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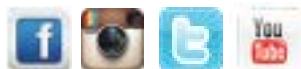
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New Elementary Instructional Materials Adopted



Dr. Fred Navarro

Through a collaborative instructional materials adoption process during the 2016–2017 school year, kindergarten through sixth-grade teachers, along with site and district leadership, have identified two new sets of instructional materials for students to begin using in 2017–2018.

Kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms will begin using Bridges in Mathematics by Math Learning Center as core math instructional materials. Kindergarten through sixth grade will begin using Reading Wonders by McGraw Hill as core English Language Arts (ELA)/English Language Development (ELD) instructional materials.

The comprehensive, eight-month, teacher-driven process that was followed to identify the best math and ELA/ELD core instructional materials for Newport-Mesa students involved research, standards alignment analysis, use, evaluation, and student and community feedback of select sets of instructional materials. Ultimately, through a consensus process, the adoption committee identified Bridges and Wonders as the best sets of material to support instruction and student learning in Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD).

During the summer, more than 75 percent of elementary teachers participated in various training opportunities to familiarize themselves with the new instructional material and approaches to best implement

the material. Instructional materials are just one piece of a comprehensive curriculum program, and our new materials will serve as a support for effective instruction in kindergarten through sixth-grade classrooms. While the training sessions provided teachers with invaluable information and support, the instructional focus remains on efforts to support high levels of achievement for all kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

The instructional materials adoption process will begin in the 2017–2018 school year for new mathematics instructional materials for grades six through 12. A recommendation is expected for Board approval in spring 2018. The process will be similar to the elementary math and ELA/ELD adoptions.





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Creating and Maintaining Modern Facilities

By Karen Yelsey, President

At Newport-Mesa we have a strong commitment to ensure that our students are well educated in modern facilities that meet the changing needs of our students. We have multiple facility projects that are currently in planning, design or construction phase. Samples of some of the projects that you can look forward are noted below.



Corona del Mar (CdM) High School:

- **Learning Resource Center (LRC)** - Construction on the conversion of the school library into a modern LRC began this past summer. The LRC includes computers and more open space to foster student collaboration.
- **Sports Field** – This project is currently in the planning phase and includes options for a one or two field alternative. Please view the CdM Field Project Fact Sheet to learn more.

Estancia High School:

- **Aquatic Facilities** - Installation of a 50 meter pool is expected to begin in fall 2017 and be completed by summer 2018.
- **Classrooms Storefront** – Construction to replace classroom entry gates with storefront glass systems was completed this past summer.

Newport Harbor High School

- **Davidson Field** – Reconstruction of Davidson field was completed in June 2017. Upgrades included new artificial field, track, and concessions building, as well as upgrades to the existing bleachers and press box.

Ensign Intermediate School

- **Gymnasium Repairs** – As a result of a fire from fall 2016, planning for the repairs to the gymnasium are currently in progress. Repairs and upgrades are expected to include a rebuilt girls locker room, reconfigured lockers and path of travel, upgraded restrooms, installation of a projector, screen and repainting the interior gym.

District wide Air Conditioning Projects -

The district continues its phase-in plan to install air conditioning in classrooms, starting with those most inland. It is anticipated that heating, ventilation and air conditioning will be installed at Davis, College Park, Wilson, Kaiser, Woodland and Pomona elementary schools in summer of 2018.

To learn more about these and other projects, please visit the Current Projects Website.

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This is our 14th year publishing the excellence from the NMUSD. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Everyone is a stakeholder in public education and the advances in education never cease to amaze. On page 3 Superintendent Dr. Navarro writes about the programs Bridges in Mathematics and Reading Wonders. It is an exciting time to be a student as new and impressive programs are introduced in the classrooms.

In this issue you will read about technology as learning tools, the importance of literacy, creating a positive campus culture, the choir program comeback, chromebooks, the Lyceum Academy and so much more...enjoy and welcome back to another exciting school year.

Our next issue is Dec 6. In the meantime, have a Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

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City of Costa Mesa



Katrina Foley
Mayor

Improvements to Our Schools

My entire career in public service has been a commitment to our entire community -- residents, business owners and merchants and of course our schools who serve the young children who are destined to be our future.

Now that I'm fortunate to be the mayor of this great city, I am happy to report my fellow council members agree with me. We recently agreed to provide \$225,000 to all 12 of the Costa Mesa elementary schools to help with school improvements.

This money can be used to for musical instruments that will also be available for city sponsored camps and after school programs, to re-slurry and restripe basketball courts, make exterior improvements to handball courts, auditoriums and sound systems and help the schools with traffic management issues.

In addition to this, the city and the Newport Mesa Unified School District are partnering to provide lighting and general field improvements at Kaiser and Davis elementary schools.

I am proud of the commitment to public schools by my city colleagues and look forward to seeing these dollars go to making the education experience better for our local elementary school children, teachers and parents.

City of Newport Beach



Kevin Muldoon
Mayor

Youth Council

The start of the new school year brought the start of the 2017-2018 City of Newport Beach Mayor's Youth Council. The Mayor's Youth Council is comprised of approximately 40-50 Newport Beach high school students who have an interest in local government and community service. The teens meet monthly from September through May and participate in Youth & Government Day at City Hall, and community service projects and special events throughout the school year.

This year's Youth Council members have the option to participate in a new internship program called the Council of Youth Ambassadors that was created by two of their peers. The Ambassadors program will afford mentoring and leadership development opportunities for students interested in politics or careers in local government. It will also provide a forum where students can voice their ideas regarding the functioning of city government and current issues concerning the city.

I'm looking forward to seeing all that these students accomplish this year and am confident many of them will go on to be government and community leaders. For more information, please contact Amanda Mahaffey of our Recreation & Senior Services Department at amahaffey@newportbeachca.gov or 949-644-3161.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue



Dan Stefano
Fire Chief

Plan for Emergencies

Emergencies don't plan ahead, but you can! With the 2017-18 school year well underway, the time is now to make sure you are prepared for any emergency.

Whether at home or at school, preparing for an emergency should not fall on your shoulders alone; it should be a team endeavor. Young children and teens alike need to be part of the process — for their

own safety, security and sense of empowerment.

- Work together to build an emergency kit.
- Sit down as a family (or class) to talk about your emergency plan.
- Role-play what you would do during an emergency; small or large.
- Hold regular fire, earthquake, and emergency drills in your home and in the classroom.

Being prepared for an emergency is not just about staying safe during the incident, but it is also about being prepared for what follows.

That's why it is extremely important for families to build and maintain an emergency kit before an emergency strikes. There should be enough food, water, clothing and supplies to last for at least 72 hours. For more information <http://www.readyoc.org/>

Newport Beach Fire Department



Jeff Boyles
Assistant Fire Chief

Are You Prepared for a Disaster

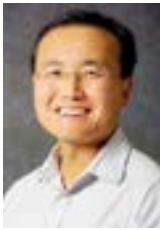
With Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the news, both serve as an important reminder that every family needs to be prepared for any disaster. In the Newport-Mesa school district, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, fires, and terrorism threats are some examples of unexpected disasters that can result in catastrophic loss of both people and property. Although we cannot predict when disasters will occur, we can be prepared. All Newport-Mesa school district families are encouraged to prepare for any emergency and to join the district and the cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa as "Partners in Preparedness."

As "Partners in Preparedness," residents need to have a disaster preparedness kit with enough food, water, medical supplies and more to keep your families safe for a minimum of 3 days. For more information on disaster preparedness in Orange County, visit www.readyoc.org. The fire departments in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa both run award-winning Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs that are open to all students and families in the Newport-Mesa School District. For information on the CERT program, please visit www.nbcert.org.

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Acing the Back-to-School Wellness Exam



Kenneth Kim, M.D.

*Medical Director,
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With school starting again, there is likely a lot going on in your family. One thing you don't want to forget: your child's annual wellness exam.

Regular check-ups can help your child stay healthy year-round. One important component is making sure your children are up-to-date on their vaccines. Immunizations are safe and effective, and offer protection from 16 potentially serious conditions. When parents immunize their children, they also help protect other people who cannot be immunized due to a weak immune system, such as infants, older adults and those on chemotherapy.

The annual back-to-school wellness exam is also the perfect opportunity to ask the doctor questions you may have about your child's health, including:

- Are there any vaccines my child may need for this visit or in the future?
- What are the available, recommended immunizations?
- Are there any physical or emotional signs I should monitor in my child?
- Is my child's BMI and weight appropriate for his/her age?

During a comprehensive exam, your physician will do more than simply update your child's vaccines; he will also perform a head-to-toe physical examination of the child that includes:

- Listening to the heart and lungs;
- Examining the back for any curvature of the spine or other abnormalities;
- Checking blood pressure and vision; and
- Evaluating your child's overall growth and development.

Depending on the results of the physical exam, your doctor may order tests to assess your child's risk for anemia, high cholesterol, tuberculosis or other conditions.



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Gabriel DelReal
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Bridges and Wonders

Adams Elementary School kicks off the school year excited about implementing our two new educational programs, Bridges and Wonders. Bridges in Mathematics is a comprehensive K-5 curriculum that builds students' knowledge and confidence in math. It utilizes direct instruction, structured activities, and open exploration. Students will participate in Number Corner lessons,

Teacher-led lessons, and Workplaces to build math concepts. Wonders is a comprehensive English Language Arts (ELA) program designed to prepare all learners for college and career in the 21st century. The Wonders program builds all ELA skills through interesting, engaging literature, powerful writing instruction, and foundational skills. Both Bridges and Wonders provide opportunities for students to engage in collaborative conversations to increase their understanding and engagement.



Adams Elementary School's 2nd graders creating "number rack" models to use for basic addition and subtraction fact lessons.

Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Marc Trocchio
Principal

I've Got Your Back

In early October, all of our students at Back Bay High School attended a mandatory assembly where guest speaker Mark Munoz spoke about bullying and shared his own personal stories. Mark is a former professional UFC and MMA star, and he spoke about his experience with bullies and the effect they had on his life.

During the assembly, Munoz shared a story about how bullying led him on the path to success. During this assembly the students also learned how

160,000 children are bullied every day, and that bullying leads its victims to self-harm, bullying other people themselves, eating disorders, or even suicide.

We were excited to make a statement about bullying early this school year, and hope to empower our students to collectively hold their peers accountable for establishing a positive school culture.

Twenty students at Back Bay were also trained as "I've Got Your Back Ambassadors" in late September, and will be known as our Bulldog Ambassadors of Change. They will advocate for anti-bullying and bring attention to the harsh reality of its effects.

California *Elementary (K-6)*

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Jacob Topete
Principal

Proud to Be a California Cougar

Heading into the 2017-2018 school year there are so many incredible things happening at California Elementary. Our students continue to impress me with the incredible learning they engage in each and every day. California continues to improve on state testing results which is the result of the hard work of our staff and students.

The California community through our amazing PTA and Foundation continue to provide incredible opportunities to support our vision of academic excellence through technology and the arts. Our Beginning and Advanced Bands continue to impress as they perform throughout the community, and our JV and Varsity Show Choirs put on incredible performances. I am so proud to be a California Cougar and I am looking forward to a fantastic 2017-2018 school year, GO COUGARS!

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

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Dr. Shannon Bray
Principal

PBIS at Andersen

Andersen Elementary staff has a mindset of always working to continually improve upon student learning and safety. We are in our 4th year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

PBIS is research-based program that clearly defines positive behavior expectations with an emphasis for catching students doing the right thing. One of the many ways students are recognized for appropriate behavior is with PRIDE Awards and Buddy Not Bully Awards at Flag Deck every Friday. In addition, every Friday students reaffirm their commitment by stating in unison the Andersen Pledge, "Pledge to be responsible, Respectful, Individuals of Integrity, Demonstrating readiness, Every day!"

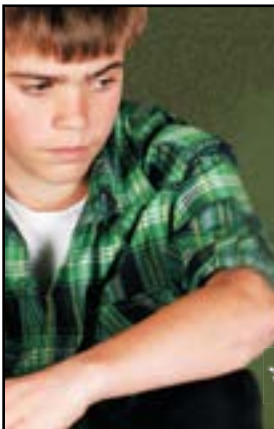


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College Park *Elementary (K-6)*

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Rich Rodriguez
Principal

Positive Campus Culture

College Park Elementary School kicked off the first day of school with an enthusiastic, red carpet welcome for our students and community. The teachers and staff greeted our students and families with cheers, high fives,

hugs and waving pom-poms! It was energizing and motivating, the best way to begin the first day of school. College Park Elementary School continues to be associated with the No Excuses University model. This model creates a positive campus culture of excellence in academics and culture. We are driven by our purpose, every child is college bound. Each classroom represents a four year university.

Our students learn about their sponsored university as they learn academic skills and behaviors to be a successful college student.



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

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Dr. Rebecca Gogel
Principal
7-8 Grade



Kathy Scott
Principal
9-12 Grade

CDM Kings Krew

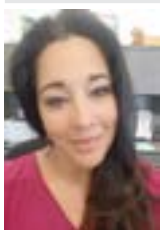
The start of the school year means the return of school spirit. This year's Battle of The Bay football game was as exciting in the stands as it was on the field. CDM ASB relaunched

our campus spirit club the "Kings Krew." Under the leadership of ASB and advising from staff members, Kevin McCaffery and Michael Dobyns. The energy our fans showed was amazing. The student body was united in blue Kings Krew shirts. The efforts of our student body did not go unnoticed. CDM Kings Krew won the Orange County Spirit Club of the week award and 2nd place in the Southern California Spirit Club competition. Halftime also included great performances from CDM Cheer, Sparkle, band and drumline.



Costa Mesa High School (7-12)

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Jennifer Padilla
Principal
7-8 Grade



Jacob Haley
Principal
9-12 Grade

The MESA Way

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MESA Way Inspirational "Staffulty": Bob Servin (Physical Education), Janice Duzey (Guidance), Jesse Richards (Special Education), and Jean Shanley (Special Education) share their "Why" and select a colleague to share theirs next.

Eastbluff Elementary (K-6)

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Students Use Technology As Learning Tools

We are off to a great school year at Eastbluff Elementary School! Our EDADs Foundation has greatly assisted with generous donations of technology to assist Eastbluff in learning. Each classroom has a cluster of iPads to use in center rotations and small groups to research and reinforce skills taught. Over the past three years we have begun to purchase Chromebooks. Students utilize Google Docs and their Google Drive account to research, create student work, and share with their teacher for editing. We are excited to sustain our 6th grade 1:1 take home Chromebook program again this year. We have now added in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms a 1:1 in classroom Chromebook program. It is so exciting to walk through the classrooms and see the integration of technology with instruction and learning! Thank you again to our EDADs for the Chromebook donations!



Davis Magnet (K-6)

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Christy Flores
Principal

Off to a Wonderful Start

*By Mary Manos,
Interim Principal*

As Interim Principal, it has been my extreme pleasure to work with such a dedicated staff, very supportive parents, and eager to learn students.

Parents, students and teachers come together at our daily Flag Deck to share morning news and activities, birthdays, flag salute and patriotic songs. We started our first day of school, with an awesome Flag Deck, highlighted by the appearance of the Anaheim Ducks Mascot, Wild Wing. He joined the excited students and staff in song, and fun, and was able to visit many classes as well.

Our Back to School night was very well attended, and again we emphasized the role of parents and teachers as partners in their student's education. We are off to a fabulous 2017-2018 school year.



Horace Ensign Intermediate (7-8)

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Michael Sciacca
Principal

1:1 Chromebooks for 7th Graders

On September 15th, every 7th grade student was issued their very own Chromebook device to utilize for their entire stay at Ensign. These Chromebooks will be used in classrooms

to enhance and supplement the already-amazing teaching taking place in classrooms. Students and teachers will use this increased access to technology to dive even deeper into curriculum and skill development. Google Classroom will be used to increase cross-curricular writing in all subjects and will be a tool to facilitate timely, actionable, meaningful feedback to all students. Digital peer editing, targeted teacher feedback and adaptive assessments will all be streamlined through our 1:1 Chromebook access. Exciting times at Ensign!



Early College *High School (9-12)*

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**Dr. David
Martinez**
Principal

Off and Running

Early College High School had a great ribbon cutting ceremony on the first day of school to commemorate the extensive modernization and landscape work that has been done at our campus over the past two years. We are very appreciative that the entire board of education was also in attendance that morning to help kick off our 2017–2018 school year.

ECHS is excited to be offering 18 on-campus college courses this year through Coastline Community College.

New courses have been added, with none removed from last year. This year we are thrilled to be adding Counseling 104, CyberPatriot 091, Mathematics 120/170, and Mathematics 160. Students will have the ability to earn both high school and college credits in these courses, along with the other college courses taught here at ECHS.

Finally, ECHS is proud to announce that we will be holding a Financial Literacy Seminar Series at our school on four different Saturdays beginning on October 7 in our MPR. The series is designed to help parents and students learn more about financial planning for college.

Estancia *High School*

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Michael Halt
Principal

Estancia Lyceum Academy

The first cohort of the Estancia Lyceum Academy started off their school year with a three-day “Miniversity” in which students

learned study skills and strategies for success in high school. The Lyceum Academy is a specialized program offered at Estancia High School for students interested in pursuing academic research interests and focusing on areas of passion during high school. Lyceum scholars will receive specialized guidance and support services as they progress through advanced coursework with a small group of peers. Each student brings unique interests and talents to the team. The rigorous courses, guidance and supports services, and research opportunities will prepare students for admission and success at the most elite universities.



Harbor View *Elementary* (K-6)

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Dr. Todd Schmidt
Principal

Everyone Coming Together

Through generous donations of both funding and time from our parent community, Harbor View was able to revamp and modernize its computer lab and library.

Known as the Innovation Lab (or iLab for short), this is meant to be a place for students to create, make, explore, and invent. Combining hi-tech, lo-tech, and no-tech options, our students will have the chance to complete activities during the school day (as well as before and after class) and through planned Family/Community Nights.

We were fortunate enough to have Dr. Joe Mazza come in from Philadelphia to lead our community in three days of focus groups and hands-on activities meant to lay the foundation for the purpose, mission, and vision of our Innovation Lab!



Abraham Lincoln *Elementary* (K-6)

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Carrie Gammel
Principal

Lincoln ROARS

Lincoln Elementary School's Respect others, Own your actions, Always try your best, Ready to learn, and Show empathy (ROARS) program helps our students develop a growth mindset with their learning and behavior.

Our staff is focused and committed to ensuring our school culture is positive, friendly, and safe. The Lincoln community is part of the design and implementation of our ROARS program. By encouraging our Lincoln Leopards to embrace these important life skills, we are helping them build stronger relationships with others, enhance problem-solving skills, and a greater well-being through life. We recognize our students for showing ROARS behavior throughout the school. Our efforts to celebrate positive character development are making a difference every day at Lincoln!



Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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Dr. Deborah Granger
Principal

Kaiser's "All In!"

Kaiser teachers and staff sprinted out of the proverbial starting blocks on September 5th! Summertime trainings allowed us to be ready from the start with our brand-new language arts and math programs. Kaiser's phenomenal veteran staff members welcomed eight new members this fall: Avery Williams (Special Day Class teacher), Brian Mena (5th grade teacher), Elizabeth

Purcell (special education teacher), Jeff Williams (PE teacher), Stephanie Lopez (special education aide), Carey Palencia (independence facilitator), Elsa Onstott (noon duty supervisor), and Karissa Somers (occupational therapist). This year's motto is "All In!" We see it around us constantly with families, teachers, and staff members taking on big tasks and quietly committing acts of kindness that support everyone on campus. We look forward to a fantastic year!



Kaiser's "All In" for a phenomenal year!

Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

A Caring Environment

When someone asks what makes Killybrooke an amazing school, we share our Killybrooke School "Points of Pride!"

We provide a challenging academic program taught by an outstanding teaching staff. Killybrooke in fact was honored as a 2016 Gold Ribbon School, and earned the Title I Academic Achievement Award. We are also a part of the "No Excuses University

Network" promoting a college-bound school culture. We have earned Honor Roll status from the California Business for Education Excellence six times since 2010.

Killybrooke is also a safe, caring, and motivating

environment for students. As such, we were honored with a Silver Medal from the PBIS Coalition for our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports system.

Some of the programs we offer our students include 1:1 Chromebooks for the second- through sixth-grade students; a Science Lab with credentialed science specialists; Hands-On Robotics Club; music and art programs; a wide array of after-school programs (academics, enrichment, recreation, sports); full-day kindergarten program; and a high-quality preschool.

Killybrooke School is a renovated facility surrounded by a beautiful park-like setting located in the Halecrest neighborhood. We are proud to be Killybrooke Colts, preparing the next generation to lead and succeed!

Mariners *Elementary* (K-6)

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



**Matthew
Broesamle**
Principal

A Great Start

Mariners Elementary School had a great opening to the school year. We look forward to a fantastic year as we build upon the success of the previous one.

One of the successful programs that we started last year was PBIS, which brought a much needed positive reinforcement program to our students that would recognize their outstanding efforts and achievements in all aspects of school. We are also excited about the Chromebook program rolling out to the Newport

Harbor zone. Students in all grades will have access to these devices on a daily basis. We believe that this will positively impact our students' educational experience because they will have more access to online resources and Google apps for education.

Our first community event of the year is traditionally Back to School Night. This year's event was a great success, with several hundred families attending to learn about their child's upcoming school year. We also provided families the opportunity to learn more about our school by offering a Mariners School Expo featuring our PTA, Foundation, music department, Beyond the Bell opportunities, and much more.

Newport Harbor *High School* (9-12)

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



Sean Boulton
Principal

Comeback Program!

For the first time in over 35 years, Newport Harbor High School's choir program is making a comeback! Our growing program has emerged with four choir groups this year, which doubled our numbers from last year, and gives us four times more students from the year before.

The program is centered on revitalizing and promoting quality choral music throughout the Newport Beach community. Help support the students as they prepare for their New York City – Carnegie Hall tour by coming to their Fall Concert on Wednesday, October 18 at 7 PM. All proceeds go directly to student scholarships for the trip. Tickets available at the box office. Questions? E-mail -jledon@nmusd.us”



Newport Elementary (K-6)

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



Amanda Estrada
Principal

Off to a Great Start

I am so honored to be the new principal at Newport Elementary! The students, faculty and parents have been incredibly warm and welcoming. The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start!

This year brings new curriculum and opportunities for our students. *Wonders* and *Bridges* are our newly adopted district-wide Language Arts and Math curricula. Teachers are excited to be implementing these rigorous, comprehensive programs. And, students are loving the hands-on approach to math and incorporation of technology. This photo shows Mrs. Rios and her students engaged in a close reading exercise using their *Wonders* books and 1 to 1 technology



provided by our generous Newport El Foundation. We all are looking forward to a successful year of learning and growing for our students!

Newport Coast Elementary (K-6)

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



Julie McCormick
Principal

Can't Stop NCE

The Newport Coast Elementary community is gearing up for what is sure to be another wildly successful Jog-a-Thon. This year's theme, Can't Stop NCE, was launched at a morning flag deck complete with music, dancing, crazy hair and a visit from the Newport Coast mascot, Charlie the Coyote.

Students received inspiration from Jog-a-thon parent volunteers as well as their teachers, and they learned they will have an opportunity to join the running club to make sure they are in tiptop shape for the big day. The NCE Catch a Coyote Jog-a-Thon is our largest fundraiser, and our students and families look forward to it each year. Enthusiasm is certainly building as we inch closer to our 7th annual Jog-a-Thon event.



Newport Heights *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Somer Harding
Principal

Shark P.R.I.D.E.!

This school year our Newport Heights students are showing their Shark P.R.I.D.E. everywhere, every day. Students are Polite, Responsible, Independent, Determined, and Engaged. As a school community we are focusing on one of these

Shark P.R.I.D.E. attributes every month and celebrating students for showing their Shark P.R.I.D.E. in big and small ways, from saying good morning to our office staff to helping keep our campus clean by throwing their trash away to making the choice every day to work hard in the classrooms. Students can be recognized with Shark P.R.I.D.E. slips, certificates at monthly awards assemblies, or a simple smile and thank you from a staff member or friend. Encouraging Shark P.R.I.D.E. today at school and at home can lead to personal pride tomorrow in the community.



Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Dr. Amy Nagy
Principal

We're Off to a Great Start!

We are off to a great start at Paularino thanks to wonderful community support, an awesome PTA, outstanding students, and our fantastic staff!

With a new curriculum in both math and reading, staff began preparing this summer. Teachers participated in three days of training in the new curricula. In addition, during the week prior to students starting, they worked with grade level teams to continue their learning and apply what they had learned to preparing lessons and setting up their classrooms. By the time parents arrived for Back to School Night on September 13, classrooms looked like students had been in session for months! Both staff and students are enjoying the new curricula. It's going to be an AMAZING year!



The staff takes time for a fun team building activity during summer professional development and planning days.

Pomona *Elementary (K-6)*

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



**Megan
Elsten Brown**
Principal

The Importance of Literacy

One of Pomona's collective core values is the importance of highly effective literacy instruction. We agree with Nancy Frey and Doug Fisher, national literacy experts, as to the following reasons why effective literacy instruction is paramount:

1. Literacy is among the major antidotes for poverty.
2. Literacy makes your life better.
3. Literate people have more choices in their work and personal lives, leading to greater freedom.

4. Literacy is great at teaching you how to think successively -- that is, making meaning one step at a time to then build a story.

5. Literacy soon becomes the currency of other learning.

In order to inspire our students to love reading and apply the literacy skills we work so hard to develop, Pomona Elementary spent the summer and early fall remodeling our library. What used to be a small, cramped space is now twice the size and full of colorful walls, comfortable seating, and twice the amount of books. Pomona thanks N-MUSD, our school library media tech, and all who helped bring the gift of literacy to Pomona students!

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

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



Dr. Duane Cox
Principal

Welcome to Our School!

Dr. Duane Cox is thrilled to begin his first year at Rea Elementary School, home of the Rea Sharks! He shares in the school and community's pride in our AVID program and our commitment to prepare all students for college and a global society. He feels privileged to serve with a staff that prides itself in collaboration and a commitment to each child learning at high levels. The

parents provide tremendous support to the school, and the students at Rea absolutely shine!

Dr. Cox has 21 years of experience as an educator. He

has had a variety of classroom teaching and leadership opportunities in Orange County Schools. For the past seven years, Dr. Cox was principal at Newport Coast Elementary. 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 ten year old son, Cameron and a seven year old daughter, Kibo Grace. Dr. Cox stated, "I am truly blessed in my work and in my home!"

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Victoria Elementary (K-6)

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Dr. Aaron Peralta
Principal

Off to a Great Start

The start of a new year is an exciting time. It provides a unique opportunity to observe enthusiasm from students as they make new friends and focus on learning challenging curriculum, the excitement of our staff at delivering engaging materials and lessons, the parents' joy at seeing their children off to an academic environment that will help to positively shape their future. This year, our team has undergone some changes, our student body has grown, and we're working to implement new curriculum. Through all of this we have renewed our commitment to who we are with our theme, "We are Victoria!" We're proud to be Voyagers – Soaring Above!



Whittier Elementary (K-6)

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



Scott Wilcox
Principal

Whittier Helps Whittier

Did you know that there is another Whittier Elementary School? It's located in Houston in the state of Texas. Many of the students and families

of the Houston School were victims of the recent flooding. As a result, these students and their school lost a lot of supplies. Our Whittier School here in Costa Mesa, with the help of the Whittier PTA, collected school supplies for our "sister school." We were able to send about 30 boxes of notebooks, pencils, erasers, and other supplies that will help our

friends in Houston have a better start to their school year. Our students are not only learning academics, they are learning the satisfaction that comes from helping others.



Wilson *Elementary (K-6)*

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



Mia King
Principal

Off to a Great Start

We are off to a wonderful start at Wilson Elementary! To kick off the new 2017-2018 school year, we introduced our new mural to our students. The students were filled with excitement and had big smiles at some of the improvements we have been making on our campus. Our scholars have been doing a wonderful job showing their Wilson Wildcat pride by wearing their school spirit wear and demonstrating R.O.A.R.S. This represents the Wilson PBIS motto that students show Respect, Ownership, Attitude, Responsibility, and Safety. We have all been working together to make our campus a place where students love learning and care for one another.



Woodland *Elementary (K-2)*

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



Tiffany Lewis
Principal

Striving to be Our Best

Miss Lewis is proud to be entering her third year at Woodland Elementary School, home of the Dragons! She has made Woodland Elementary an exciting place to be, as it is a school which is always looking for new ways to improve the instruction for each of its fabulous students.

Miss Lewis' goal is to challenge every student to grow and surpass their potential, and in an environment which will harness every effort to achieve academic excellence and foster collaboration and creativity. Woodland addresses its students' social and emotional needs as well as their academics.

Miss Lewis feels privileged to have the opportunity to work with a committed staff, supportive families, and motivated and engaging students.



Nutrition Services

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

Discovering School Meals Again

Have you seen our school menus lately? You might be surprised to learn about Nutrition Services' commitment to provide healthy meals.

Here are three, "Did You Know" facts about our school meals.

1. Did you know that we serve brown rice instead of white rice? Whole grains provide an array of nutrients such as B vitamins and fiber. B vitamins are required to produce energy, and fiber helps to remove waste materials from the body.

2. Did you know that our pasta, tortillas, breads and cereals are whole grain rich? We choose foods that start with whole grains and incorporate them into our meals
- 3 Did you know that we work with local farmers to bring you the best produce? Students get to select fresh fruits and vegetables to enhance nutrient dense meals.

We work hard to provide the best food choices and a variety so that students eat to support proper brain and body function. We want all students to have the nutrients to support optimal learning. To learn more, go to: <http://web.nmusd.us/applications>.

School Health Services

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



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

Health Services is Unique

This year, several talented nurses and health assistants, new to the school district, joined the Health Services team. As a result, I asked myself what makes the delivery of health services in school different from other health care models.

Providing health care in schools is unique, and it attracts resourceful individuals who are able to work collaboratively and independently. Those best suited to school health services understand community

health concepts and are dedicated to public service. Health care in schools also emphasizes student success and family support in terms of each student's learning experience.

In Health Services, it is our goal to support students so that they can have the best educational experience possible, including good health. Students are able to rely on a skilled education and health team to achieve their educational and health goals. As we welcome our students this fall, we aim to structure support so that each one of them will be successful. Each year we also invite our families to communicate student health concerns with the school health team.

District Transportation

2985-A Bear St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-8903



Pete Meslin
Director

Rolling Out!

The Bus In the Classroom program is entering its fourth year. For those who are not aware, this program teaches transportation life skills to students with special needs. It has been amazingly successful here, and has been "borrowed" by school districts throughout the country. We have succeeded in teaching more than 30 classes so far.

Now we're ready to implement the General Education version of the program, which is just two one-hour classes. This fall, in addition to teaching students with special needs at EastBluff, Killybrooke, Victoria, and Woodland, our drivers and office staff will also be piloting this version in two or three General Ed classes.

Assuming the program is successful, and we have no reason to believe it won't be, we'll be rolling it out to a much larger audience. Our long-term goal is to teach all of our General Ed kindergarten students the safety rules and skills they can use for the rest of their lives.

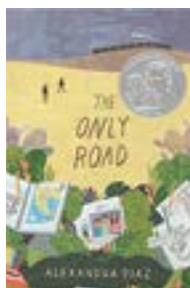
Lucy's Book Review



Lucy Davis

The Only Road

Author: Alexandra Diaz
Life in Jaime's small Guatemalan village is pretty peaceful, excluding one group: the Alphas. Drug dealers that ask for 'favors' and new recruits. If you refuse, you die. So



when Jaime's beloved cousin, Miguel, is murdered for that very reason, the whole family is devastated. And the death comes with something else: a request for Jamie and Miguel's sister Angela to join them.

The only way Angela and Jamie can escape is to leave Guatemala, and that might be harder than it seems. Train hopping, refugee churches, immigration officials, and lost dogs are all part of their journey, and hopefully they can make it to the other side. The U.S. is promising safety, but the road to get there isn't.

I really enjoyed this book. It talks about serious topics while still keeping the mood as light as possible. Five of five stars are well earned in this wonderful story.

Lucy is a 6th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

Keira's Book Nook



Keira

A Page Turner

Joplin, Wishing by Diane Stanley is an extraordinary page turner! It really makes you feel like you are there with the characters. This fantasy novel is about a 12 year old girl named Joplin who finds an antique



platter with a picture of a girl at a pond and wishes she could be her friend. The next day Joplin sees a girl in the garden. When she goes to say hello, she learns that the girl, Sofie, is new to the neighborhood. Curiously, when Joplin goes back to her room the girl in the platter is gone! When Joplin discovers everything Sofie has been through, she comes to the conclusion that she must help her. Later when Sofie meets Joplin's mom, they think they recognize each other which made me think, "Is there a story behind this?" You'll just have to read the book to find out! I give this book 5 out of 5 apples.

Keira F. is a sixth grader. In addition to her love of books, she enjoys art, crafts, traveling and playing with her cats. She rates books from 1 to 5 apples with 5 being the highest.



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Christina's Book Review



Christina J.

A Dangerous Secret

Belly Up is a story of a boy named Theodore Fitzroy solving what happened to the popular zoo mascot Henry the hippopotamus. One sad day Henry died at the zoo.



Everyone seems convinced that it was just a natural cause, but Theodore feels that something shady is going on. While investigating, Theodore found out somehow the only person willing to help and interested to find out the truth is Summer McCracken, the daughter of the owner of the FunJungle zoo. Unfortunately, after the hippo there are a few other deaths of animals – the jaguar, panther and a python. What the teenagers end up discovering is a very dangerous secret, which you will need to read about to find out. I like that this book was a light hearted mystery with interesting writing and a unique plot. I give this book out of 5 stars

Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).

Isabella's Book Review



Isabella A.

Adventure and Fun

The book *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass is about a 13 year old living in Manhattan with his mom and his friend Lizzy. Together, they convinced the mailman to give them a package. Inside,



they find a letter and a box. The letter indicated that the box once had keys that were now lost. They decide to set out to find the keys. In the process, they sneak into a business and vandalize it. A policeman makes them do community service, as punishment they have to deliver packages. They ride around the city delivering antiques to the people who had once pawned those items. Almost all was planned by his dead dad

The friends must now do this the entire summer. Will they find the keys before Jeremy's birthday? Or ever?

I give this book 4 stars because it is full of fun and adventure.

Isabella is a 6th grader who loves to read, write, volleyball and plans on becoming an author of children's books. She rates books 1-5 stars with 5 being the best.

Richard's Book Review



Richard J.

Funny Book with a Message

The Popularity Papers

Papers is a book by Amy Ignatow. It's written like a diary by two middle school girl authors Lydia and Julie writing about their "observations" and very funny results on



their attempts to be popular. They go through many things to be popular, trying and failing in a funny way at hair bleaching, joining the popular sports teams, and even pretending to like boys, which really backfires, and many other things, too. The results are funny, unpredictable, but don't make them popular. They learned in the end that it's important to be yourself and be liked by your friends, not the people who everyone says are cool and popular. This is a really funny book written and drawn in a way I would have done with markers, pens and pencils, and the story is relatable in the way that they work so hard to be liked and noticed.

I give this book a 5 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a third grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding and running, reading and spending time with his family.

Novelist –Word Search Contest

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One word in the list is NOT in the word search.
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Newport Beach Public Libraries



Liz Aaron
Children's Librarian,
Newport Beach
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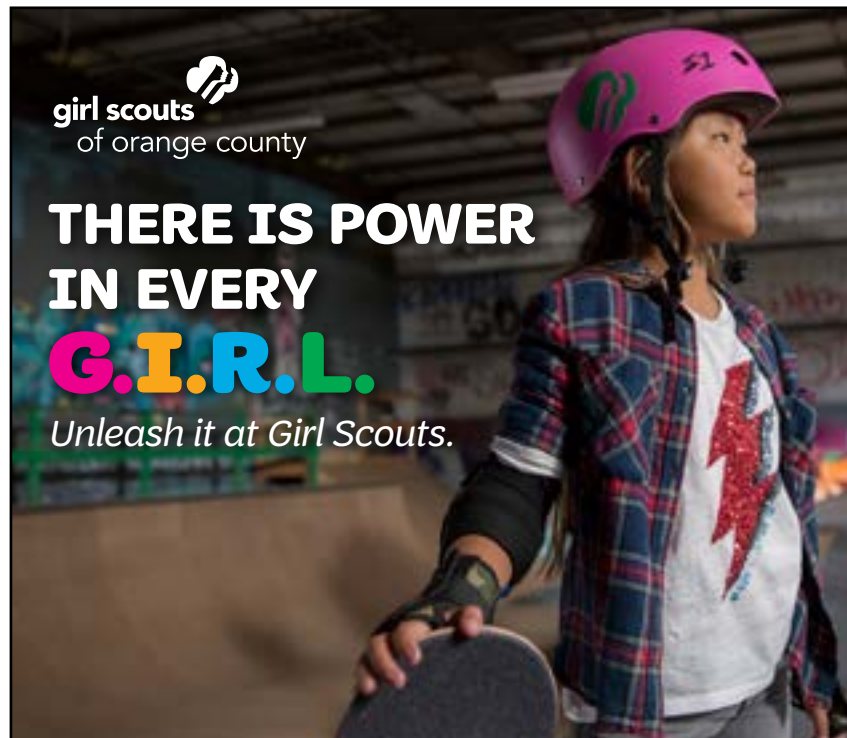
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All NBPL locations will be closed for Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10. All locations will close at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 22 for the Thanksgiving holiday and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24.

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Volins to Violets

By D.H. Coop

As the violin music softly filled the silence from the outdoor speakers in the background, the newly planted violets swayed in the breeze, standing tall as if reaching for the sun. Landscaper Lisa Romano and her crew were busy with their weekly maintenance of the well-manicured garden.

Lisa is a certified arborist, and her company, Balanced Earth, is based on environmentally conscious landscaping. I was visiting the residence where Lisa was working on this particular day, and I was quite taken as I watched the work being done in such a caring and methodical way. The fountains were polished as the water cascaded over the stone. Specific flowers had been planted for morning, afternoon and full sun. The different areas with grass had been planted depending on the sun, shade and intended use. Balanced Earth is not a “blow and go” company!

I couldn't help but wonder how Lisa became an arborist and was delighted to share a few minutes with her in the presence of this lovely garden. I was surprised to learn that Lisa had been a violinmaker. It was fascinating to learn that the creation of a violin begins with woods that make the purest sound for the instrument. The back is maple, in most cases. The front of the violin is made of spruce—poplar or willow is sometimes used. The fingerboard and tailpiece are made of ebony, while the molds, or ribs, that give the violin shape are made of maple. The violin hasn't changed much in the last 400 years except for the strings. Originally, the strings were made of gut. Later, metal was used for the G



Lisa Romano

string, and as time went on, the A and D strings were wrapped in wire to improve the tone, with only the E string made of steel.

When I asked Lisa how she transitioned from violinmaker to arborist, she replied, “How to even begin with the question of the change from violins to violets! I realized that to make a living with making violins was going to be impossible. If I was lucky, I would get a job in someone's violin shop and do repairs for an extended amount of time and try to make instruments on the side, then try to sell them, which would be really difficult. You have to be top notch as a maker and find someone influential to buy one, and then the word spreads around. I did not have the time or ability to accomplish this. I made about a dozen instruments and am glad I experienced this in my life. It is an incredible art and an amazing journey to make a violin.

“After realizing all of this, I moved out of Utah to Laguna Beach. I always loved gardening. I love natural beauty and working with my hands. I had ambition and saw a great opportunity in the area I lived in to start a landscaping business. I bought a lawnmower and a few basic tools, and so began ‘Balanced Earth.’ I now have a thriving business working in beautiful gardens.

“I found this quote in a magazine: ‘Beautiful yards require nurturing, patience and the occasional display of raw brute strength.’ I would say that is a completely true statement and can be applied to violin-making as well.”

Listening to Lisa, I couldn't help but make the comparison of her attention to detail needed as a violinmaker and as an arborist. As Lisa and her crew drove away, they had truly created a symphony for the eye.

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