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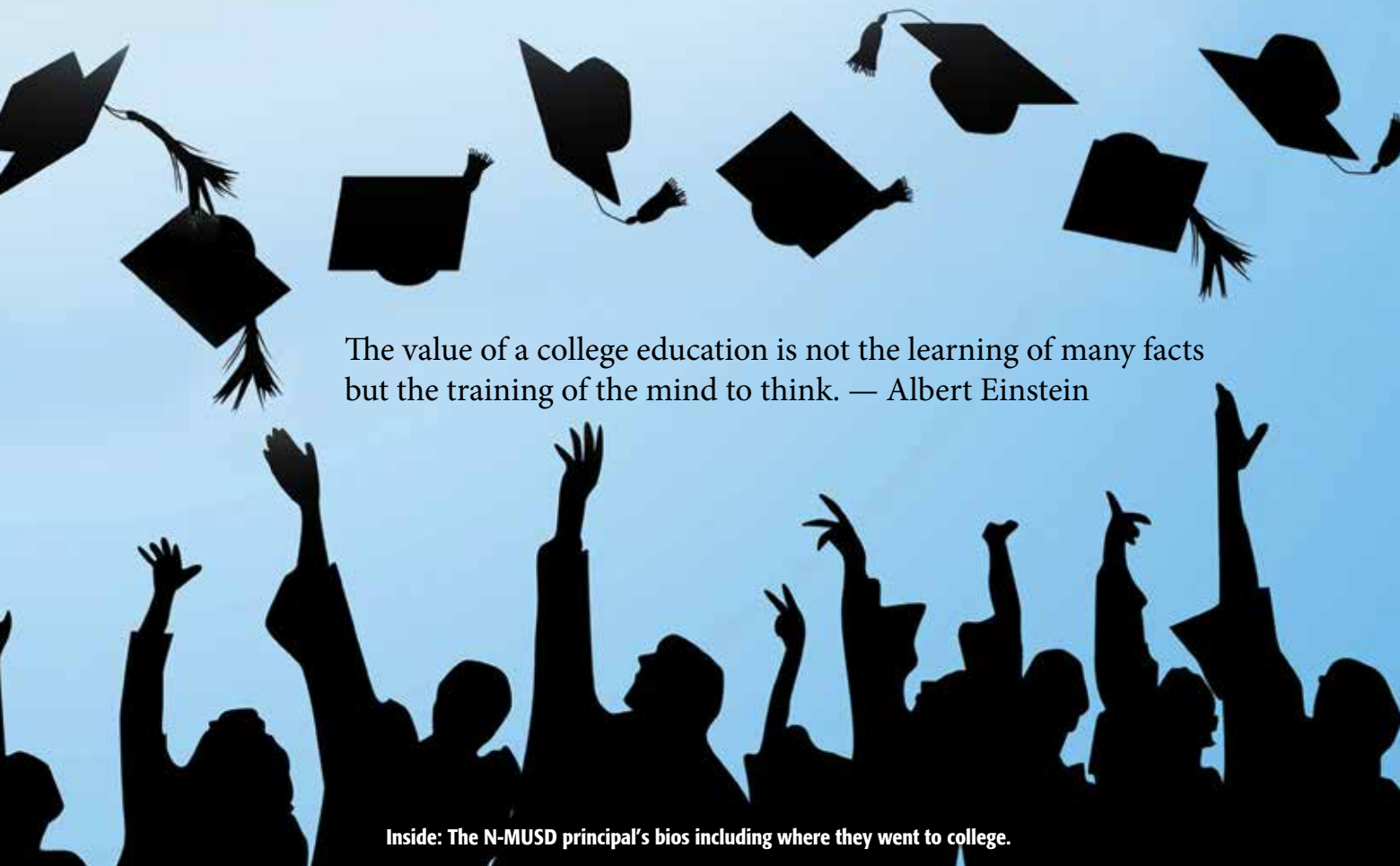
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## SUPERINTENDENT

# Successful State of the Schools Inaugural Event

On Wednesday, September 24, 2014, N-MUSD held its first annual "State of the Schools" Breakfast at Corona del Mar High School. Over 200 guests attended our sold out event. This project was conceived in partnership with the Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation (NMSF) and patterned after the Tustin Unified School District's event that is now in its third year. Like Tustin, we recognized that we needed a forum in which to present the outstanding accomplishments of our district and showcase our students. By the response we received in the press, I think we met our goal.

Our long-range objectives with the State of the Schools event is to reach out beyond our school community and share our story with local municipal and state leaders as well as businesses within the greater Newport-Mesa area. By doing so, we hope to strengthen existing partnerships and create new affiliations that can provide support for



**Dr. Fred Navarro**

our instructional programs – especially our college and career pathway programs and open up new fundraising opportunities for The Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation (NMSF). All proceeds from the breakfast ticket sales were collected by the NMSF to fund the annual grants to teachers program.

Though there remains much work to do in order to achieve our long-range goals, it is clear that through this event we were successful in sharing the story of our district and the incredible dedication of every employee to make a difference for every child, every day.

A special thank you to the Newport-Mesa Schools Foundation volunteers for all of their hard work and to our school site and district staff that worked with the foundation to organize and produce the incredible program.

For those that were unable to attend the breakfast, a condensed version of the State of the Schools presentation will soon be available on our website at [www.nmusd.us](http://www.nmusd.us)



**Student Ambassadors from all NMUSD High Schools participate in the closing ceremony at the state of schools event.**

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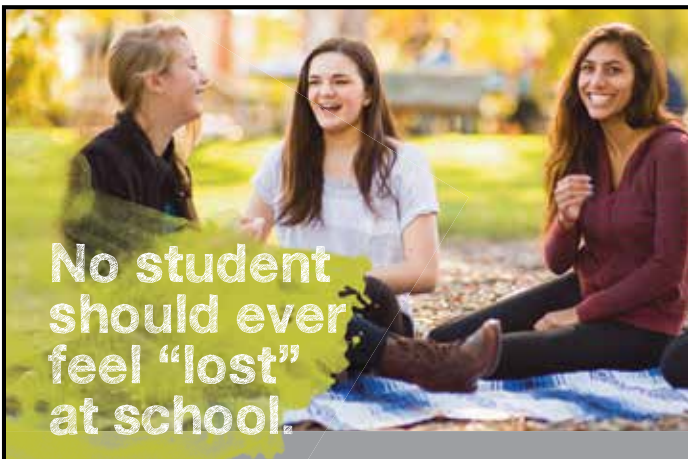
Long ago, I had the privilege of working as an education advisor to then Governor Ronald Reagan. In the early 70's the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Wilson Riles, and Governor Reagan agreed to commission an extensive study as to why and how students learn. The thought was if certain factors could be identified, this is where emphasis could be placed to increase learning skills.

The results of the study identified numerous learning factors, however the two that stood alone, far above the others in importance, were the attitude/involvement of the parent at home and the quality of the teacher in the classroom.

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By now students have made new friends, reunited with old friends and are focused on education...they might even be planning their Winter Break.

As we get older it is true time seems to go by faster than we recall in our youth. There always seems to be a milestone looming ahead for children—being old enough to sit in a car without a car seat, going to preschool, (chewing gum without swallowing it and throwing it away properly), to kindergarten, (making a bed and learning clothes actually have a proper place other than the floor), to first grade, to camp, to middle school, to high school, getting a driver's license, and choosing a college. This issue we asked the principals to share their bios and specifically where they went to college. It is always interesting to learn about their hobbies, families, pets, etc. We hope you enjoy.

Our next issue is December 3rd. In the meantime, have a Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Scott Poster**  
*Fire Chief*

## Fire Prevention Month

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kit. Don't count on cellular coverage or landline phones. You should have food and supplies for at least three days, and water is a must. You need lots of bottled water.

Our fire units will be busy and may not be available to assist you. Until out-of-the-area resources arrive, you will be on your own. Schools are the best prepared, so don't race to school to pick up your kids - they will be fine. Schools practice for disasters.

Be proactive and be prepared, instead of being a victim. A great resource is <http://www.ready.gov/be-informed> to assist you with preparing your family. Whether a fire or natural disaster, preparedness means everything, and so does practice. Make sure your family has a plan and everyone knows it - then practice it.

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**Dr. Al Mijares**  
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Orange County school districts, institutions of higher education, businesses, and community partners will make up this regional consortium to ensure that our students have the opportunity to explore their interests and

participate in career pathways of their choosing. OCCPP will make career pathway programs accessible to Orange County students from all academic, socio-economic, and achievement levels ranging from Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students, to alternative education students, foster youth, and students with physical and learning disabilities. OCCPP will provide courses and learning experiences that produce competent graduates capable of securing high-skill, high-wage jobs.

Students will participate in career exploration and on-the-job training that prepares them to earn certificates, associate degrees, baccalaureate degrees, and advanced degrees in three target sectors: Health Care/Biotechnology; Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing and Design; and Information Communication Technology/Digital Media. The same skills necessary to navigate a college degree are required to be successful in career technical education. Students will need to master subjects at the same rigorous level of abstraction and understanding as those entering a traditional university system. These programs will also align career courses with rigorous science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), California

Academic Standards, and Career Technical Education Model Standards that provide real-world application of career concepts, linking the content to industry needs.

OCCPP will build career pathway partnerships among employers, schools, and colleges and improve the transition into post-secondary studies and career preparation. This initiative will develop a countywide infrastructure to prepare Orange County students for the 21st century workplace, support them in reaching their personal career goals, and equip them to lead the nation in college and career readiness and success.

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EV-D68 can range from mild illness requiring minimal treatment to severe illness requiring hospitalization. Symptoms may include:

- Difficulty breathing
- Coughing and sneezing
- New onset wheezing
- Muscle aches
- Racing heartbeat

If you or a family member develops coughing that comes on quickly, wheezing or difficulty breathing, contact your healthcare provider. Some people with underlying medical conditions may develop severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 and may need to be hospitalized to receive intensive supportive therapy.

EV-D68 appears to spread through close contact with infected people, when an infected person sneezes, coughs, or touches surfaces or other people when they have the germs on their hands. An infected person can spread the virus even if they don't feel sick.

There are no vaccines or anti-viral medications currently available for EV-D68. The best protection against EV-D68 is using standard good hygiene precautions: washing your hands frequently, keeping environmental surfaces and objects disinfected (toys, door knobs, etc.) and avoiding close contact with those who are ill.

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## Adams *Elementary (K-6)*

### California State University Fullerton



**Gabriel DelReal**  
*Principal*

Gabe Del Real has served the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for fourteen years. This is his fifth year as principal at Adams Elementary School. Prior to joining the Adams team, Gabe was a classroom teacher at Rea and Newport Heights Elementary Schools. In addition to his work in N-MUSD, Gabe has taught as an adjunct professor of Children's Literature for Vanguard University and has conducted

many university lectures on topics such as technology in education, differentiated literacy programs, and transforming organizations.

Gabe completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at California State University, Fullerton. He also earned his multiple subject and reading specialist credentials at CSUF. Gabe received his administrative services credential from University of California, Irvine. Gabe attributes his success to his supportive wife, Chrissy and their two children Sonya (7) and Lucas (4).

Gabe is honored to be the principal of Adams Elementary School. Working with the dedicated staff and parents to provide an excellent education for every one of the Adams All Stars is one of his greatest experiences.

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

### California State University, Fresno



**Dr. Shannon Bray**  
*Principal*

Dr. Shannon Bray is delighted to begin her third year as the principal of Andersen Elementary. Dr. Bray began her educational career in Clovis Unified School District as an elementary teacher. She served nine years as an administrator in Clovis Unified at the secondary and elementary levels, with the majority of her administrative experience at the elementary level. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and

Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership

from California State University, Fresno. In May 2010, she earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Bray has also been a part-time faculty member at California State University, Fresno in their Educational Administrative Program.

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

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## Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

### Universities: Washington, Western Wash. State



**Debbie Lucker-Davis**  
*Principal*

Deborah Davis has been the principal of the Alternative Education Center since 2002. Moving from a principal's position in Puyallup, Washington, Debbie relocated to enjoy the many benefits of Southern California.

Originally a graduate of the University of Washington, with a double major in psychology and English, Ms. Davis obtained a teaching credential and began her career at a junior high school teaching social science, English, journalism and vocal

music. She later earned a master's degree in educational administration at Western Washington State University in Bellingham. Throughout her career she has never lost sight of the reason why education captured her interest: it's because of the students!

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

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

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## California Elementary (K-6)

### Concordia University Irvine, National University



**Matthew Broesamle**  
Principal

Matt Broesamle enters his 4th year as principal of California Elementary School and he is excited for what's in store for the Cougars this year. He completed his bachelor's degree, teaching credential, and master's in education at Concordia University, Irvine. During his undergraduate work at Concordia, Matt played on the baseball team as a pitcher, first, and third baseman. He earned his administrative credential in 2009 and completed his tier II credential at National University in 2013.

Prior to becoming principal at California School, Matt was a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Adams Elementary School for eight years. Matt is blessed to have an amazing family. He and his wife Gina have two incredible boys. Matt enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf in his free time. He is honored to be the principal of California School and he is ready to take on another school year. Go Cougars!

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## College Park Elementary (K-6)

### Brigham Young University, UC Irvine, U.S. Int'l Univ.



**Julie McCormick**  
Principal

Julie McCormick has been principal at College Park Elementary School for five years. She has 28 years in education, beginning her teaching career in Santa Ana Unified School District. Since joining the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 1999, Julie has served as School Readiness Coordinator in the preschool programs, elementary teacher at Eastbluff School, and principal at Pomona School.

Julie grew up in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District attending Mariners, Ensign and Newport Harbor. She graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.A. in Spanish interpreting and translating. She received her teaching credential from University of California, Irvine, and a master's in educational administration from U.S. International University. She is married with five children, and looks forward to another great year at College Park.

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

### USC



**Dr. Rebecca Gogel**  
*Principal*  
7-8 Grade

Dr. Gogel is beginning her first year as Principal of Corona del Mar Middle School. Prior to coming to Corona del Mar, she served as the Director of Student Services for Newport-Mesa. She received her doctorate in education from the University of Southern California and is credentialed in Music, Special Education, School Counseling and Administration.

Becky has a son, age 9, and a daughter, age 6, who both attend elementary school in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

"I am thrilled to join the team at Corona del Mar Middle School. The students, parents, staff and community are committed to working collaboratively on behalf of students, providing a foundation for excellence in academics, athletics and the arts."

### Texas Tech University, University of the Southwest




**Kathy Scott**  
*Principal*  
9-12 Grade

Kathy is beginning her second year as the high school principal of Corona del Mar. She previously served as the principal of Oxford Academy in the Anaheim Union High School District before coming to NMUSD. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in math and special education. After 18 years in the classroom, she received her Master's degree in administration from the University of the Southwest and has been an administrator for the past 17 years.

Kathy and her husband have two married sons who reside in Texas with their four grandchildren.

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## Davis *Magnet (K-6)*

### Chico State, Chapman University



**Christy Flores**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Flores couldn't be more pleased about the 2014 school year as she is beginning her twelfth year in education and her second and a half year as principal at Davis Magnet School. Mrs. Flores is most excited about returning to school to work alongside the dedicated staff and devoted parent community to support student learning and success.

Mrs. Flores attended Chico State on a volleyball scholarship and received her BA in Liberal Studies with a minor in Spanish. She remained at Chico for a fifth year to receive her BCLAD Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Mrs. Flores then received her Master's in Educational Leadership and Administration from Chapman University. In addition to working with her school community, Mrs. Flores enjoys working with local universities to help mentor and support student teachers.

Mrs. Flores is an avid sports fan who also enjoys running, yoga, reading, and baking. Mrs. Flores lives in Irvine with her husband, who teaches 7th grade history at TeWinkle Middle School and coaches football at Estancia High School. They are expecting their first child in January and have a black lab named Harley.

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

### Whittier College, University of La Verne



**Kathy Slawson**  
*Principal*

Kathy Slawson has been employed with NMUSD for seventeen years. She received her teaching credential from Whittier College and her Masters of Education and Administrative Credential from University of La Verne. Prior to working in NMUSD she taught Biology, Health, and Physical Education and was an Assistant Principal in the Whittier Union High School District.

After moving to NMUSD she continued to gain experience as an Assistant Principal at the secondary level. She was hired as the Principal of Early College High School in 2005 and as the instructional leader helped ECHS become a California Distinguished School, and was recognized with a state ranking of a perfect 10 for the students' state test scores and a perfect 10 ranking when compared with similar schools for six years in a row. Early College High School continues to be one of the top schools in Orange County because of the dedicated hard working administration and staff who believes all students can achieve academic success.

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## Universities: Whitworth, Grand Canyon, City



**Jacob Haley**  
Principal  
9-12 Grade

Mr. Haley is in his 18th year as an educator and has been an administrator, a mathematics teacher, and a basketball and football coach. He is a certified teacher in mathematics & special education, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Whitworth University where he was also an Academic All-American for football, a master's degree in teaching from Grand Canyon University, an administrative credential from City University, and a

doctoral candidate in educational leadership from Grand Canyon University.

Mr. Haley is in his first year as principal of Costa Mesa High School after previously serving as a principal for Bainbridge High School in Bainbridge Island, WA. Prior to his time at Bainbridge High School, Mr. Haley was in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District and was an assistant principal at Laguna Hills High School and for four years served as a mathematics teacher and head football coach for El Toro High School. Mr. Haley started his career and served for 8-years as a mathematics teacher, basketball, and football coach for Bainbridge High School. Mr. Haley has an educational philosophy that is deeply rooted in meaningful connections with students, quality teaching practices, community support, and providing support for students and staff to ensure success.

On a personal note, Mr. Haley is married to his wife Julie and has two kids—Makena and JJ. Makena is in Kindergarten at Woodland Elementary School and JJ is in preschool. Mr. Haley enjoys outdoor activities, sports, and time with family. Mr. Haley is honored to be joining the Newport Mesa Unified School District, the Costa Mesa High School & Middle School community, and looks forward to sharing the vision for Costa Mesa High School as the school continues to evolve and meet the growing needs of students.

## California State University Fullerton



**Guy Olguin**  
Principal  
7-8 Grade

Mr. Guy Olguin is beginning his first year as the new middle school principal at Costa Mesa Middle School/High School. Guy's connection to Newport-Mesa began at Killybrook elementary school as a fourth grade student. After graduating from Estancia high school in 1980, Guy remained connected to the district through coaching and eventually obtained his first assignment teaching second grade at Wilson elementary school. After two years, Guy spent one year at TeWinkle middle school before moving on to Ensign Intermediate School. Guy found a home at Ensign for the next 13 years. After receiving his Masters' in Education along with his Administrative credential from Cal. State Fullerton in 2005, Guy moved across the bay to Corona del Mar middle school where he was principal for nine years. Guy is excited to be the new principal at Costa Mesa MS and working with students, staff and the community!!

Newport-Mesa USD has been Guy's teaching home for over 25 years. Guy says the best thing about spending his entire career in Newport-Mesa has been the opportunity to teach alongside those who made such a significant impact while he was a student.

Guy is married to his wife of 17 years, Tracey Olguin, who is a teacher in the Newport-Mesa USD.

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## Eastbluff *Elementary (K-6)*

### Cal State Fullerton, Azusa Pacific University



**Cheryl Beck**  
*Principal*

Ms. Cheryl Beck is the principal of Eastbluff School. She considers herself a life long learner and is celebrating her 27th year in the field of education. She loves working with children and has two wonderful children of her own. Ms. Beck enjoys spending time with her family, reading books, scrap booking on Shutterfly, going to the beach, and walking her three Labordoodles. Born and raised in Bellflower,

Ms. Beck is a native Californian. She began her career in education first as an instructional aide in Long Beach while completing her college education at California State University, Fullerton. She then furthered her career earning her masters in administration at Azusa Pacific University. Mrs. Beck has 10 years of teaching experience and 17 years of administrative experience. She has also been a mentor teacher and a literacy trainer for the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District. Mrs. Beck began her administrative career as an assistant principal in Norwalk-La Mirada. She then was an assistant principal in the Centralia School District. She joined the Newport Mesa Unified School District ten years ago as the assistant principal at Davis School. Mrs. Beck was the principal of Davis School the following two years. She is very much enjoying and honored to continue her administrative career as the principal of Eastbluff School.

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

### California State University Fullerton and USC



**Dr. Gloria Duncan**  
*Principal*

Dr. Gloria Duncan was appointed as the Principal of Ensign Intermediate School in 2011. Dr. Duncan served as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Ensign for four years. She began her teaching career as a high school math teacher, and later became an Instructional Dean of Math and Science at Walnut High School. Dr. Duncan was the Assistant Principal and Principal at Canyon High School in Orange Unified

School District. Under her leadership, the school received a California Distinguished School Award and she was honored with the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Education from the California State University, Fullerton. In May 2011, she earned her Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Duncan lives in Anaheim Hills with her husband of 37 years and enjoys spending time with him and their three children. As the principal, she is honored to be the leader of Ensign Intermediate School. Dr. Duncan is dedicated to making the school a positive place for everyone by instituting a Community of Kindness Program. She is committed to serving the needs of her students, staff, and parents so that every student, every day, is engaged in learning.

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## Estancia *High School*

### CSULB, New Mexico Highlands, University LaVerne



**Kirk Bauermeister**  
*Principal*

Principal Kirk Bauermeister is a product of NMUSD schools, having attended College Park Elementary, Davis Middle School and Costa Mesa High School. Bauermeister received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1983 at Long Beach State University. During the time, he was going to Long Beach State. He coached baseball and football at Costa Mesa High School. Upon receiving his degree from Long Beach State, Bauermeister finished his teaching credential in 1984

at Southern California College, now Vanguard. Since the district was going through a period of declining enrollment and jobs were difficult to come by, Bauermeister went into the sporting goods business (Treds & Threads) and bought a store in 1989 in Costa Mesa. He returned to the educational field, accepting a teaching position at Costa Mesa High School in 1999 and selling his business. While at Costa Mesa, Bauermeister taught history and English, was the social science department chair, coached baseball and football, and was the athletic director. Bauermeister

received his master's degree in educational administration from New Mexico Highlands University in 2001 and his Doctorate from the University of La Verne in 2008, in Organizational Leadership. In 2002, he was hired as the high school assistant principal, a post that he held for three years.

In 2005, he was selected to be the middle school principal and co-principal of Costa Mesa High School, a position he held for two years. In 2007, Bauermeister became the principal of TeWinkle Middle School where he served until July 1st 2010, when he became the principal at Estancia High School. Bauermeister has been married to his wife, Denise, for 28 years, and they live in Costa Mesa. Denise works in the office at Kaiser Elementary school and was NMUSD Classified Employee of the year in 2012. Their two daughters, Karli and Kelsi, went through school in the NMUSD, attending Sonora Elementary, Davis School and Costa Mesa High School. Karli graduated from the University of Arizona receiving her master's degree at Chapman in May and was recently hired at Brea Olinda High School as a counselor. Kelsi graduated from Iowa State University, received her master's degree in May and is currently working at Mercy Hospital in Mason City Iowa, as a Registered Dietician.

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

### CSULB, USC, University of San Diego



**Dr. Todd Schmidt**  
*Principal*

Dr. Schmidt is starting his eighteenth year in education and his third as the Chief Viking of Harbor View Elementary. This past school year was a big year of accomplishments for Harbor View! Not only did Dr. Schmidt complete his Ed.D. at the University of Southern California (Fight On!), but more importantly, Harbor View was recognized for the third time as a California Distinguished School! Our signature practices that led to

this honor included the growing Response to Instruction (RtI) program that provides students who need it with additional time and support to master key grade level standards while also providing enrichment opportunities for students who have mastered the standard.

Additional signature practices included our growing iPad pilot program (which will be expanding this year to include 1:1 iPads for all students in grades 4-6) and our character education program founded on the immortal Coach John Wooden's Pyramid to Success.

As mentioned, Dr. Schmidt completed his doctorate at USC, his Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at Cal State Long Beach, and his undergraduate degree in history at the University of San Diego.

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

### UCLA, Chapman University



**Dr. Deborah Granger**  
*Principal*

Deborah Granger has served as the principal of Kaiser Elementary School since 2012. She joined Newport-Mesa USD after a multifaceted career in education including previous service as a teacher and administrator at the secondary level as well as extensive experience in the areas of curriculum and instruction while working with the Orange County Department of Education. With her undergraduate degree in history from UCLA and an MA in Educational Leadership from Chapman University, Dr. Granger became her own cross-town rival after completing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at USC in 2009.

Dr. Granger loves the fact that the school year begins at the same time as her birthday. Her office recently was flooded with student-made cards and wishes for a happy year. One favorite card was part of a class banner in which students guessed Dr. Granger's age. Emma is pretty sure her principal turned 23 in September. That's how young Kaiser's students make Dr. Granger feel! Go Knights! We're off to a great start!

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California State University Long Beach



Dr. Lorie Hoggard  
Principal

Lorie Hoggard is proud to begin her fourth year as the principal of Killybrooke School, where the exceptional staff and outstanding families are determined that every child who attends Killybrooke is college bound. She is entering her 26th year in the field of education, having served as teacher assistant, tutor, camp counselor, elementary teacher, early childhood director, and principal.

Dr. Hoggard was born and raised in Long Beach. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, a teaching credential, and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from California State University, Long Beach. After teaching elementary school in both southern and northern California, Dr. Hoggard earned her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. She joined the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD) staff in 1999 as the principal of Sonora Elementary School, which, under her leadership, earned statewide honors as a California Distinguished School and Title I Achieving School. As Director of Early Childhood Education for the district from 2002 through 2011, Dr. Hoggard expanded N-MUSD's early childhood education programs from three to 10 sites and secured

grant funding for N-MUSD early childhood programs. As the principal of Killybrooke School, she is passionate about fostering a school culture that sends a clear message to every child that he or she can and will become prepared for college and be inspired to choose an exciting career path. Killybrooke students continue to achieve at high levels, consistently exceeding statewide expectations in core subject areas. The state has an established target of 800 points on the Academic Performance Index (API) for all schools. Killybrooke's current API score is 867 - a reflection of continued excellence in academic performance. Killybrooke's statewide ranking score increased from 7 of 10 to 8 out of 10 possible points and the Similar Schools Ranking continues to score a 10 out of 10 (comparing Killybrooke to schools with similar student demographics including ethnicity, English Learner status, special education status, socioeconomic status).

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

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Congratulations to Shannon Lucker  
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Word Search Contest

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

### CAL State Fullerton



**Carrie Gammel**  
*Principal*

Carrie Gammel currently serves as principal of Lincoln Elementary School. Ms. Gammel received the Excellent Teacher Award from the California State Senate. Her 12 years of classroom teaching and six years of administrative experience enabled her to work with parents, teachers and the community to create a positive learning environment where every student can excel.

Ms. Gammel implemented a targeted, differentiated math program that was recognized by the California School Recognition Program and resulted in receiving the California Distinguished School Award. In addition to her training as a GATE coordinator and Positive Behavior Intervention and support coach, she designed and implemented core-curricular academic programs integrated with the fine arts and sciences. She coordinated and trained with the GATE department on how to identify, develop and support the intellectual talents of students who are academically advanced. To support this work, Ms. Gammel completed a master's degree in educational leadership from California State University, Fullerton.

Ms. Gammel looks forward to continuing to build a strong partnership with her school family and local community to create a foundation for even greater success at Lincoln Elementary School.

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

### Niagara University, State University of New York



**Kathleen Jaquin**  
*Principal*

I am very excited to start my fourth year as principal of Newport Heights Elementary. Congratulations Sharks! Last year, Newport Heights received the prestigious title and given the award of California Distinguished School. I enjoy being part of the high quality team of teachers, staff and parents. It's a place that values both the academic and social/emotional development of each child.

I love being an educator and my goal is for every student to achieve his or her personal best. Before coming to Newport-Mesa Unified School District, I spent five years in the Ocean View School District where I served as an elementary school principal. Before that, I was an assistant principal in the Torrance Unified School district and an elementary teacher in the Oceanside Unified School District. I have an undergraduate degree in social work from Niagara University and my Masters is in Elementary Education from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

During this time in your child's life, we will work together to develop a positive, productive experience with our school. Your involvement enhances the importance of a shared vision and clear expectations for our children. We believe in "Educating for Success" and are committed to working with our families so that our students can have the best education possible.

Newport Heights is looking forward to an exceptional year!  
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## Newport Coast *Elementary (K-6)*

### UC San Diego, University of La Verne



**Dr. Duane Cox**  
*Principal*

Dr. Duane Cox is thrilled to begin his fifth year at Newport Coast Elementary School (NCE), home of the Coyotes! He shares in the school and community's pride for NCE's accomplishments. NCE was recognized in 2010 and again in 2014 as a California Distinguished School. For 2014, NCE has also been recognized as an Exemplary Arts school. Dr. Cox believes that the NCE staff, parents, and students are truly

distinguished. He feels privileged to serve with a staff that prides itself in their commitment to continuously growing student achievement and a culture of Professional Learning Communities. The parents provide tremendous support to the school, and the students at Newport Coast Elementary absolutely shine!

Dr. Duane Cox earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences at the University of California, at San Diego and his doctorate at the University of La Verne. He has 19 years of experience as an educator. He has had a variety of classroom teaching and leadership opportunities in Orange County schools. While at the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) he served students and school districts throughout Orange County. Prior to his work at OCDE, Dr. Cox served as a principal at Dwyer Middle School and as a classroom teacher in the Huntington Beach City School District for 10 years.

Dr. Cox and his wife Sandy are proud parents of a five year old son, Cameron and a four year old daughter, Kibo Grace. Dr. Cox stated, "I am truly blessed in my work and in my home!"

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## Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

### Northern Illinois University



**Pam Coughlin**  
*Principal*

Pamela Coughlin started her career with Newport-Mesa Unified School District at Wilson Elementary School in 1998. Two years later she transferred to Mariners Elementary School where she has been for fifteen years. During these years she has been instrumental in having Mariners Elementary School receive the California Distinguished School Award in 2006 and 2014 and the National Blue Ribbon award in 2007.

Before coming to Newport-Mesa Unified School District Pam was an assistant principal and principal in Palatine, Illinois for nine years. She earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and administrative certificate at Northern Illinois University.

Pam credits her career success at Mariners Elementary School to the many wonderful teachers, parents, staff, and students who have worked together to provide an outstanding educational environment where all members of the school community feel successful.

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## Newport *Elementary (K-6)*

### Looking Forward to a Great School Year



**Rich Rodriguez**  
*Principal*

Rich Rodriguez is excited to begin his second year as the principal of Newport Elementary School. He has worked in the Newport Mesa district for 17 years. Mr. Rodriguez taught and has been a principal at the elementary and middle school levels. As the principal of Charles W. TeWinkle Intermediate School and Newport Coast Elementary School, he was part of a collaborative team that implemented a targeted and systematic pyramid of interventions and enrichment model.

During his four years, 2006 through 2010, at Newport Coast Elementary School, this model propelled proficiency rates to the 90% level. They also successfully implemented a character education program based on coach John Wooden's pyramid of success. As part of the TeWinkle Middle School team, they were successful in implementing an intensive intervention and enrichment model that met the needs of all students. Also, a successful positive school wide behavior model was implemented which focused on academic and social skills in order to give the students the tools they needed to be successful in high school. During his three years, 2010 through 2013, at TeWinkle Middle School, the school experienced continuous academic growth and for the first time past the 800 mark on the academic performance index benchmark with an API of 813 points in 2012.

Last year the Newport El team successfully implemented a positive behavior model and a character education program based on Coach John Wooden's Pyramid of success. They also implemented a response to intervention and enrichment model to ensure all students receive extra support and enrichment on a daily basis in a systematic way. They are achieving these positive changes because Newport El operates as a professional Learning Community wherein collaboration, planning and data are utilized to create student success. Newport El is looking forward to a great 2014-2015 school year!

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

### Drury College, Cal State Fullerton



**Sean Boulton**  
*Principal*

I was born in Hong Kong and lived there for eight years. Because of the political uncertainty surrounding England's pending handover of its colony to China in 1997 my dad decided to move our family to California in 1980.

My first experience in the United States took place in the third grade, and it was a culture shock. After quickly assimilating, I had great experiences all the way through Hoover High School in Glendale, California.

After graduating, I took a "gap" year and worked for a food processing plant in Shuzoka, Japan, and for a computer chip trading company in Hong Kong.

After working and traveling, I enrolled at Orange Coast College (OCC). It was a great place to begin the college journey, and from there I earned a golf scholarship to Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. My family and friends thought I was nuts but I packed up my car, got a map, and arrived at Drury ready to earn a college degree. I graduated with a degree in history in 1996, and subsequently received a position in the athletic department as a graduate assistant. While working for Drury, studying for a master's degree in English Education, I also taught world history at Kickapoo High School in Springfield. KHS was a wonderful start as there were some wonderful colleagues at the "Home of the Chiefs!"

In 1998, it was back to California to teach English within the Los Angeles Unified School District at McClay Middle School. The challenges at McClay were incredible, the students were determined to make a better life for themselves, and I learned a lot about English language instruction that ultimately turned into a passion because of my own experiences while assimilating to life in America.

After Maclay, it was onto Ensign Intermediate School in Newport Beach. It was during my first year at Ensign Intermediate School, that I started work towards being a school administrator. I earned a second master's degree during the summer of 2002 from Cal State Fullerton. In the fall of 2003, it was onto Estancia High School in Costa Mesa, and for the next three years it was a great home as an assistant principal. From the fall of 2006 to 2008 I was the the assistant principal over guidance and curriculum at Laguna Hills High School, and for the past five years I have served as the schools' principal. Laguna Hills High School will always have a special place in my heart, and the experiences there helped shape my administrative philosophy about the comprehensive high school dynamic and how to maximize the high school journey for ALL students.

As I go into my second year at Newport Harbor High School, my goal is to continue building upon the academic and co-curricular accomplishments that NHHS is known for throughout Southern California. I will contribute as much as possible so NHHS remains one of the best educational institutions in Orange County.

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## Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

### Universities: Michigan State, Eastern Michigan, La Verne



**Dr. Amy Nagy**  
*Principal*

Amy Nagy is beginning her second year as Principal at Paularino and eleventh year in NMUSD. She has worked in the field of education for more than 25 years. Throughout her career, she has been an elementary counselor, a teacher, a curriculum coordinator, and a principal. Dr. Nagy earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, her teaching certificate from the University of Michigan, her master's degree from Eastern

Michigan University, and her doctorate from the University of La Verne. In addition to her role as principal, she is a wife and mother of two college students, Michael, 20 and Nick, 18.

Dr. Nagy shared, "I am honored to serve this amazing community and look forward to another great year! Together with the support of our dedicated staff, enthusiastic students and supportive parents we have plans to build on what we began last year. We are especially proud of the great reading progress and our newly earned membership in the No Excuses University Network. Great things are happening at Paularino and I'm excited to be a part of it!"

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## Pomona *Elementary (K-6)*

### UCLA, Cal State Fullerton



**Megan Elsten Brown**  
*Principal*

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

Megan's career has taken her around the globe as she has served as an elementary and high school teacher both home and abroad, a technology teacher leader and trainer, an ELD and intervention teacher, and family literacy coordinator.

Mrs. Brown has a deep love and appreciation for literature and literacy that she attributes to growing up in a family of educators, receiving a wonderful well-rounded education as a student in N-MUSD, and attending UCLA where she graduated with a degree in English literature. She also holds a bilingual teaching credential, a Masters in multi-cultural education, an administrative services credential, and completed N-MUSD's Leadership Institute. Megan is in her second year at Cal State Fullerton's Ed.D. program where she pursues a doctorate in P-12 educational leadership.

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

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

**Universities: USC's Rossier of Ed., Wisconsin-Madison, CSULB**



**Dr. Kalim Rayburn**  
*Principal*

Dr. Rayburn brings to Rea extensive experience in working with K-12 and higher education students in various public, private and nonprofit educational organizations. Her professional experience is all encompassing in science, technology, engineering and math subjects (STEM), college- and career-readiness, dual-immersion language programs, professional development in line with 21st-century learning initiatives, and online learning and teacher preparation.

In her 2nd year as Principal of Rea Elementary School, Dr. Kalim Rayburn is excited to work with a team committed to providing students at Rea with more opportunities in STEM, VAPA (Visual & Performing Arts) and Leadership. She is excited to continue her work with the Rea faculty and staff who embrace innovative changes that support a learning environment relevant to the culture in which we are expected to prepare our students for college and career readiness. The Rea faculty has placed emphasis on being educators who model a love of learning and positive reinforcement where our students are part of a process that will change the way they think, learn and prepare for their academic journey.

Bilingual in Spanish and English, Dr. Rayburn received her doctoral degree in educational administration at USC's Rossier School of Education; her M.S. in educational leadership and policy analysis, administrative and director of curriculum and instruction licenses at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and her B.A. in human development (with a minor in elementary education) and her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential at CSU Long Beach, where she also received an athletic scholarship to compete on the women's golf team. While not at Rea, you can find Dr. Rayburn doing something active whether it's teeing it up at the golf course, a USC football game, a Long Beach State Men's Basketball game or volunteering for the Long Beach State Athletic Department.

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## Sonora *Elementary (K-6)*

**William Woods College, Arizona State University**



**Christine Anderson**  
*Principal*

For more than 30 years, Christine Anderson has been a passionate educator, excited about being a positive influence in the education of all students! Christine was born in Glendale, California, grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, and spent most of her adult life in the metropolitan Phoenix area. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri for two years and received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Arizona State University. She earned her administrative credential years later from Northern Arizona University.

Christine taught for many years as a primary classroom teacher in Arizona, with the exception of a two year position, as a Curriculum Resource Specialist, with the Santa Ana Unified School District. Before joining the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2002, as the principal of Sonora Elementary School, Christine had been an assistant principal of an alternative high school, principal of a K-8 school, in collaboration with Arizona State University, and principal of the Thomas J. Pappas School for Children of Homeless Families in Phoenix and Tempe, Arizona.

For the past 13 years, Christine has been the principal of Sonora Elementary School in Costa Mesa. Sonora School is one of four "No Excuses University" Schools in Orange County, which promotes college readiness at the elementary level. There are approximately 190 schools across the country in the NEU network of schools. As an NEU School, we believe that all students deserve an education that prepares them for college and the work place ~ and that begins in elementary school! The arts have been a huge part of the culture of Sonora School. The school was part of the ArtsConnect Grant for 7 years where dozens of Master Teaching Artists worked with students at the school each year. During this time, teachers learned how to infuse the arts into their academic curriculum, thus enhancing student learning. Sonora was the first elementary school in Costa Mesa to have an elementary band and Suzuki hand bell choir. Our show choir has performed such musicals as "Annie" and "Little Mermaid." Sonora also has a part-time art teacher who teaches visual arts to all students in grades 1st – 6th. Each student makes at least one ceramic piece during the school year, which gets fired in our own kiln.

Christine feels privileged to be a part of the Sonora School family, where exceptional teachers teach the best students each and every day, and outstanding, involved parents contribute to the success of all students! Sonora students are college bound!

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

### UC Irvine, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, CSULB



**Kira Hurst**  
*Principal*

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

Kira brings a strong multi-cultural background with her to Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She lived twenty-eight years overseas as both a student and later an educator for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Kira attended U.C. Irvine where she earned a Bachelor's degree in History and Spanish. She also attended the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru where she studied South American and Andean History and Politics and Spanish. Finally, Kira earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at Long Beach State University. Kira has two sons, Kyle and Ryan and has lived the past twelve years in Costa Mesa.

Since arriving at TeWinkle, Kira has focused on supporting the teachers in their implementation of Common Core Standards and instructional strategies, expanding the athletic experience for the TeWinkle Students, raising school spirit through the addition of murals, supporting the new TeWinkle Cheer Squad, encouraging a more active ASB role in student spirit and including the surrounding community in school activities.

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## Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

### CSULB, Point Loma Nazarene University, USC



**Dr. Aaron Peralta**  
*Principal*

Dr. Aaron Peralta will begin his seventh year as a principal. This year marks his first year as principal at Victoria Elementary. In his 17 years of service in the field of education, Dr. Peralta has served as a middle school English and history teacher, a high school history teacher and wrestling coach, and administrative positions which include middle school and high school vice principalships. Dr. Peralta

earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach, his Master's Degree from Point Loma Nazarene University in Educational Leadership, and his Educational Doctorate from the University of Southern California.

He is proud to work with a staff whose core values include the social and academic well being for every student. At Victoria Elementary we are committed to providing our students with the tools to succeed in secondary education while developing the whole child to produce productive, servant leaders in our community.

Our staff and parent leaders began the new school year with a morning of activities to define our year as one of 'Community and Commitment'. Our commitment to honor the traditions of the past and charter the future at Victoria remain a top priority as the school celebrates 50 Years of Excellence. We look forward to working with you as a school community to maintain the highest levels of student achievement, campus pride and customer service. Welcome to what is sure to be a great school year!

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## Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

### UC Santa Barbara, UCI, University of La Verne



**Lauren Medve**  
*Principal*

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

was honored to join the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2003.

Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara and her Standard Elementary Teaching Credential from the University of California, Irvine. While raising her three children, Lauren

went on to receive her Masters in School Management and Administrative Credential from the University of La Verne. Lauren is pleased to continue as principal at Woodland Elementary with its exceptional students, dedicated staff and supportive parents.

Mrs. Medve and her husband, Ron, have made Mission Viejo their home since becoming educators in the public school system. Their three children attended Capistrano Unified School District and all reside locally keeping the family close by for family gatherings. Their oldest son recently married and is living in the Temecula area. Their middle son is recently engaged and their daughter just began her multiple subjects teaching credential through UCI and is currently doing her student teaching in the Capistrano Unified School District.

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## Wilson Elementary (K-6)

### Gonzaga University



**Dr. Julie Perron**  
Principal

This is Julie Perron's 25th year as an educator, and her fifth year as Wilson Elementary's Principal. She began her career with Long Beach Unified School District as a bilingual elementary school teacher. She then moved to Washington state to attend graduate school at Gonzaga University, where she received her MA and her PhD. While working on her doctorate, she taught ELD at the high school level, before becoming

an elementary school principal in Forest Grove, Oregon and then Spokane, WA. Returning to Southern California is returning to her roots. Julie spends her free time enjoying her family, attending all three of her children's sporting events, playing guitar and traveling. She also enjoys spending time with her 99 pound Yellow Labrador Retriever, Rudy (he's lost five pounds since coming to California). She is excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve the families and community of Wilson Elementary, a place where great things are happening.

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## Whittier Elementary (K-6)

### Cederville College, Cal State Fullerton, CSULB



**Scott Wilcox**  
Principal

Mr. Scott Wilcox is beginning his second year at Whittier Elementary School. The principal reports that he loves being at Whittier with dedicated, caring and knowledgeable teachers and staff.

Mr. Wilcox has been in education for over 25 years. He decided to go into the field in order to make a difference in people's lives. He graduated from Cedarville College, and received his teaching credential from

California State University, Fullerton. He later received his M.A. and administrative credential from California State University, Long Beach.

Mr. Wilcox has taught both elementary and middle school students, and has been a principal at three different schools. He is also bilingual in Spanish and English, and enjoys using this ability to engage the Whittier community. He says that Whittier "parents are the best". They care deeply about family and have great expectations for their children.

Mr. Wilcox loves working directly with the students and teachers. When asked about his favorite thing in the field of education, he replied that it was "seeing the light of knowledge come on in a child's face."

In 2014-15 Whittier will be working on a new Dual Immersion program (Spanish/English) the program will begin in the fall of 2015 with kindergarten. The principal taught sixth grade in a dual immersion program and knows the benefits this type of program can offer students. Mr. Wilcox reports that Whittier has already hired a kindergarten teacher and he is very excited to offer this program to our community.

Along with focusing on transitioning to the Common Core Mr. Wilcox said that Whittier will continue to work on building partnerships with the community. St. Andrew's Church of Newport Beach began partnering with Whittier in the spring of 2014. The Principal said, "St. Andrew's has been absolutely phenomenal in their support of Whittier Elementary School". On a recent Saturday morning St. Andrews painted murals, planted vegetation and repainted areas, which needed touch up. Mr. Wilcox believes that it really does "take a village to raise a child" and is thankful for the community support.

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


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Try some fall crafting books: *Super Simple Leaf Projects* by Kelly Doudna shows you how to press and preserve leaves, and make nature-inspired crafts with them.

*Step-by-Step Crafts for Fall* by Kathy Ross provides instructions on simple seasonal crafts, toys, and decorations you can make for a variety of fall holidays.

*Paper Crafts for Halloween* by Randel McGee provides instructions and patterns for eight spooky paper projects, including black cats and flying bats.

*Creating Thanksgiving Crafts* by Dana Meachen Rau shows how to make a cornhusk doll and more, with instructions for crafts and games perfect for a Thanksgiving celebration.

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### Central Library Events

SPOOKtacular Crafts on Thursday, October 23 at 4p.m. Have a ghoulish afternoon at the library creating Halloween inspired crafts.

Drop-In Crafts are held on the first Saturday of the month from 12–3 p.m. The next two are November 1 and December 6. Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun.

Frozen Party on Tuesday, November 4 at 4 p.m. We'll make magical crafts and activities based on Disney's Frozen. Register online beginning two weeks prior to event.

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Lego "Block" Party every Monday afternoon at 3 p.m.

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Ghostly Crafts on Wednesday, October 29 at 3 p.m.

Join in the fun as we create haunted crafts.

Gobble-up Crafts on Wednesday, November 19 at 3 p.m.

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## Nutrition Services

### Iowa State, University of Phoenix



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

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

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

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

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

When not working, Dale enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle of golf, tennis, Disneyland, reading and listening to music.

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## District Transportation

### Publisher, Speaker, Honoree



**Pete Meslin**  
*Director*

Pete Meslin has been in the school transportation field for more than 30 years. For the last 10 he's been NMUSD's Director of Transportation. Pete is a sought after presenter at national, regional, and state conferences on topics including management, leadership, and special education transportation best practices. He is also a member of several national standards committees, advisory, and editorial boards.

He has published numerous articles in school transportation, special education, and school business journals. He also has published the California State Guide for transporting students with disabilities.

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

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## School Health Services

### UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, St. Mary's College in LA



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

Merry has been with the Newport Mesa Unified School District since 1989 and has enjoyed many wonderful years in the district. Merry earned her Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley, Family Nurse Practitioner from UC Irvine, and School Nurse Credential from California State University Sacramento.

She began in the District as a school nurse and is currently the Health Services Coordinator in the Division of Student Support Services. Merry's public health background has provided a strong foundation for her role in school health. She has been recognized locally and nationally for her contributions to school nursing. With a solid 25 years in the district, Merry has enjoyed the privilege of watching students grow and develop into young adults. As the leader of the District Health Services team, Merry's priority is to ensure students receive high quality health services at school and that students are healthy, enthusiastic learners. Merry is looking forward to the 2014-2015 school year and supporting student health.

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## English Language Learners

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**Karen Kendall**  
*Director*

Karen Kendall is the Director of English Learner Programs for Newport-Mesa Unified School District. She is responsible for curriculum development, program implementation, compliance monitoring, and on-going support to thirty-four K-12 schools serving approximately 5,000 English Learners. Her responsibilities include overseeing the district's Language Assessment Center as well as the School Community Facilitators.

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

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

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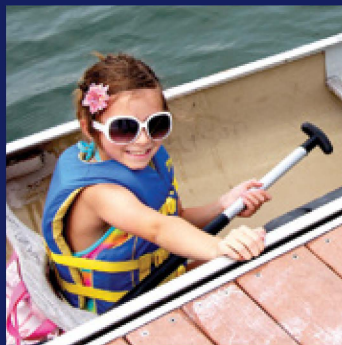
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