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The NMUSD Board of Education and the Personnel Commission recognize the district's 2017 Classified Employees of the Year, Emma Tyaransen, Pam Saunders, Olga Sandoval, Karen Allison and Ilse Taborga. (please see page 3)

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#### **SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **Newport-Mesa Employees Selected as Orange County Classified Employees of the Year**



**Dr. Fred Navarro** 

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) is pleased to announce the 2017 Classified Employee of the Year Awards Program winners, two of which were selected as Orange County Classified Employees of the Year, and will proceed for consideration at state level.

#### The 2017 NMUSD Classified Employee of the Year winners are:

- Karen Allison, child nutrition (state winner)
- Ilse Taborga, support services and security (county winner)
- Pam Saunders, office and technical
- Emma Tyaransen, para-educator/ Instructional Assistant
- Olga Sandoval, transportation

The Classified Employee of the Year Awards Program recognizes employees that go above and beyond the expectations of their job duties to provide exemplary service to students, families and colleagues.

As Orange County Classified Employee of the Year, Karen Allison and Ilse Taborga advanced for consideration at the state level. Special congratulations to Karen Allison who received the state level honor of California Classified Employee of the Year award!

#### **NMUSD** congratulates the following **2017 Classified Employees of the Years:**

#### Karen Allison, Child Nutrition, California Classified Employee of the Year

Karen Allison received the state level honor of California Classified Employee of the Year award! She is known to have a natural talent in the kitchen and a caring approach with students. She has been with NMUSD for 12 years and currently manages the cafeteria at Adams Elementary School, serving more than 600 meals a day. She encourages students to try healthy, tasty meal options and accommodates students with special diets and allergies to ensure that all children are served appropriately within their dietary restrictions.

#### Ilse Taborga, Support Services and Security Orange County Classified Employee of the Year

Ilse Taborga was awarded the Orange County Classified Employee of the Year award! She has been a school community facilitator for 14 years and serves as the liaison between families, the school and the school district. She provides needed resources for families in need, working side by side with her principals, teachers, counselors and administrators to ensure that our students and families are well aware of the supports available to them, beyond classroom instruction.

#### Pam Saunders, Office and Technical

Pam Saunders has been with NMUSD for 16 years as an accounting assistant. She is a long-time resident of Costa Mesa and a graduate of Estancia High School. She is responsible for ensuring the proper paperwork, approvals, tracking and timely payment for the district's big ticket items. She consistently stays up to date with changes in laws, mileage reimbursements, sales tax rates and many other legal and financial changes to ensure smooth financial operations.

#### Emma Tyaransen, Para-educator/Instructional Assistant

As an instructional assistant at Newport Coast Elementary School, Emma works in various classrooms and adjusts effortlessly to each classroom's management style and diverse student needs. She takes the time to get to know each student, learn their stories and backgrounds because she strongly believes that building relationships with students is the key to helping individual students achieve success academically and emotionally.

#### Olga Sandoval, Transportation

Olga Sandoval has been a bus driver with Newport-Mesa Unified School District since 2004. She has natural driving skills; some have even said she drives a 40 foot school bus so effortlessly, you would think she was driving a compact car. She has genuine conversations with students and has a fun-loving approach with them, which earns the trust, respect and friendship of students and parents.

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### **New Statewide Accountability Goes Beyond Test Scores**

By Karen Yelsey, President

The California Department of Education has designed a new accountability system that gives a more robust view into the performance of schools. Known as the California School Dashboard, the web-based accountability system gives a more complete picture of how schools are serving our diverse student population. The Dashboard replaces the Academic Performance Index (API), which relied on test scores that offered a limited view of school performance.

The Dashboard features a snapshot of multiple indicators of school performance, including test scores, graduation rates, English Learner progress and suspension rates. Data related to chronic absenteeism, college and career readiness, school climate, parent engagement and other indicators are expected to be included by the end of 2017.

Performance is represented in the Dashboard by colorcoded pie pieces. The five performance levels are: blue

(highest), green, yellow, orange, and red (lowest). The levels reflect both current performance and changes in performance over time.

The new accountability model takes in to account current performance status and growth over time. Preliminary data available in the Dashboard shows the district's current overall performance as high and we are making progress in continuing our growth in many key areas.

NMUSD will use the information contained within the Dashboard to update the district's Local Control Accountability Plan, which sets goals and funding priorities for each school year. As new metrics and reports are added, our schools will use the information to adapt priorities and processes to improve educational outcomes for all students.

To view the Dashboard and other related resources, please visit the California Department of Education webpage at http://www.cde.ca.gov/dashboard





**Kay Coop** Founder/Publisher



We are at the end of another school year. Students are focused on their goals right up to the last minute. In this issue you will read articles about the Battle of the Books, Coding and Robotics, STEAM, After School Opportunities, Night of Arts, TED Talks, the Walking Club, STEAM, and so much more.

Be sure to enter our Word Search on page 26. I enjoy your comments when you email your answers. Remember there is not an age limit so the entire family can enjoy!

Our next issue is October 11 when school will be well underway with a new school year. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and remember to include the library among your summer activities.





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#### City of Costa Mesa



Katrina Foley Mayor

#### **Art Education for Our Students**

I've spent much of my time in public service advocating for schools, local youth and the arts. So I'm very excited about the first-ever Mayor's Charity Ball at the on Friday June 9 that will benefit arts education in Costa Mesa.

Through this charity ball titled "Celebrating the Art of Leadership," we hope to raise more than \$75,000 to support visual and performing arts education programs.

This is in addition to city funding of approximately \$60,000 for programs like SMART Camp (Sports, Music and Arts) where we partner with local schools, teachers, and coaches to offer free summer camps for students grades fourth to eighth. At SMART Camp students can participate in orchestra, theatre, dance, visual art classes or sports. Some programs even culminate in a concert, performance or showcase. Check the city website to sign up.

Our students gain great value through arts education as it helps them develop their creativity, critical thinking, logic and communication skills and in the long run make them more well-rounded and employable citizens.

For tickets and more information go to www.artofleadershipcelebration.com.

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#### Newport Beach Fire Department



Jeff Boyles Assistant Fire Chief

#### **Summer is here!**

This means that more people will be heading for the water. According to the OC Health Care Agency, "Drowning is the leading cause of death and disability in California for children under 5 years of age." It is important to understand that drowning affects all age groups, including older adults. The good news is that nearly all drowning deaths are PREVENTABLE.



Whether it is by the pool or in the ocean, make sure to swim near a lifeguard-never alone, use life jackets-not floating toys; any time children are near water-an adult is watching; watch

out for rip currents-it can pull you away from the shore; and learn how to perform rescue techniques-like CPR. The Newport Beach Fire Department reminds you to STAY SAFE this summer when enjoying the water!

P.O. Box 1768, Newport Beach, CA 92658 • 949/644-3104

#### City of Newport Beach



**Kevin Muldoon** *Mayor* 

#### **A Summer Full of Fun Events**

As the end of the school year approaches, it's time to start making plans for the summer break. The City of Newport Beach offers a host of events, camps and classes that can keep kids playing, learning and having fun all summer long.

The Newport Beach Public Library will once again offer summer reading programs for kids, teens and adults. Plus,

during the months of June, July and August, the library will offer fun activities for children on topics such as art, crafts, gardening, magic and a science too. Please visit newportbeachlibrary.org for more details.

I wish you a summer filled with fun and adventure!

100 Civic Center Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/644-3004 www.newportbeachca.gov

#### Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue



**Dan Stefano** Fire Chief

#### **Drowning Prevention**

As the 2016-17 school year comes to a close, it is an excellent opportunity for us to give thanks to all of our teachers, coaches, school staff, and parent volunteers who actively contribute to preparing our students for brighter and thoughtful futures!

With the summer months now upon us, we want everyone to have a fun break from school, but also want to make sure that

safety stays a priority! In Southern California, drowning prevention and water safety should be practiced all year with special emphasis June through August!

- Prevent drowning! Never swim alone!
- There is no substitute for active supervision.
- Learn to swim. Don't rely on swimming aids!
- Go feet first!
- Play safely around water.
- Educate kids about swimming safely.
- Teach children to stay away from drains.
- Always wear sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids!.

The bottom line is that children drown without a sound. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children for children under the age of five and can happen in less than two inches of water!

For more information on water safety <a href="http://myhealthoc.org/play/water-safety-drowning-prevention/">http://myhealthoc.org/play/water-safety-drowning-prevention/</a>

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#### Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center

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

### **Keeping Kids Safe** in the Summer

Kids start looking forward to summer well before the last school bell rings. From pool parties to long days at the beach, and backyard barbeques to long bike rides, children can hardly wait to have fun in the sun. Here are some steps to keep kids safe and out of the hospital emergency room (ER).

#### Be safe in the water.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury death among children ages 1 to 4. That is why it is always important to have an adult watching, whether kids are swimming in a pool, lake or beach. A fence and self-locking gate should be installed around backyard pools to keep kids out when it's not in use.

#### Always wear a helmet.

Approximately 300,000 children go to the ER for bikerelated injuries. Children must always wear a properly-fitted helmet, and the straps should always be fastened.



#### Go for a safe ride.

The leading cause of death among children between the ages of 5 and 19 is motor vehicle-related accidents. Injury or death of a child may be prevented with a properly fitted car seat. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

#### Watch where children play.

More than 200,000 children in the U.S. aged 14 and younger visit the ER for playground-related injuries. Be sure to watch children closely as they play.

#### **Keep children away from heat.**

To avoid burns to a child's chest, legs and face, adults should not let children play with fireworks and keep them away from the grill, campfires and fire pits.



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#### Adams Elementary (K-6)

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Gabriel DelReal
Principal

#### **Superhero Jog-A-Thon**

Superheroes dressed in colorful capes and assorted costumes ran laps at Adams Elementary School's superhero-themed

Jog-A-Thon.
Throughout the morning, students ran laps for 20 minutes to the beat of joyful

background music. Estancia High School cheerleaders cheered runners on from the sidelines.

The Jog-A-Thon's participants raised money to support Adams' field trips, art education, family events and much more. A highlight of the Superhero Jog-A-Thon went to classes that had 100 percent participation in fund-raising for the event. Classes with 100 percent participation got to spray Silly String all over Mr. Del Real, the

principal of Adams Elementary, as well as the custodian, Mr. Antonio, during a morning Flag Deck Ceremony. There was also a celebratory Big Bash Party for students that met the fund-raising goals.



Roy O. Andersen Elementary (K-6)

1900 Port Seabourne Way, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6935 • http://andersen.nmusd.us



**Dr. Shannon Bray** *Principal* 

#### **Earth Day**

Andersen students
wore green on Earth Day
to show their support for
preserving our environment.
The third grade students
also hosted the City of
Newport Beach Arbor Day
Celebration. During the
ceremony Andersen Student

Council President Megan Schafer and Vice President Maggie Marr were presented with an Arbor Day Proclamation and an Arbor Day Flag by Councilman Jeff Herdman. Earth Day essays were written and read by third graders; Lily Duffy, Georgia Frederickson, Olivia Wrate, Emily Engel, Billy Sageser and Ben Shumway. Following the ceremony all third graders joined by City Landscape Manager Dan Sereno, City Arborist Kevin Pekar, and NMUSD Board President Karen Yelsey, participated in planting trees in the nearby community park.



#### Back Bay/Monte Vista High School

390 Monte Vista Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6900 • http://backbay.nmusd.us

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**Debbie Lucker-Davis** *Principal* 

#### **Meeting Challenges**

This year our principal is retiring after 15 years as head of the Monte Vista Independent Study and Back Bay Continuation High School. During Ms. Davis' last year, Back Bay High School completed its third WASC accreditation, and also received its third "Model School" designation from the State of California. Ms. Davis was also awarded "Principal of the Year" for the California Region 10, a continuation high school region.

This year, Back Bay and Monte Vista will both exceed a 90 percent graduation rate, and both schools have already awarded close to \$30,000 in scholarships. The Newport Beach Exchange Club has been very generous in awarding

our alternative high school students with scholarships. These deserving young people have demonstrated an ability to overcome serious challenges in their young lives, and are committed to continuing their education. All grant money goes directly to the college of their choice and can be used for tuition and books.

Students who have struggled up to now in school and have failed six or more classes should be applying to Back Bay for their junior year. Many students complete a year in the alternative education setting and have time to return to their comprehensive sites and graduate. Many students though will wait until they are a full year behind in credits before changing schools, and many of those students cannot graduate. See your high school counselor for more information. Don't wait!

#### California Elementary (K-6)

3232 California Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7940 • http://california.nmusd.us



Jacob Topete
Principal

#### 21st-Century Technology

At California Elementary School, we strive for academic excellence through technology and the arts. This year, California Elementary has been part of a large rollout of netbooks to the Estancia zone.

Although some upper-grade classrooms previously had netbooks, our students will now be using netbooks from kindergarten through sixth grade. Students in third

through sixth grades have access to a one-to-one program, while students in kindergarten through second grade have access to netbooks through grade-level, roving carts.

This year our staff has done an outstanding job of learning more about effectively using these tools within their classrooms. We have worked with the district's Educational Technology Department for professional development as well as onsite support. Using district provided programs, along with Google Apps for Education, our teachers are creating dynamic learning environments that are highly engaging and differentiated.

I look forward to seeing how these powerful tools in the hands of our incredible teachers will enhance the education of our students.

Great job, California! Go, Cougars!

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

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



**Guy Olguin** *Principal*7–8 Grade



Jacob Haley Principal 9–12 Grade

#### **Mesa Students Excel**

On April 22, CMHS and CMMS participated for the first time in the Vital Link VEX Involution Competition for robotics. The CMHS team had an outstanding performance, and placed first out of 27 other teams.

The teams are made up of Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

students. Many of our students stated that they weren't interested in engineering when they joined PLTW two

years ago, but now it is their favorite class, and something that they are considering doing in the future.

Also on April 27, over 80 students from the Mesa GIVES Club and Costa Mesa High/Middle School attended WE Day at the Forum. WE Day is a celebration of youth "making a difference" in their local and global communities. Mesa GIVES, our community service club, was also invited to attend the "blue carpet" VIP section to meet Selena Gomez, Alicia Keyes, and many more.

This was a wonderful way to celebrate how our students have served all year long in the community. WE Day has helped re-energize our students to keep on making a difference one moment at a time!

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

2380 Notre Dame Rd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7960 • http://collegepark.nmusd.us



Julie McCormick

#### **Performing Arts** Showcase

The play "Annie, Jr." was recently performed for the College Park community. Over 90 students, including the cast of "Annie, Jr.", performed the following weekend in the College

Park Performing Arts Showcase. This showcase took place at the Costa Mesa High School Performing Arts Center. Choir and band members under the direction of Paul Leedy performed numerous musical numbers. College Park's dance troupe, under the direction of Jean Savapolos-Dean, performed several dance ensembles throughout the evening. For many students, this experience under the stage lights was a confidence builder as well as a lot of fun with their friends!



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Dr. Rebecca Gogel Principal 7–8 Grade



Kathy Scott Principal 9–12 Grade

#### **CDM Unified Sports** and Inclusion Week Corona del Mar

kickstarted their first annual Unified Sports basketball exhibition, CDM Unified allows students with disabilities the opportunity to showcase their athletic

abilities alongside their general education peers. This year's event was held at Trabuco Hills High School. The Sea King Peers program plans to start a new club on campus to support CDM Unified.



**CDM Unified Sports** marked the beginning of what was Inclusion Week on campus. ASB partnered with the Special Education department to create a week of activities during lunch. Some of these activities included relay races, teacher competitions and even coanchoring our daily news program Trident TV. The week concluded with a night

of dancing and games under the stars at the Inclusion Dance.

#### Davis Magnet (K-6)

1050 Arlington Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7930 • http://davismagnet.nmusd.us



**Christy Flores** 

#### **Our School Goes Green!**

The Davis Magnet School Green Team recently hosted their 2nd annual Eco Night. The student and teacher led team collaborated with members from Costa Mesa High School's Environmental Science

Academy, Costa Mesa Sanitary District, Newport Conservancy, Mesa Water District, Inside the Outdoors, and the Environmental Nature Center to



provide a hands-on and engaging family-focused evening for the community. Each organization provided opportunities such as games, lessons, or read aloud stories to teach guests about different aspects of the environment. Families also had the chance to see and learn about different animals. Not only did students and parents have fun, but they walked away with new environmentally friendly ideas to apply at home.

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

2990 Mesa Verde Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/241-6108 • http://earlycollege.nmusd.us



Dr. David Martinez Principal

#### **Great Class Eight!**

Early College High School learned in late April that we were named a 2016 California Department of Education Honor Roll High School as well as a 2017 U.S. News & World Report Silver Medal School. These awards were great in motivating our 11th-graders to do their very best in taking the annual SBACs in ELA and mathematics the first two weeks of May. Also during those weeks, 49 of our 10th-graders were able to take part

in two college field trips to CSUF and UC Riverside that occurred on the first two consecutive Fridays in May.

We at ECHS want to extend our congratulations to our 56-member Class of 2017 as they completed their Senior Project Presentations and their final exams in May. Their Senior Breakfast was also held in May, and their graduation ceremony in June at the Robert B. Moore Theater on the campus of Orange Coast College.

As the eighth graduating class from ECHS, we are proud, and we support them with their future college and career aspirations.

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#### Eastbluff Elementary (K-6)

627 Vista del Oro, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-5920 • http://eastbluff.nmusd.us



Cheryl Beck Principal

#### **Battle of the Books!**

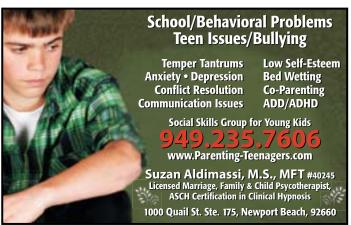
In late March, Eastbluff Elementary School hosted its first annual Newport/Mesa "Battle of the Books" competition (BOB). We were excited that Newport Heights and Sonora schools also joined in the event!

This competition was the finale for our passionate group of fourth- and fifth-grade students, who have each read 20 books and also met weekly to discuss and "practice"

battling." Along the way they have learned about Buffalo Soldiers riding bicycles instead of horses, Norwegian children hiding gold from the Nazis, life in a futuristic underground city, foster children, tornadoes in Nebraska, blind dogs, soldier dogs, and the trials, tribulations, and joys of life in general!

Our culminating Battle of the Books was a very positive and exciting event. Congratulations go to all three of our schools for their hard work. Congratulations also go to one of our Eastbluff teams for receiving the Battle of the Books Trophy!







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

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

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Michael Sciacca Principal

#### **Elective Offerings Expand at Ensign**

Ensign continues to add more elective choices for both 7th and 8th grade students in the 17/18 school year. Over the past year and a half robotics, advanced art, creative writing, speech, writing support and yoga have all been added to the elective choices of our students. Expanding the options has increase the perceived relevance of school for

our students and connected them with classes that match their current interests and aspirations. Ensuring exposure to a wide variety of opportunities will help students identify interests and begin to build a foundation of knowledge related to those interests. These new electives also connect with both elementary and high school programs in order to create meaningful pathways through their Newport-Mesa journey.





Estancia High School

2323 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/515-6500 • http://estancia.nmusd.us



Michael Halt Principal

#### **Coding and Robotics**

Two new clubs at Estancia High School have provided students the opportunity to engage in critical thinking, creative thinking and collaborative thinking. The Coding Club has been working closely with the YEP (Youth, Entrepreneurship, and Programming) for Kids Foundation to build interest in

the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math at local elementary schools.

Estancia's Coding Club has been working with YEP for Kids to learn the programming language Python. In March, the Coding Club used their coding skills paired with the YEP for Kids curriculum to teach the programming language to students at Adams Elementary School.

Estancia's Robotics Club members have been focused on building and programming robots, using VEX and the programming language ROBOTC. The Robotics Club will be competing against other high schools in the first N-MUSD Vex Robotics Competition, which will be held at Estancia High School in June.



Students building robots in Estancia's new Project Lead the Way classroom.

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

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



**Dr. Todd Schmidt** *Principal* 

#### **STEAM week!**

Over the past week, Harbor View hosted its 2nd Annual Family STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) Night. Students, parents, and staff had the opportunity

to explore 10 hands-on activities from Build Your Own Lightsaber to 3-D Photography to the Spaghetti Marshmallow Tower Challenge. Family Night was one activity of our STEAM week! Earlier in the week, we showed the incredible movie Hidden Figures which showcases the impact three African-American women had on getting a man into space! Finally, parents had a night to learn how to protect their kids by being social media savvy! Such a great week for #hvepride!



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

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**Dr. Deborah Granger** *Principal* 

#### A Tree Grows at Kaiser

This year, Kaiser Elementary School's teachers have adopted three words to live by: joy, support, and grit. Additionally, we

have four guideposts that outline commonly held expectations at our school: common sense, accountability, respect, and everyone matters. A pair of young Knights

embodies all of these outstanding traits. Isabella and Ellie approached me with a request I couldn't deny.

"Might we plant a tree at Kaiser?" they asked. We found a spot—and next thing I knew, a tree, planter mix, and a crew of student gardeners appeared! We have watered and watched as this new "mascot" has taken root, flowered, and begun to grow fruit. The tree has become a symbol of student involvement and the joys that come with doing good things for others and the world.

The lessons that take place in classrooms are augmented by a positive purpose. Kaiser Knights shine all the time!



Ellie and Isabella bring the joy of sharing to Kaiser!

#### Killybrooke Elementary (K-6)

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**Dr. Lorie Hoggard** *Principal* 

#### After-School Opportunities

When the 3:05 p.m. bell rings at Killybrooke Elementary School, it signals the end of the formal school day and the beginning of exciting after-school programs. Students in Robotics Club learn key principles of applied science, technology, and engineering. They learn computer programming and other skills to help them build robotics projects.

Killybrooke students also participate in the ranch program at Centennial Farm to learn about farm gardening, leather crafts, and livestock. Our students also love expanding their horizons with after-school arts and athletics.

Our PTA sponsors a wide array of enrichment programs, including a talent show, LEGO classes, Mad Science, Art Club, and Pilot Cup Soccer. Students who need more time and support to reach proficiency in core academics attend the Project Excel program, providing an additional 6 hours of instruction weekly. Project Success and City of Costa Mesa ROCKS programs provide after-school care until 6 p.m. each school day with engaging programs, including basketball and running.

We are proud of the wide array of high-quality afterschool programs we offer to engage, inspire, and equip students to be successful, well-rounded students.

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

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



Carrie Gammel
Principal

### Building Community and Caring for Our Earth

Earth Day is honored with an entire week of activities and learning at Lincoln Elementary School. This year, the school brought community together by forming a new partnership for Garden Day festivities. Neighborhood business, Roger's Gardens, collaborated with the school by donating

pots, soil, seeds and flowering plants for each classroom at Lincoln. Representatives from Roger's taught a gardening lesson to the student Garden Club and participated in the Earth Week project. Each classroom was presented with a beautiful potted gerber daisy by the end of the day!

In reflecting on the week, there were lessons learned about the value of coming together as a community for a worthy cause, the nurturing of a healthy, thriving planet.



#### Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

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Matthew Broesamle Principal

#### A Pyramid of Success

Mariners Elementary School continues its focus on promoting a positive school culture with students by awarding them with success awards, and the opportunity to be selected to participate in monthly activities. The

program has been a huge success for our school, as students work to earn success awards that align to our school-wide focus on Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success. One of the activities that students were able to earn last month was a painting class with Mrs. Lang. Several students were selected to participate in an art class where they were guided by Mrs. Lang through the process of creating a painting on a canvas of coastal sunset with a palm tree.



#### Newport Elementary (K-6)

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**Rich Rodriguez** *Principal* 

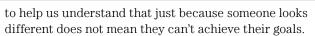
#### An Inspiration

By Claire, Sixth-Grade Student

Newport Elementary students are still talking about Brent Poppen's visit to our school. This two-time Paralympics athlete awed and inspired students and teachers

alike. He competed in wheelchair tennis and rugby, winning a bronze medal.

At age 16, Mr. Poppen suffered a life-changing injury during a friendly wrestling match with a fellow camper. His neck was broken. After months of rehabilitation, Mr. Poppen was only able to move his upper body. For many people, that would have been the end. For Mr. Poppen, it was the beginning. He never gave up and never listened to those who thought he should. Instead, he set goals, stayed positive, and worked hard. He spent time visiting classrooms, sending a powerful message and answering questions



Mr. Poppen shared a very positive message with Newport El. He also brought a wheelchair out to the playground so everyone could view life from his perspective.



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

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



**Dr. Duane Cox** *Principal* 

#### **Expo Brings Community Together**

Newport Coast Elementary School recently celebrated innovation and technology at its first ever STEAM Expo.

This event, attended by more than 750 children and parents, included hands-on activities and demonstrations in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and

Math (STEAM). Its goal was to engage students in critically important subjects without the traditional pressures of competition.

Families picked from more than a dozen different interactive activities held throughout the campus. Among the highlights were Lego engineering stations, a biology lesson with wriggly worms, and an outdoor astronomy exhibit. In addition, attendees participated in "family challenges" such as marble runs, remote-control robots, and an egg drop.

We were also thrilled to team up with Orange Coast College, local companies, and our own NCE teachers.



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

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



**Sean Boulton** *Principal* 

#### Night of Arts

Talk about a fun night out! Our annual Evening of the Arts in May took place in the inner quad, and it was an exciting, fun-filled evening as guests enjoyed the unbelievable talents of our students.

Family and community members stopped at the food booths for a sample of the work of our nationally recognized Culinary Arts program. The students at each booth had been coached by a renowned chef from the community. After they ate, guests wandered through the adjacent library and other rooms to see the visual arts produced by our top NHHS artists, using a wide variety of art forms: photography, ceramics, oil painting, watercolor, drawing, crafts and many other media. After this, people popped in to the theater to watch performances by our award-winning orchestra, band, choir and dance program.

We hope you attended this extravaganza presented by one of the best visual and performing arts programs in the county. Go Sailors!



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

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



**Somer Harding** Principal

#### **Battle of the Books**

Bu Sharon Sutton. Library Media Specialist

This year, Newport Heights competed in the Newport-Mesa Battle of the Books. Twelve fourth- and fifth-graders accepted the challenge. The group was supported by two fifth-grade teachers, four sixth-grade

mentors and me. The students read

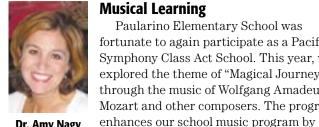
from a list of 20 books selected by America's Battle of the Books. They completed book logs on each title and discussed the books, which included such varied storylines as Buffalo Soldiers, children hiding gold from Nazis and life in a futuristic underground city. The actual Battle took place in March at Eastbluff Elementary, where Newport Heights competed with Eastbluff and Sonora by answering questions beginning with "In what book...?" and providing the correct

The competition was fierce, and we were pleased to achieve second place! We celebrate these dedicated, hardworking students, and we thank Eastbluff for its hospitality and school board members Charlene Metoyer, Martha Fluor and Karen Yelsey as well as Superintendent Navarro for their support.



#### Paularino Elementary (K-6)

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title and author.

Dr. Amy Nagy

Paularino Elementary School was fortunate to again participate as a Pacific Symphony Class Act School. This year, we explored the theme of "Magical Journeys" through the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and other composers. The program

providing additional musical experiences.

During an assembly in March, the theme and our musician were introduced to students. Nancy Eldridge, a Pacific Symphony violinist, was this year's musician. Nancy returned to meet with each class. In May, the students went to Segerstrom Center for the Arts for a culminating concert. At the end of May, students showcased their learning by performing for our musician. Families were also treated to a special performance by a string quintet.





#### Pomona Elementary (K-6)

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



**Elsten Brown** Principal

#### **Exploring the World**

Pomona Elementary is dedicated to providing a comprehensive academic program with a strong focus on academics. We also believe in the importance of hands on learning experiences including in classroom project based learning and field trip excursions. To take our

current group of sixth graders as an example. This group has gone on over 20 field trips during their educational career at Pomona, including excursions to the farm, zoo, and aquarium, visits to South Coast Repertory and Segerstrom Concert Hall to see plays and concerts, a week at Tiger Woods High Tech Learning Center, and finally a full week at outdoor education science camp. We believe that these experiences build not only important background knowledge, but a love for exploration of the wonderful world we live in.



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

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

**Alex Morales,** *Interim Principal* 

#### **Dalmatian Invasion**

By Andrew Haire, Third-Grade SAI Teacher

The Rea Drama Club recently concluded its performances of 101 Dalmatians Kids. This production was made possible by a Disney Musicals in Schools grant. The play involved more than 60 Rea students in the third through sixth grades.

The students worked hard to perfect their singing, dancing, and acting. There was also a dedicated student stage crew that created all of the props for the play. According to Rubi Delgado-Solis, who starred as the villainous Cruella de Vil, "The best thing about the play was acting in front of an audience. It was one of the best experiences of my elementary years."

Rubi, who has participated in the school play since the fourth grade, turned in a phenomenal performance. The play was produced entirely by our Rea teachers, staff, and parents. It was a tremendous success, and a testament to what can be accomplished when an entire school community supports the arts.



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#### Sonora Elementary (K-6)

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Christine **Anderson** Principal

#### **TED Talks**

TED Talks at Sonora Elementary School? That's right! Mrs. Muniz's fifth-grade students had their own TED Talk session on May 3 for parents, district administrators, our Board of Education, and community members.

Each child in the class researched a topic about which they were passionate. They built Google Slides presentations based on their research, which they showed while

presenting their very compelling opinions on their chosen

topics, which included the history of fashion, child abuse, how to be a foster family, swimming, understanding the brain, the influence of Barbie on the self-image of girls, effective leadership, the evolution of art, gadgets of the future, and the innovation of Steve Jobs.

After the TED Talk presentations, the class sang "We Are the World," featuring many solo parts and amazing harmony. It was a great learning experience for all! Research writing and oration skills coupled with confidence and empathy to present before a live audience are all great 21st-century skills to master for success in future endeavors!



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

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



Kira Hurst Principal

#### A Gold Ribbon School! Congratulations to

TeWinkle Middle School! We are pleased to announce that we have successfully completed the California Gold Ribbon Schools Program application process and are being

recognized as one of 275 California Gold Ribbon Schools for 2017. The award reflects our school's success in



creating a positive learning atmosphere for our students. Such success is a direct result of our dedicated, creative, and talented staff, and supportive school community.

The news release identifying all the 2017 California Gold Ribbon Middle Schools are posted on the California Department of Education's home page at http://www.cde. ca.gov/ under "What's New." We are the only middle school in NMUSD to receive this prestigious award!

#### Victoria Elementary (K-6)

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

#### **Congratulations to Our Green Team** At Victoria Elementary one of our goals



of our Green Team took on the challenge to compete

in the City of Costa Mesa's Battery Recycling Contest. Our students learned that these harmful substances permeate into the soil, groundwater and surface water through landfills and also release toxins into the air when they are burnt in municipal waste combustors. Our Green Team's efforts took in 221 pounds of batteries and earned the school \$300! Our

little school finished in the top ten, competing with schools twice our size. Congratulations to our Green Team and thank you for your environmental stewardship!



#### Whittier Elementary (K-6)

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



**Scott Wilcox** Principal

To commemorate Earth Day, Whittier School traditionally celebrates Green Week. It's our school's special week to focus on the environment and the part each

**Green Week** 

one of us plays in keeping our planet healthy. All kindergarten through sixth-grade classes are encouraged to participate.

We started off the week with a Wear Green Day. The class wearing the most articles of green clothing was the winner. There was also a water bottle collection/ recycling contest., with the class



bringing in the most water bottles winning a prize. All the bottles were then recycled. This year, we also resumed our door decoration competition. Classes received points based on the use of recycled materials, creativity, and adherence to this year's theme, "Environmental and Climate Literacy." Student council members visited each classroom to judge and declare the winners.

Even those who did not win contests during the week would admit that they won something: the reminder that our responsibility to the Earth is our legacy!

#### Wilson Elementary (K-6)

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



Principal

#### **Walking Club**

At Wilson Elementary we value academics, emotional well-being, and physical well-being

too! Students in the fifth grade have taken an getting some

interest in exercise during their recess

time. They have formed a walking club, along with our administrative assistant. Each day at the start of their recess, the students come to the office for their walk. The walking club takes a fast paced walk around the campus to ensure their heart rates increase. Not only does this promote physical activity, it helps to build relationships

with other members on our staff. The students are enthusiastic about encouraging other students to join in promoting physical activity!



#### Woodland Elementary (K-2)

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



**Tiffany Lewis** Principal

**Woodland Teachers are Appreciated** 

Teachers at Woodland are loved and appreciated every day, but were treated to some extra recognition during Teacher Appreciation Week. Students brought their teachers flowers from their gardens, lunches, and the always cherished hand-written note. The PFO sponsored a luncheon on Thursday. A big thank you to all parents and students who helped

recognize the extraordinary work our teachers put in each and every day.



Woodland teachers were treated to a Professional Development Day on Wednesday. They were joined by teachers from four other elementary schools and attended an in-service where they focused on response to literature and helping students dive deeper into texts. It was a great day of learning and collaboration.





Have a fun summer!





#### **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

Why Breakfast? By Pam Williams, MPH, RD, NMUSD Nutritionist

Have you ever thought about the importance of including breakfast in your family's diet? Research shows there are benefits when we eat breakfast regularly.

According to the School Nutrition and Academic Achievement Research Summary, eating healthy foods for breakfast may positively impact academic performance. How so?

Research shows that students who have a low nutrient intake can improve their math scores with a healthy breakfast. This is true regardless of family income and

education levels.

Also, healthy breakfast choices can help improve performance when students take short-term memory tests, help improve attendance, and help students improve scores on standardized tests. Further, students can reduce illnesses and have less symptoms associated with hunger.

Including breakfast is an excellent way to support students in school but how to fit healthy breakfasts into busy schedules? Pack a grab-and-go breakfast the night before. Include foods such as boiled eggs, cheese sticks, breakfast sandwiches or burritos, yogurt, trail mix, and fruit. No time to pack one? Students can eat a healthy breakfast at school.

Let's help our students succeed!

#### School Health Services

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



Merry Grasska MPH, FNP-C, RN Coordinator

Is Lead Exposure a Risk for Children?

Many of us assumed that since lead was removed from gasoline and paint and factory emissions had to meet federal standards, the risk of lead exposure had disappeared. However, as has been realized in Flint, Michigan, there is still reason to be on guard. Lead exposure can result in serious health problems and impact a child's developing brain. Blood lead screening helps to identify exposure to lead.

Parents should check with their medical providers

and remain alert to potential sources of lead found in older homes, in soil, or in water supplied through lead pipes. Some toys, jewelry, imported ceramics, and glazed dishes also contain lead. Other potential sources include home remedies, old paint and paint chips, cosmetics, and imported aluminum cans with soldered seams. Workers may be exposed in industries that involve lead, such as smelting and battery manufacturing, and may secondarily expose household members by bringing lead home on their

For more information and resources, the school nurse, the Centers for Disease Control, and the American Academy of Pediatrics are reliable sources.

#### District Transportation

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**Pete Meslin** Director

**Next Year's Road Map!** 

Spring is upon us, and we are already almost done with our summer routing. That's right—although we still have a couple of weeks of school to complete, our summer activities are well underway. The summerrouting process is always a challenge because it is difficult for parents to realize that we need the data or we can't build the routes effectively.

In addition to the usual routes and trips, we're also ramping up for the

end-of-school-year field trips. Laws constrain the use of our bus drivers for more than 10 hours without an eight-hour break, so it takes a great deal of planning to safely and effectively transport field trips.

In other areas of the department, we're busy training a fresh crop of new drivers. Although they might not all be ready by the end of school, they should definitely be ready by the start of school next fall. In the bus-pass office, we're getting ready for next year's passes. In fact, we've already started accepting pass applications from Rea, Whittier and

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#### Newport Beach Public Libraries



**Liz Aaron** Children's Librarian, Newport Beach Public Library

#### Full STEAM Ahead!

Get your brains ready for a super fun workout as you "Read by Design" this summer at the Newport Beach Public Library. Discover our science, engineering, and art programs and earn prizes while you have fun reading! There are also Summer Reading Programs for teens and adults; ask a librarian for details.

#### Summer Reading Program: June 24-August 12

Design an awesome schedule of summer events at the library. Check times and locations at <a href="http://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/calendar">http://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/calendar</a>.

Sat 6/24: Kick-off the summer with Brother Yusef's interactive blues concert. Remember to enter our opening day raffle and pick up your reading game sheet!

Week 1: Illusions by Allen magic show

Week 2: Build a City giant craft program

Week 3: Mad Science show

Week 4: YAAC Science Fair demonstrations

Week 5: Pacific Animal Productions

Week 6: Art by Design craft program

Week 7: Swazzle Puppets

Sat 8/12: Finale with Cowboy Ken Frawley's Old West show

#### **Reminder: Closures**

All NBPL locations will close for Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4.

#### **Tips for Parents**

Participating in a summer reading program reduces learning loss while out of school and helps students perform better in class and on standardized tests when they return in the fall. This summer, allow your children to choose books based on their own interests and have fun reading! How can parents help make reading fun?

- Allow kids to choose reading materials that interest them, including comic books, magazines, and picture books.
- Visit the library with your child and ask a librarian for suggestions!
- Take time to read for your own pleasure and talk about what you're reading.
- Read a second copy of your child's book along with him or her. Discuss the book and take turns reading aloud to each other. Use silly voices!
- Encourage your child to write new stories using a book's characters or write a letter to a book's author.
- Plan a trip around a book, such as one about tide pools, an art museum, or one of our California Missions.
- Set aside at least 20 minutes of reading time for you and your child each day. Relax and enjoy!

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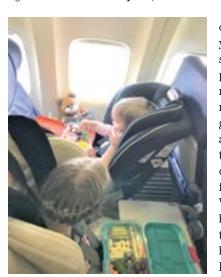
Balboa Branch 100 East Balboa Blvd., Balboa, CA 92661 949/644-3076

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#### Safety in the Car

#### **Summertime = Traveltime**

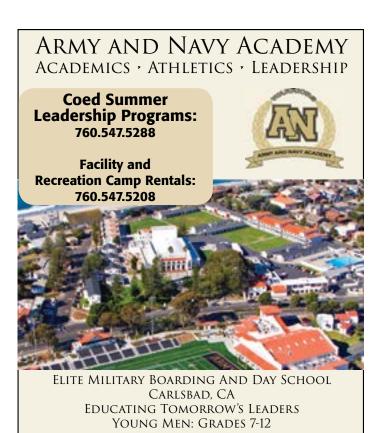
By Catharine Marroquin, CPSTI



If you are planning on traveling with your family this summer, make sure all passengers are safely restrained at all times, no matter if you are going by car, RV, or airplane. Did you know that most harnessed car seats are certified for use on airplanes? While it might seem bothersome at first, taking the car seat on board not only helps in keeping the youngsters contained, but provides them with more protection than the lap belt alone. When using your child's car seat on the plane, you can also rest assured that the seat will be available to use at your destination as it won't be lost or damaged in transit. For instructions on how to install the seat on an airplane, refer to the car seat's instruction manual!

Please note that booster seats can NOT be used on airplanes and have to be stowed in the overhead compartment instead.

SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is the national non-profit organization dedicated solely to protecting children from death or injury in vehicle crashes through the correct, consistent use of safety seats and belts. For more information, visit www.carseat.org or call the Safe Ride Helpline 800/745-SAFE, 800/747-SANO. Catharine Marroquin, CPSTI is a Program Consultant with SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. She can be reached at Cathmarro@gmail.com.



#### Katie's Review



Katie C.

**Video Games Come to life!** 

Click Here to Start by Denis Markell is an amazing book about a boy named Ted who loves playing video games. When his great uncle dies and leaves him an apartment full of random



trinkets, Ted thinks he's in for a boring

summer. I mean, why would sorting some old stuff be fun? With his friends Isabel and Caleb he starts sorting through the mess. But when he returns home to play a new video game, he finds that the room is exactly like the one in the apartment, and that the things in the room are the same as in the apartment he just sorted through. There is a hidden treasure somewhere! Facing an evil man, talking to Great Uncle's best friend, and creeping into a hospital at night lead to an amazing finding: there is a small golden falcon. This book is wrapped in suspense and excitement. I highly recommend it. I rate this book five out

Katie is a 7th grader that loves to read and write. Fictional books are her favorite. Besides writing and reading, she loves soccer, acting, dancing, and playing the violin. She hopes to publish her own book someday.

#### **Summer Fun 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)

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