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Newport-Mesa Unified School District Recognizes Teachers of the Year



Dr. Fred Navarro

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) and the Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers (NMFT) are pleased to announce the selection of Mrs. Jackie Wiseman, fifth grade teacher at Kaiser Elementary and Mr. Jim Blackie, eighth grade science teacher at Ensign Intermediate, as the 2016 Teachers of the Year.

Mrs. Jackie Wiseman, Kaiser Elementary

Mrs. Wiseman is a seasoned professional entering her 48th year as a teacher. She began her career in NMUSD in 1969, having taught at Corona Del Mar Elementary (now closed), Andersen Elementary and now serves as a fifth grade teacher at Kaiser Elementary. She also served 20 years as a Teacher on Special Assignment, focused on staff development. Some of her responsibilities included seminars elements of effective instruction, classroom management, clinical supervision and other peer coaching strategies.

"As teachers we get to work with the most incredible creation in the universe: the mind. I hope I have done the job well, and that the precious mind and spirit of each of my students has been safe in my hands," said Mrs. Wiseman.

In addition to being a seasoned educator, Mrs. Wiseman is a product of NMUSD, having attended Newport Elementary, Ensign Intermediate and Newport Harbor High School.

"Congratulations Mrs. Wiseman! We are extremely grateful for your genuine passion, dedication and overall positive approach to teaching," said Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro.

"These two amazing people serve as inspiration to their peers, and hundreds of students," said NMFT President Dr. Britt Dowdy. "We are extremely grateful to learn from these distinguished professionals and their passion to positively influence children," he said.

NMFT provides the primary sponsorship for this program. Teachers are nominated for this prestigious honor by their peers at each school. From this distinguished group, the top five elementary and top five secondary



Jackie Wiseman and NMUSD Board President Karen Yelsey.

Mr. Jim Blackie, Ensign Intermediate

Mr. Jim Blackie is a veteran teacher who has worked at Ensign Intermediate School for 14 years. He is currently an eighth grade science teacher who is known for his engaging approach to education. He inspires students to seek new and creative ways to approach learning and solve problems. His students are exposed to thought-provoking science lab activities, and asked to examine and analyze their observations at a very high level.

In addition to his role as a science teacher, Mr. Blackie also serves as club advisor for the Ensign Debate Team and the Ensign Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club.



Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro, NMFT President Dr. Britt Dowdy, Teacher of the Year Jim Blackie and Ensign Intermediate School Principal Michael Sciacca.

"Mr. Blackie's genuine character and high moral standards earn him the respect of both teachers and students and he possesses a keen sense of purpose in his work," said Ensign Principal Michael Sciacca.

His skills also have allowed him to begin the transition process to the Next Generation Science Standards. He has been able to effectively manage varying perspectives and personalities within his department to ensure a collective commitment to the new standards.

teachers are selected for classroom observations and interviews by the NMFT Teacher of the Year Committee.

Both Mrs. Wiseman and Mr. Blackie were submitted for the County selection process, in which NMUSD has historically fared well. In 2015, Brain Ristow, teacher at TeWinkle Intermediate School, was a finalist at the Orange County level, and Candace Leuthold, teacher at Early College High School, won the Orange County Teacher of the Year Award in 2010.

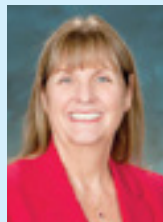
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Newport-Mesa Unified Pilots Elementary Math Instructional Material

By Karen Yelsey, President

The introduction of the California state standards in education has caused significant changes in how we teach and learn mathematics. Since 2010 all school districts, including Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) have been in transition to align the curriculum and implement instructional designs that best support students to meet these new and rigorous standards.

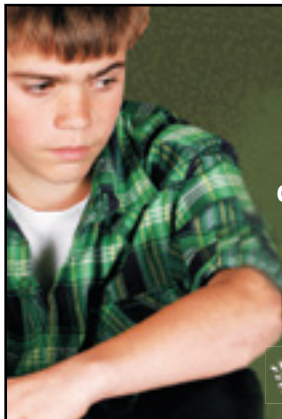
Now that new instructional materials have been developed and refined by educational publishers and approved by the State Board of Education, NMUSD has initiated a process to review, pilot and adopt new elementary math instructional materials for TK-6 grades. This collaborative and research-based process follows the State Board of Education guidelines for piloting textbooks and instructional materials and reflects the needs of NMUSD teachers and students.

A steering committee, consisting of teachers and administrators, was formed to lead the instructional material pilot process.

The committee selected the following programs for the pilot:

- K-5 Pilot Programs:
 - Bridges in Mathematics by The Math Learning Center
 - Go Math by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- 6th Grade Pilot Programs:
 - Eureka Math by Great Minds
 - Digits by Pearson

Piloting of these programs began in October 2016 and will continue through February 2017. The committee will then evaluate the programs and collaboratively determine recommendations for elementary math instructional materials. The steering committee is expected to make a recommendation to the NMUSD Board of Education in spring 2017, with full implementation of the instructional materials anticipated in the 2017/18 school year. For more information and updates about the math pilot, please visit www.nmusd.us and click "Elementary Math Pilot" under "Current initiatives and information".



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Happy New Year!

By now students are settled into their routines and focused on their year end academic goals. A new year always brings renewed enthusiasm for the future.

In this issue, you will read about the importance of attendance, book clubs, character traits, 3-D printing, Robotics and so much more. It is an exciting time to be a student. On page 22 you will find information

from the Newport public libraries about the many programs they offer for all ages.

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. I appreciate your comments on your emails when you send your contest entries. (Be sure to enter the word search on page 22.)

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City of Costa Mesa



Katrina Foley
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The city of Costa Mesa puts a high priority on our partnership with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, and we back it up with nearly \$1 million invested annually as well as an additional \$1.5 million approved for improvements to soccer fields and the Costa Mesa High School stadium.

We believe good schools equate to a quality community, increased property values and a more qualified work force.

To keep children safe, we also chipped about \$350,000 for crossing guards and two full-time school resource officers.

We give \$20,000 for a sister city program and \$10,000 to support the foundations at Estancia and Costa Mesa high schools. We provide \$72,000 to staff two teen centers and some \$60,000 for a Summer SMART Camp, where students are introduced to sports, music and art programs. In addition, the district has access to city facilities for meetings, conferences and team banquets.

With the district's blessing, we will continue this partnership to jointly promote Costa Mesa as the City of the Arts and to make it a great place for families to live.

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Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue



Dan Stefano
Fire Chief

The Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue team relies on all of our community members, including students, teachers and parents to partner with us regarding fire and life safety. With an extended winter season still upon us, it is a great opportunity to make sure we continue to minimize our risks to a home fire or carbon monoxide, or CO, poisoning.

Hundreds of people die each year from unintentional CO poisoning and tens of thousands have been medically treated for this silent killer due to its invisible, odorless and colorless nature, when fuels such as natural gas, wood, propane, and gasoline burn incompletely.

One of the best ways to be properly prepared is to have plans for an early warning of a fire or excessive levels of carbon monoxide in your home. Test carbon monoxide and smoke alarms every month to make sure they have power and that you know what they sound like, and select a meeting place and practice a home escape plan too.

For more information and related safety tips - <https://www.safekids.org/tip/carbon-monoxide-safety-tips> or <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Carbon-Monoxide-Information-Center>

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City of Newport Beach



Kevin Muldoon
Mayor

The Newport Beach Public Library (NBPL) was recently named as a Star Library in a ranking produced by the "Library Journal" of more than 7,300 U.S. public libraries. The libraries were scored in five areas: circulation, e-circulation, library visits, program attendance and public access computer use. Of the 260 libraries named as America's Star Libraries, 12 are located in California. The NBPL was the highest-scoring library in Orange County. Please keep this great resource in mind for help with research and projects this year.

The NBPL is currently offering a training series titled "Let's Talk Tech" which offers classes on introductory tutorials for software and services. The free classes are held in the Central Library's Media Lab, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The February 2017 schedule is as follows:

February 14 – Resume Building

February 21 – Adobe CS6 & Lynda.com

February 28 – Axis 360 & Overdrive

All classes are free, but registration is required. Please visit newportbeachlibrary.org/events or call 949-717-3860 for more information.

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Newport Beach Fire Department



Jeff Boyles
Assistant Fire Chief

Newport Beach experienced several significant fires during the past few months. One of those fires occurred in the early morning hours of Veterans Day, November 11th at Ensign Intermediate School. The fire at Ensign occurred simultaneously as a four alarm fire on the border of 16th Street of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. Although vandalism was evident inside the school property, the official cause is still under investigation. With that in mind, national

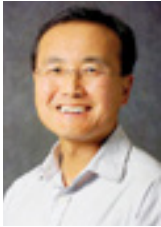
statistics estimate nearly 20% of fires are intentionally set. Arson is a very difficult crime to prove and prosecute. However, Newport Beach Fire investigators and Police detectives apprehended and arrested two suspects for two separate fires in 2016 for arson. Those arrests are often a result of community assistance. Your vigilance within your neighborhood and/or place of work can sometimes make the difference in solving these difficult cases.

Orange County has a robust program to work with juvenile fire setters to reduce recidivism and potential criminal charges. If you ever have any information regarding a fire, please do not hesitate to contact your local police and fire department. Maybe your piece of information puts the puzzle together.

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RSV Infections

Almost all children have a respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection by their second birthday. In most cases RSV causes only minor cold-like symptoms. Some children may develop more severe infections that require hospitalization.

RSV is spread through infectious respiratory secretions that are inhaled or passed through direct contact. The virus also can live for hours on toys or door handles. The peak RSV season starts in the fall and ends in the spring.

Signs of RSV usually appear about 4-6 days after exposure to the virus. Older children typically have a runny nose and decrease in appetite. Coughing, sneezing and a low-grade fever may develop 1-3 days later. The only signs of RSV in very young infants could be irritability, decreased activity, and problems with breathing. Full recovery from RSV takes about 1-2 weeks.

Severe cases of RSV can lead to infections such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia. Hospitalization may be necessary for infants who require intravenous fluids, supplemental oxygen, suctioning of mucus from the airways, or a breathing machine to ease breathing. Antibiotics may be administered for bacterial complications.

Children at increased risk for developing severe cases of RSV include:

- Infants under 6 months old
- Babies under 1 year old born prematurely or with congenital heart or lung disease
- Children with weakened immune systems from a medical condition or treatment

There is no specific treatment or vaccine for RSV. Symptoms can be relieved by creating moist air to breathe, sitting in an upright position, drinking fluids, avoiding exposure to cigarette smoke, and using saline nasal drops or over-the-counter pain relievers to reduce fever and relieve a sore throat. A medication called palivizumab may be prescribed for children at increased risk for serious complications from RSV. The drug does not stop RSV infections, but it can prevent severe cases from developing.



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Gabriel DelReal
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Holiday Gift Shoppe

"Never get tired of doing good little things for others. Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts. "Adams' students enthusiastically exemplified this anonymous quote recently in the school's Holiday Gift

Shoppe. Parent volunteers turned the school's multi-purpose room into a holiday boutique and students poured in to excitedly shop for their loved ones. Gifts ranged in prices from thirty cents



Third grade customer, Andrew Arevalo, shopping at the Holiday Gift Shoppe before school.

to twelve dollars. Parent volunteers shared how meaningful the shopping experience was for students as they carefully chose gifts and managed their money. Popular items included pens with "Mom", "Dad", "Grandma", or "Grandpa" and inexpensive jewelry. The PTA reported a profit of approximately \$600 which will be used to support other activities at Adams Elementary in the future.

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

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Dr. Shannon Bray
Principal

Robotics Team

The Andersen Bottlenose Bots Vex Robotics Team is an engaging program for students interested in computer science and engineering. Under the guidance of teachers Nancy Christensen and Jeff Vonnahme, students refine their coding skills using code.org and Scratch, a site developed by MIT. Student teams construct robots and use their programming skills to program

their robots to perform various functions. This program helps students learn logic, problem solving, creativity and collaboration. The Robotics Team proudly showcased their work recently at the Robotics Skills Challenge in Ladera Ranch. Our team earned the Sportsmanship Award for their ability to demonstrates respect and great enthusiasm. They look forward to participating in the NMUSD Robotics Competition on June 10, 2017 at Estancia High School.



California *Elementary (K-6)*

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Jacob Topete
Principal

Incredible Musicians

California Elementary School prides itself on academic excellence through the use of technology and the arts. During the month of December, the California Cougars got to show off their incredible musical ability at Snoopy House at Costa Mesa City Hall.

California welcomed the holiday season with the advanced band performing for a great crowd at Snoopy House. It was a wonderful performance that highlighted the

hard work and commitment of our students. At the holiday concerts, kindergarten through sixth-grade students had the opportunity to show off the great things they have learned in Mr. St. Royal's music classes. The performances featured vocal performances, along with students playing hand bells, clarinets, and violins. It was an incredible morning that was enjoyed by a packed house of family, friends, and very proud educators.

It is fantastic that the arts are alive and well in Newport Mesa. Here at California, we are proud that the arts play an integral role in educating students.

Great job, boys and girls! And go, Cougars!

Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Debbie Lucker-Davis
Principal

How We Work

Monte Vista students are required to complete the same number of credits to graduate and meet all district graduation requirements. Our curriculum follows the state subject-specific curriculum and the district course outlines. Students have to meet the same level of expertise in reading, writing and mathematics.

Independent study courses are offered to students who are on track to graduate. Many students have already enrolled in college coursework for credit.

Students that have internships, work part or full time, or have serious medical issues are required to attend class a minimum of once weekly for a two-hour teacher conference and complete the remainder outside school. Students earn attendance based on the amount of completed work. Uncompleted work results in reduced attendance—if a student turns in half the work, they receive two and a half days attendance credit.

A student with consistent poor attendance will be asked to leave the school and move into a more traditional school setting. Students pursuing acting, intense athletic training and other career-related opportunities can pursue these activities without having to attend class daily.

College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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Julie McCormick
Principal

Keeping Busy

There is more to books than just reading at College Park! Our students in the second grade are also participating in book clubs! Student-centered technology and art-based learning has been integrated throughout the units. The students have created PowerPoint presentations on their novels, and they are already thinking ahead to what book their group wants to read next.

Our Student Council has also been very busy. They coordinated the second annual Winter Art Contest in December. One student from each grade level was chosen as the winner and received an art set as prize. They also participated in our recent fundraiser “Pennies for Patients” to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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

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Dr. Rebecca Gogel
Principal
7–8 Grade



Kathy Scott
Principal
9–12 Grade

A Busy Time

The holidays brought upon exciting events at CDM. On campus student groups were in the giving mood this holiday season. Middle School ASB completed a protein bar drive,

high school clubs had numerous donation drives and then collectively provided a large donation of school supplies to a junior high in Anaheim Union High School District.



Corona Del Mar PTA has been working to renovate a few spaces around campus. The latest renovations were to our counseling office and took place over the holiday break. The counseling office received new flooring, paint and furniture in an effort to modernize the space and create a more inviting atmosphere for staff, students and parents. Similar renovations were made to the faculty dining hall.

Costa Mesa High School (7-12)

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Guy Olguin
Principal
7-8 Grade



Jacob Haley
Principal
9-12 Grade

Visual and Performing Arts

As we begin second semester, we also begin the major preparations for the 2017-2018 school year. This always includes reflection and refinement of course offerings for our schools.

We are happy with the growth of program opportunities in our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) department that reflect our schools commitment to the arts as reflected in our *Signature Academy ACE* (The Academy of Creative Expression). The VAPA department consists of vocal music, instrumental music, dance, drama, art, and photography. Throughout our 7-12 campus, CMHS offers over 38-VAPA elective opportunities and multiple performances and competitions.

Davis Magnet (K-6)

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Christy Flores
Principal

Street Hockey Tournament

The Davis Magnet School 2016 4th grade street hockey team had the opportunity to go on center ice at a recent Anaheim Ducks game. The team, consisting of fifteen student-athletes, won the 2016 Anaheim Ducks S.C.O.R.E.

Street Hockey Tournament for the second time within the last three years. The team received their championship medals and will have their names etched into the tournament trophy that will be housed in the Davis Magnet School office for the remainder of the year. Davis Magnet School participates in the Anaheim Ducks 4th grade S.C.O.R.E. Shootout program which teaches students how to play ice and street hockey, along with the important components of teamwork and communication. Congratulations team! We are proud of you!



Early College High School (9-12)

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Dr. David Martinez
Principal

Looking Great!

January 17 marked the beginning of the second semester. From January through April our school is holding a series of events for prospective students and their families. Please check our website for our information night, campus tours, student Shadow Day opportunities, and our 2017-2018 school year application process for new students.

ECHS recently held an Information Night that both our parents and prospective students could attend if they did not go to

our first Information Night in December. This event was held on January 31 in our Multi-Purpose Room. It was an opportunity for us to share information about the school and the application process which began on February 1.

We are very excited that school landscaping progressed this past December through early January while we were on our winter break. The end result will be installation of pavers, DG (Decomposed Granite), new sod, enhanced planters, and additional walkways. We also had much-needed new fencing installed, mostly on the Baker Street side of the school. The campus is steadily shaping up to look great!

Eastbluff *Elementary* (K-6)

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Student Pride

Eastbluff School is committed to teaching students strong character traits and scholarly behaviors. This is achieved through a focus on our Positive Schoolwide Behavior System (PBIS), and character development through our John Wooden Pyramid Program.

Eastbluff students shows pride every day. Pride stands for "Prepared, Respectful, Integrity, Determined, and Excellence."

This acronym clearly defines the expected behaviors and procedures on our campus.

We also added a PRIDE video, where our first- and sixth-graders and student council modeled our expected behaviors throughout the campus. Friday Flag Decks are also a celebration that recognize students for their individual and class successes.

It is so exciting to see our students strive to be the best that they can be, and work together to achieve their goals!



Horace Ensign *Intermediate* (7-8)

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Michael Sciacca
Principal

Writing is the Focus

Writing continues to be the focus here at Ensign and therefore continues to be the focus of our updates: The quality and quantity of writing experiences continues to increase at Ensign. The Claim/ Evidence/ Analysis structure is becoming more comfortable for our students and writing in this style is improving. Annotation is at the

center of this process and is a critical component to this structure. Students annotate a text with a clear purpose. This is often used to make a claim related to the content of the texts. The students use the annotated text to pull evidence to support their claim. They then explain why their evidence supports their claim; they analyze. This can all be done in one short paragraph. Students can't write without thinking. The more they write, the more they think.

Estancia High School

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Michael Halt
Principal

Eagles Building Their Future

In fall 2016, Estancia High School introduced significant improvements to our Construction Technology Career Pathway. Construction Technology students have the opportunity to acquire the advanced skills to prepare for a career in the construction industry. The new classroom features state of the art equipment which allows for hands-on instruction in both residential and commercial specializations. The Construction Technology courses are utilizing new textbooks through the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Dynamic partnerships with business and industry play an integral role in providing this high-quality program. A partnership with the Southwest Carpenter's Training Center gives students the opportunity to become a registered apprentice while still in high school. In December, a group of Construction Technology Pre-Apprenticeship students



Construction Technology students tour the Southwest Carpenter's Training Center with their teacher, Mike Rafferty.

visited the center in Buena Park to begin the process of becoming Registered Apprentices in the construction trade.

Harbor View Elementary (K-6)

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Dr. Todd Schmidt
Principal

Bringing 3-D Printing to the Classroom

Over the past several weeks, all students in grades 2-6 have had the opportunity to combine classroom lessons with coding, engineering, and 3-D Printing. In partnership with Airwolf 3-D and Build It Workspace, Harbor View's Parent-Faculty Organization (PFO) provided the opportunity for students to get a hands-on experience with cutting-edge, innovative technologies. In addition,

students were able to take lessons they were learning in science and social studies to create their own designs. For example, our second grade students explored the life cycle by creating 3-D caterpillars and butterflies. Our 6th grade students were instructed in the importance of architectural structures like domes and columns and created their own miniature models of Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Israelite monuments. In the spring, our students will get a chance to explore electrical engineering!

Killybrooke Elementary (K-6)

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Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

Teaming Up to Serve

Killybrooke students launched into action to support our community this fall. Thirty students took the lead to engage our school in challenges to help address critical needs in our community.

The project was launched with an assembly led by the Team Kids Challenge staff and local police officers and firefighters.

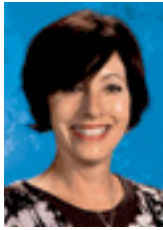
The student leaders generated schoolwide support each week for the charitable challenge. The first week, students took the challenge to write letters to our

troops through Operation Gratitude. We wrote more than 300 letters. The second week, students collected more than three bins of gently used towels and blankets for the Pet Rescue Center of Orange County. The third week, students donated more than two bins of canned food for the Share Our Selves (SOS) food bank. During the fourth week of the challenge, the student leaders held a carnival to raise funds for local nonprofit agency, Camp Kesem, that provides recreational camps for children of parents with cancer.

By taking the challenge, Killybrooke students learned about service, leadership, teamwork and philanthropy.

Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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



Dr. Deborah Granger
Principal

Elementary Teacher of the Year

Colleagues couldn't say enough kind things about Mrs. Jackie Wiseman—their mentor and friend extraordinaire—during the

application process. Although she has deserved this many times over after 48 years in the teaching profession, Jackie can now add Newport-Mesa Unified School District's Elementary Teacher of the Year to her long list of achievements!



Mrs. Wiseman enjoys a surprise party arranged by her students.

Celebrations have begun for this phenomenal educator, who teaches youngsters year after year to think, be kind, and use their creativity. Staff members, students, and families thank their lucky stars to be touched by such an exquisite educator.

We thank and congratulate Mrs. Jacqueline Sanford Wiseman for her intelligence, grace, composure, diplomacy, wisdom, and relentless commitment to what is best for students.

Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Matthew Broesamle
Principal

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Each year students in Mrs. Powell's 4th grade class and Mrs. Moss's 6th grade class perform a reader's theater for other classes on campus to educate students about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s impact on America.

The message delivered to students discusses Dr. King's dream, and includes portions of Dr. King's "I have a Dream Speech."



A 4th grade student participating in the reader's theater

The student pictured is from Mrs. Powell's 4th grade class as they performed for a group of 5th grade students.

All the students did a fantastic job as they each took great pride in their part, and read with great tone and inflection. We are very proud of our Marlins for the outstanding effort they show each and every day.

Go Marlins!

Newport Coast *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Building Strong Writers

At Newport Coast Elementary School (NCE), our purpose is to build leaders who will change our world! This purpose drives our work in the development of children academically, socially-emotionally, and behaviorally. Throughout last year, and for two days prior to the start of the school year, our teachers learned about and prepared to teach students to be strong writers

through the use of a new writing program: Write from the Beginning.

A number of NCE teachers, who are now writing trainers, provide training to our faculty on how to use Thinking Maps and the Write from the Beginning program to support students in successful writing. Thinking Maps provide students with strategies to structure the text they are reading or formulate ideas they will use as they write. We are excited about this systematic writing program, which includes daily lessons.

At Newport Coast, we are committed to developing leaders with strong writing skills who will change our world.

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Carrie Gammel
Principal

Exemplary Arts

Everywhere you look and listen at Lincoln, students, teachers, parent volunteers, and arts professionals are enthusiastically engaged in arts education across

disciplines. Behind the scenes, Lincoln's professional development program supports staff with innovative instructional methods and current knowledge from education research which focuses on the enhancement of standards-based arts education and the integration of the arts with other core academic area content.

In addition to our amazing teachers, we are fortunate to have the support of parent organizations that raise thousands of dollars annually to fund programs, performances, equipment, and supplies.



In every hallway, in every classroom, and in every outdoor space, arts education illuminates Lincoln's learning community and is integral to inspiring our culture of sustained excellence.

Newport Heights *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Somer Harding
Principal

Flexible Seating

This year, classrooms at Newport Heights Elementary School are moving from the more traditional seating of desks with chairs to balance balls, stools,

sit spots on the rug, and padded crates.

Educational research shows that classroom environments should be conducive to open collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. Teachers have found that providing flexible seating can also help in releasing excess energy and increase motivation and engagement. These flexible seating options were made possible through donations.



Emma, a fifth-grade student, said, "You get to sit next to people who will work as hard as you will...people who won't distract you." And fifth-grader Nico added, "It's more comfortable, like your bedroom, so you're not as distracted—plus you're more ready to learn."

Newport Elementary (K-6)

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



Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Earning Money for An Adopted Family

By Elizabeth B. - Fifth Grade

Kah-ching! Mrs. Widtmann's 5th grade class earned \$1,026. We were earning money to adopt two families staying at the Casa Youth Shelter. We earned the money by doing chores such as selling hot chocolate, lemonade, and doing the dishes.

After two weeks of earning money, it was time to shop for presents! We got into groups and each group had \$140 to spend on one child. The parents each got a \$150 gift card. After all the busywork of shopping, it was finally time to wrap! Again, we got into groups of 2 or 3. One by one we were wrapping the gifts. At the end of wrapping, it was finally time to ship the gifts.

The lesson our class learned was that you will always feel good helping someone else.



5th graders shopping for gifts to donate.

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Newport Harbor *High School* (9-12)

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Sean Boulton
Principal

Visiting Hallowed Grounds

Our boys basketball team had a distinctive life experience this holiday season-they traveled to North Carolina to the hallowed basketball grounds of Duke University, University of North Carolina, and North Carolina State. Not only that, but Duke and North Carolina State opened up their doors and rolled out the welcome mat for our boys

as they received a rare opportunity to tour their basketball facilities, along with the respective schools. In fact, our team had Cameron Indoor Arena, the home of the Duke Blue Devils, all to themselves as they walked around and gawked at a place where so much basketball history has taken place. Additionally, they played in a high school basketball tournament while back there, and played local teams-what an experience!



Paularino *Elementary* (K-6)

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



Dr. Amy Nagy
Principal

What's your passion?

Paularino teachers are exploring theirs by working on some very special projects. Each month, teachers spend an hour independently, or if they share a passion with another colleague, they work collaboratively; exploring, researching and learning about topics they choose! Topics include: robotics, visual arts, yoga and mindfulness,

using mentor texts in writing, pen pals, recycling, and animation and comics. Teachers share their passion projects with their students through fun, engaging, enrichment activities. Teachers also share their work with colleagues by posting them on our teacher website and discussing their work in staff meetings. With such a creative, talented and passionate staff, Paularino is a great place to learn!



The third grade Yoga and Mindfulness.

Pomona *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Megan
Elsten Brown**
Principal

Moving in the Right Direction

Pomona is gearing up for a fitness focused spring with the launch of Fast Feet Running Club. Each Tuesday and Thursday, Coach Diane (Spirit Run Coordinator) and Coach Ashton (University of California Irvine student and cross country team member) lead a team of runners before school. Our young runners participate in warm up laps,

sprints, stretching and strength training. Pomona Fast Feet will culminate with a field trip to the Spirit Run and the Costa Mesa Community Run, where they can choose to run a 5K or a one mile course. The Pomona Community, parents, teacher and students alike, are grateful to our fabulous running coaches who have our students moving in the right direction.

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

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



Dr. Kalim Rayburn
Principal

Sharing Stories

Publishing Parties are traditional celebrations of writing. During the first trimester, Kindergarten – 6th graders composed and published

original Narratives and shared their story with their family. Upper grade students wrote original realistic-fiction stories where they were inspired by real events in their personal lives. After reading her story, *Weird Day*, Emelyn shares that her story was inspired by a day she went shopping at Target and she experienced an alien encounter adding that her story is realistic fiction because “we don’t know if aliens really exist.” Students love to welcome their parents to their publishing



parties because as Emma says, “it shows my parents that I know how to write and tell stories” and Rea loves celebrating our published writers.

Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Mia King
Interim Principal

Creating Memories

Wonderful things are happening here at Wilson Elementary! One of our fourth grade teachers provided an opportunity to focus on the performing arts by having her students perform the play, “The Turkeys Go On Strike”. The students worked diligently on memorizing the lines of the play, sang

numerous songs along with thematic music, and worked collaboratively as a class to develop their skills in the area of performance. Students were able to practice their listening and speaking skills, voice inflection, and their parents were invited to attend. Most importantly students were able to create memories that will be cherished throughout their educational experiences.

Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Christine Anderson
Principal

Lego Robotics

By Izaak Salas - 6th Grade

For the last month my class has been going to Lego Robotics. Everyone had a sensational time both learning about coding and building

robots. Our teacher Mrs. Evans introduced websites that would help us learn about coding, which



is key for controlling the robots. Lego Robotics is all about your creativity. You can build just about anything if you put your mind to it. There were also instruction manuals to help build the robots for the Lego Wedo 2.0 kits we used. The designs included a dump truck, a helicopter and more. My group built the first working robot rover in my class. The bizarre thing is that another group was able to take control of our group's robot from their chromebook!

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

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



Kira Hurst
Principal

Google Cardboard

TeWinkle teachers and students are exploring new ways to integrate Google Cardboard into their lessons. So

far, AVID students have been able to tour college campuses around the world. History students have traveled to



China's Great Wall to visit and analyze art in Rome and Greece as well as visit important historical spots on the eastern coast of the United States. Science is able to analyze a heart from the inside and Math is able to compute angles using landmarks around the world. Professional development was provided by our very own Mr. Flores who is also our Teacher Tech Fellow. Who know what other wonderful adventures in learning students will have while traveling through space and time, literally!

Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

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



Tiffany Lewis
Principal

Continuing to Improve

Woodland's Second Graders have been engineering up a storm. Students developed their interpersonal skills as they

worked in cooperative groups in their four-week STEM class. They learned about the engineering process in



engineering class by planning and building bridges. Then they applied these skills to building bridges in their classroom out of Legos, Duplo blocks, and MagnaTiles. Students later applied the process to build popsicle stick catapults. After making mediocre catapults and testing them out, students were excited to try reengineering the catapults and re-trying to see if their improvements produced different results. It was great to see students excited about not getting the results they wanted — they knew they could continue to work together to improve. Who knew failing could be so much fun?!

Victoria Elementary (K-6)

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



Dr. Aaron Peralta
Principal

Technology in the Classroom

Victoria Elementary has embarked on our plan to put a Chromebook in the hands of every student. This 1:1 device goal will allow us to embed technology in our day-to-day lessons. Technology will be used to encourage students to gather, utilize, and evaluate information. They will become self-directed learners, seeking out and using resources to help them to become proficient. We are modeling our plan after the SAMR model for technology implementation. Under this model, the progression of adoption will move from making the technology an important part of the school day to being seamlessly woven into instruction, ultimately changing the way students learn and teachers teach. Our ultimate goal is to instill 21st century learning skills in our students.



Whittier Elementary (K-6)

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



Scott Wilcox
Principal

Ballet Folklorico

Dresses billowing. Feet dancing. It must be Whittier's Ballet Folklorico. For two years

now, our PTA and parents have supported an after school dance club where students can learn Mexican folk dancing, also known as Ballet Folklorico. The idea came from a group of parents, the PTA provides the financial support to pay for a professional instructor, Briany Gonzalez, and the parents pay monthly to buy the authentic outfits. Eager students meet one day after school to practice their dancing skills like the Jarabe Tapatio which is a type of hat



dance famous in Mexico. Throughout the year, students show off their hard-earned skills at multiple school functions. Ballet Folklorico: just one more way students at Whittier show their Whittier Pride!

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

The Nutrition Fact Label

By Pam Williams, MPH, RD; NMUSD Nutritionist

Oftentimes, the New Year brings many changes. This year is no different. We have a new Nutrition Fact Label that will help us understand the foods we enjoy eating. What are some of the changes?

- Searching for the calorie content on a label is no longer necessary. The calories are written in large and bold print and they are easy to find. "Servings per container," and "Serving size" have also increased in print size.

- A new category has been listed under, "Total Sugars." This category defines the amount of sugar that has been added to one serving of the product.
- The nutrient profile for vitamins and minerals has changed. Now we will be able to view the vitamin D, Calcium, iron and potassium content in one serving. Vitamin A and vitamin C are no longer included.
- The Daily Value (DV) has been updated to reflect current nutrient requirements for adults and children.

These are just a few of the changes. Keep watching for the new nutrition facts label as you continue into the new year.

School Health Services

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



**Merry Grasska
MPH, FNP-C,
RN**
Coordinator

Oral Health Month

February is oral health month and a reminder for us to take good care of our mouths. Did you know that tooth decay is one of the most common chronic childhood conditions in the United States? Left untreated, it can cause pain and infection, which may lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing, and learning.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 20 percent of five to 11-year-old children have at least one untreated,

decayed tooth, and about 13 percent of adolescents ages 12 to 19 years have at least one untreated decayed tooth.

The good news is that tooth decay is preventable. A number of strategies promote healthy teeth, including fluoride, dental sealants, regular brushing, avoiding sweets, and regular dental check-ups. Many families routinely receive care from a dentist they like and trust.

At school, it is essential for children to be healthy to learn. That includes oral health. If your student has health related concerns, including dental issues, please speak with your school nurse for referrals, resources, and support.

District Transportation

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Pete Meslin
Director

A New Year – Time to Look at Some Facts

This is the time of year we briefly look back and renew/revise our goals going forward. With the help of one of our regulatory agencies (NHTSA) I'll be working on increasing communications with you regarding school busing. Here are a few facts and statistics that you might find interesting:

- School buses keep 17.3 million cars off the road each morning. That's an average of 36 cars per bus.
- Every year, approximately 450,000 public school buses transport 23.5 million children to and from school and school-related activities.

- Newport-Mesa drivers get more than twice the state mandated training each year.
- More than half of our bus fleet runs on clean burning natural gas.
- Each year all bus riders are trained in how to safely evacuate the bus. We've developed *The Bus In the Classroom* to help our students be even safer in and around the bus.
- A student is 50 times more likely to arrive alive at school when taking the bus instead of a car.

From all of us in the Transportation Department Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

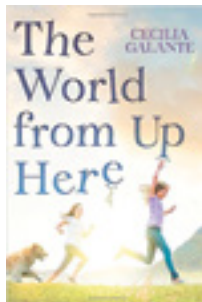
Lucy's Book Review

The World from Up Here



Lucy Davis

Author: Cecilia Galante
Wren Baker has never been brave. She hasn't ever stepped out of her comfort zone, or done something risky and unpredictable.



That all changes when her mother is put in the hospital, and Wren doesn't even know why. Her dad seems to cover everything up, and he sends her to live with her aunt and "perfect" cousin, Sliver. Soon after her move, everything she's doing is dangerous, from riding a spooked horse to trekking up a seemingly haunted mountain. To top it off, what was supposed to be research for a history project turns into one of the most scary experiences of her life. Throughout her adventures, Wren is learning more about her own past than she ever thought she would.

Cecilia Galante's novel is fantastic, and I give it five bookworms out of five for its suspense and thoughtfulness.

Lucy is a fifth grade student that enjoys theater, playing guitar and singing. She's a Harry Potter fanatic and hopes to one day publish a series of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.



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February 28 at 4 p.m. - Join us as we make fun crafts celebrating Mardi Gras.

March 21 at 4 p.m. - Celebrate Spring with these fun crafts.

Central Library

February 9 at 4 p.m. - Join us for crafts and games inspired by the Disney hit movie, "Inside Out."

March 2 at 4 p.m. - Enjoy stories, crafts, and birthday cake in honor of Dr. Seuss.

March 4 at 12-3 p.m. - Spark your imagination and create crafts from your favorite fairy tales.

March 5, 12, and 19 - Children's painting class by Timree Paint Studio. Reservations and payment: nbplfoundation.org or 949.548.2411.

April 1 at 12-3 p.m. - Join us for an afternoon of crafting full of April showers and May flowers.

LEGO "Block" Parties - Add some STEAM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Arts, and Math) to your weekly routine. Design, build, and invent at Mariners Branch's

weekly LEGO "Block" Party. Every Monday at 3 p.m. through February 27; moving to Wednesdays starting March 8.

National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017

Transform your week at our fun programs:

Wednesday: Don't miss comedic magician Abbit the Average at Balboa Branch

Thursday: Create comics at an interactive comics-making workshop at the Central Library

Friday: It's Fabulous Fridays @ 4 with stories and crafts for school-aged kids at Central Library

Saturday: The amazing Annie Banannie, Balloon Storyteller will entertain at the Mariners Branch

We will also have special guests at our regular story times. Enjoy your favorite stories read by members of the Newport Beach City Council, Library Board, and other City Officials. Visit <http://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/events> for times and details.

Reminder: Closures

All NBPL locations will be closed for President's Day on Monday, February 20 and for Easter on Sunday, April 16.

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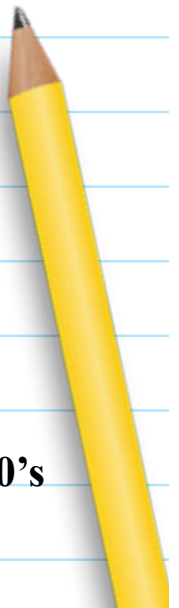
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