estancia in the spring. We'd love to have you come out and see who wins the Battle of the Books!

#### Charles W. TeWinkle Intermediate (7-8)

3224 California Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7965 • http://tewinkle.nmusd.us



**Dr. Dipali Potnis** Principal

#### A Great Beginning

TeWinkle has been super busy these last two months.

It was a great success having 12 colleges on campus during our recent college fair! It felt great to see students talking about the schools they were interested in, and proudly wearing the college sunglasses, stickers, and other goodies being handed out.

Our seventh-grade history classes also attended a presentation hosted by the Muslim Speakers Network, which ties into their current unit on Islam. It focused on Islamic achievements in the areas of math. medicine, the arts, and technology. It was not a religiousbased presentation, and the students were able to ask plenty of questions to connect their classroom learning to the real world.

TeWinkle is proud to introduce Dr. Dipali Potnis as its new principal! She brings plenty of experience, knowledge,



and support to our students, staff, and community, and we are excited to be welcoming her. Please stop by TeWinkle to meet her!

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

661 Hamilton Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6905 • http://rea.nmusd.us



Dr. Duane Cox Principal

#### S.L.A.N.T

Rea Elementary School is an AVID school, and we are committed to Advancement Via Individual Determination. In addition to our commitment to rigorous academics and the creation of a college-going culture, we teach our students the classroom behaviors that successful students demonstrate through S.L.A.N.T. SLANT is an acronym that is

taught, beginning in preschool, where students S- Sit with proper posture; L-Lean forward and listen; A-Ask pertinent questions; N-Nod your head "yes" or "no"; and T-Talk with your teachers. SLANT is used across campus as a visual, auditory, and physical cue to adjust body language and prepare for academic success. SLANT is another example of how Rea prepares all students for college and success in a global society.



#### Sonora Elementary (K-6)

966 Sonora Rd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7955 • http://sonora.nmusd.us



Christine Anderson Principal

#### Peter Pan, Jr. Flies to Sonora

November always brings cool temperatures, a crispness in the air, and a melody from the MPR!

This year, more than 65 Sonora students are practicing songs and learning dances from Peter Pan, Jr., creating a community of children who are also improving their reading and listening skills at each rehearsal. Those students who are participating in the play are often found helping each other at

recess, lunch, and before rehearsal to learn lines, songs, and dance moves. These students are proud of their hard

Come join us on January 25–27 at the Costa Mesa High School Theater to see our production of Peter Pan. You'll be amazed to see how the parts transform our students into amazing performers who are proud of their accomplishments.

To quote one of the performers, "Watching this play will bring up memories from the younger you! You will have your imagination again."

#### Victoria Elementary (K-6)

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



Dr. Aaron Peralta Principal

#### **Our New DASH Robots Are Here!**

Victoria students have been having an amazing time applying advanced mathematics skills thanks to our new DASH Robots! In October, the Newport-Mesa Unified School District generously gave our campus a complete DASH Robot Kit including seven robots, iPads, lesson plans and much, much more! After hosting a staff Dash-lympics competition to train our

teachers how to best use them (we might have had a little bit of fun in the process), we began rotating the kit among our classrooms. We're excited to watch our students master challenging coding concepts in a fun and engaging way. Watch for more news about our students use of Dash Robots on Twitter by following @vicscholars1



#### Whittier Elementary (K-6)

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



**Scott Wilcox** Principal

#### **Three Cheers for Our Volunteers!**

Whittier Dolphins are in the swim of things thanks in part to our wonderful volunteers!

Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes and abilities. They could be parents who join the PTA or who just volunteer to help out. They might be part of the group "Padres en Acción." Some are members of local church or synagogue groups. A few are members of

the community who want to help out. Still some are junior high and high school students who want to do their part. And because our volunteers are so diverse, the help they give is just as varied:

- -reading and practicing math facts with students
- -teaching healthy and fun ways to exercise
- -organizing and working with fund raisers
- -assisting teachers with prep work
- -volunteering to be chaperones on field trips
- -coaching pilot cup soccer teams
- -translating
- -assisting with school beautification
- -organizing book drives
- -helping parents with computer registration
- -donating supplies

And much, much more! We are successful in part because of the generosity of our dear volunteers!

#### Woodland Elementary (K-2)

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



**Tiffany Lewis** Principal

#### **Pyramid of Success**

Character Education is of high importance at Woodland Elementary. We know the benefits of having our parents involved and understanding what we are utilizing at school. Woodland Elementary utilizes John Wooden's Pyramid of Success, a character development program based upon legendary UCLA Coach John Wooden's "Pyramid of Success". On October 5th Peanut

and Tim Harper spoke to our parents about how Woodland teaches essential character traits that can help students achieve their personal best in life. Harper for Kids helps K-12 schools incorporate the "Pyramid of Success" into



their character education to cultivate, inspire and nurture healthy character development that will help their students be successful in all areas of their lives.

#### Wilson Elementary (K-6)

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



Mia King Principal

#### **Giving Back to Our Community Partners**

Wilson Elementary is very fortunate to work closely with community partners! Our partnership with a local church is one relationship we have established and have nurtured over the last year. The volunteers at the church kindly donated

boxes of supplies to all of our teachers in the beginning of the school year. We have numerous individuals who volunteer their time in our classrooms. The volunteers read with students and provide small group support in challenging math concepts. We honor our volunteers throughout the year and celebrate them with a breakfast. The friendships we have built with our community allow our students to thrive as well as realizing the importance of giving back.



#### **Nutrition Services**

2985-A Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-5000 • www.nmusd.us/depts/ns/resources parent.php



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

#### **Snacks, the Unsung Heroes!**

By Quyen Phan, Dietetic Student Intern

When we think of fueling our body, we tend to focus on the main meals--snacks are often just an afterthought.

However, snacks can play an important role in meeting our nutrient needs. The USDA's dietary guidelines suggest that about half of our daily food intake should come from vegetables and fruits. By snacking on

apples and carrots, it is easy to meet those goals. In addition, when we chose a good combination of foods

for snacks, our body will have what it needs for physical

activities and mental focus. A handful of nuts or some vegetables dipped in hummus can be a nutritious afternoon snack and also prevent overeating at dinner.

So, how can we snack right?

- 1. Choose snacks that are: whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and without added sugar.
- 2. Plan out snacks ahead of time to save time and control portions.
- 3. Eat snack only when hungry and not out of boredom

Good snacks may not make headlines but they can really make a difference in our day!

#### School Health Services

2985-A Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-5000



Merry Grasska MPH, FNP-C, RN Coordinator

#### **Attendance Matters**

Most of us know that attendance is critical for success in school. But did you know that starting as early as kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school? According to Attendance Works, children who miss 10% of school, or 18 school days per year, have a harder time learning. In other words, being absent just a day or two every month may contribute to poor school performance.

Every day at school is important. To help promote regular attendance, parents can establish consistent bed time and morning routines, lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before, and follow the school schedule. School nurses encourage attendance and recommend not having a child stay home unless she is truly sick. If children have a headache or stomach ache without a fever it might be stress. If your child seems unhappy about going to school, talk to teachers, counselors, or the school nurse. Children should feel comfortable and excited about learning. For more information on attendance visit www.attendanceworks.org.

#### Newport Beach Public Libraries



#### Liz Aaron Children's Librarian. Newport Beach Public Library

#### **New Movies and Old Books**

Check out a new movie this holiday season and pair it with a good book! Here are a few movies coming out this winter that are based on children's books:

#### Wonder (PG)

Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay star in an adaptation of the bestselling novel about a boy born with a severe facial deformity trying to fit in at a new

school. The novel by R.J. Palacio has been flying off shelves since it was published in 2012. Reserve your copy of the book today!

#### Ferdinand (PG)

John Cena and Kate McKinnon star in this animated tale by Blue Sky Studios about a gentle bull who is captured and brought to the bullfighting arena and must return home to his family. The beloved classic picture book, The Story of Ferdinand, was first published in 1936 by Munro Leaf and is still extremely popular.

#### Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)

Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black, and Karen Gillan star in this adventure about a group of teens who literally become their avatars inside a video game and must survive the game to return to the real world. Chris Van Allsburg's picture book, Jumanji, won a Caldecott medal in 1982 as that year's most distinguished American picture book for children.

#### Please join us for our upcoming free programs!

Check the children's event calendar at http://www. newportbeachlibrary.org/calendar/library-calendar for our free children's programs. Look for storytimes, seasonal crafts, LEGOs, family board games, and more!

#### **Reminder: Closures**

All NBPL locations are closed December 24-25. December 31 and January 1. We will have limited hours the week of December 26-30. Please check http://www. newportbeachlibrary.org/about/hours-and-locations for holiday hours (listed toward the bottom of the page). Central Library 1000 Avocado Ave., Newport Beach 949/717-3800 • www.newportbeachlibrary.org/kids Mariners Branch 1300 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach 949/717-3838

Balboa Branch 100 East Balboa Blvd., Balboa 949/644-3076

Corona Del Mar Branch 420 Marigold Ave., Corona Del Mar, 949/644-3075

#### **Toy Store Items—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 the subject line.

Entries must be received by November 15, 2017

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

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LEGOS DOLLHOUSE

**SOLDIERS BUGGY** BALLS KITCHEN BUBBLES TEA SET **CROQUET BAT** 

**BLOCKS BALL GLOVE** 

KITES

Congratulations to: Kristi Bergdahl Winner of our October Word Search Contest! Thank you Barkate Orthodontics for sponsoring our contests. www.BarkateSmiles.com

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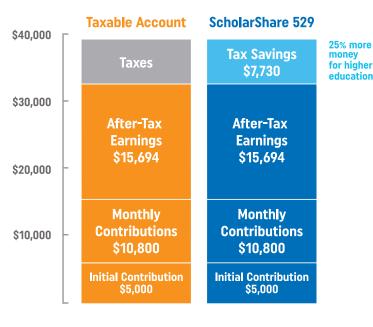
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