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**Principal Lorena Rubio with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond in the library reading to the students for Read Across America in celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday.**

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## The Power of Public Education



**Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen**

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond visited Jordan Elementary School and inspired staff with his life story exemplifying the power of public education, turned story time for K-2 students into a wonderful teaching moment about kindness, explored the innovative opportunities offered to students in Jordan's STREAM Lab, and engaged in a conversation with District leadership to address how

the state can better support Orange Unified schools by reforming the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) to make it more equitable.

Elected to serve as California's top K-12 educator this past November, Thurmond also used the appearance as an opportunity to reinforce his vision for public education, stating, "Our kids are more than a number. They are more than a test score. We need to show them that they are number one and we start by increasing funding for districts like Orange and schools like Jordan."



**The California Department of Education State Superintendent Tony Thurmond reading to students for Read Across America.**



**The California Department of Education State Superintendent Tony Thurmond greeting the students at Jordan Elementary in OUSD. He is followed by Principal Lorena Rubio and then OUSD Superintendent Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen.**

# OUSD Child Development

Parkside Campus: 2345 E. Palmyra. Orange, CA 92869

## A High-Quality Start

By Amie Wilson-Bird, Director

Orange Unified School District (OUSD) and the Orange County Department of Education have teamed together to bring high-quality care and education to all of our OUSD preschools classrooms. We are pleased to announce that our OUSD preschools have been recognized at the Quality Start OC Excellence in Early Childhood Education Awards for the past several years. The Child Development Center (CDC), along with our Early Learning preschool classrooms at nine award-winning OUSD elementary campuses have received awards for achieving five-star ratings for the past three years.

Our district preschool mission is to ensure that every child is healthy and ready to learn. By providing qualified and caring teachers along with developmentally appropriate materials and environments, we support preschool children in reaching their full potential. We focus on the social-emotional, physical, and cognitive areas of development, which are pivotal in creating a firm foundation for our students. Through high level interactions and hands-on activities, children in our programs thrive and are completely ready to enter OUSD Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten classes!

## OUSD Alternative Education / ROP

Parkside Education Center: 250 S. Yorba St.. Orange, CA 92869



### Spring is Here!

Greetings from Parkside Education Center. The year has been flying by and we are all excited to have the spring arrive!

Our staff and students have been working extremely hard to meet their learning objectives. Our Community Day School, Independent Study, and Home School program will all be participating in the CAASP assessment beginning in late April.

Not only is this assessment vital to know how well our students achieve, it also helps to forge our instructional plan for the future. We look forward to an excellent test administration and obtaining data on student performance.

The Adult Transition Program at Parkside has a busy schedule leading up to our graduation on June 7th. Our learners are working diligently in preparation for the end of the year, and are getting ready for our Extended School Year program.

We are extremely excited for what spring brings to our campus. If I can assist with anything, or if you would like more information on one of our programs, please feel free to contact me directly at 714-628-5479.

Orange Unified School District

**GRADUATION  
2018-2019**

**Promotion & Graduation Schedule  
Thursday, June 13, 2019\***

**Special Education School**

School	Time	Location
Tuesday, <b>June 11, 2019*</b> Canyon Hills	10:00 am	Gymnasium
Friday, <b>June 7, 2019*</b> Adult Transition Home School	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Alternative Education Site

**Middle School Promotions**

School	Time	Location
McPherson Magnet	8:15 am	McPherson School Cafeteria
Portola	8:00 am	Portola School Field
Wednesday, <b>June 12, 2019*</b> Yorba	10:00 am	Yorba School Field
Cerro Villa	10:30 am	Cerro Villa Outdoor Amphitheater
Santiago Charter	10:00 am	Santiago Outdoor Amphitheater
Wednesday, <b>June 12, 2019*</b> El Rancho Charter	6:30 pm	El Rancho Outdoor Amphitheater

**High School Graduations**

School	Time	Location
Canyon	4:00 pm	Angel Stadium
El Modena	1:00 pm	Angel Stadium
Orange	10:00 am	Angel Stadium
Villa Park	7:00 pm	Angel Stadium
Richland Alternative Ed	8:00 am	Angel Stadium



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Spring is here and the end of another school year is in sight. Students are focused on their year end academic goals.

This issue highlights Read Across America celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Just the mention of his name brings a smile to a child's face and the anticipation of a fun story.

Also, in this issue you will read about Physical Science, Math Challenge, Academic Decathlon, International Food Day, Innovation Day, PACT Program and so much more.

We have lots of student book reviews to help with your child's summer reading book choices.

Our next issue is May 29.



## Teachers See the Possibilities

During her first year teaching in her own classroom, Rene Engle discovered that reaching high-school learners means setting clear expectations while getting to know students' hearts and strengths. Growth happens together every day, she says—for both student and teacher.



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## Traveling with Your Special Needs Child



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Spring kicks off the travel season, but for families who have a child with special needs, traveling can seem more like work than a vacation. This year, make a plan to prepare your child for a vacation that's fun and manageable.

Walk through your vacation step by step and determine what sights, processes or experiences might be new to your child. Then, explain that there will be a change in their routine. Do this verbally and visually, for example:

- Share photos of your destination
- Take out your suitcase and practice packing
- Explore your hotel online

If you're flying, there are extra steps you can take to help familiarize your child with the airport and flying process, including:

- Take a drive by your local airport
- Watch videos of the airport security process

Long road trips can present additional challenges. Before the drive, consider these tips:

- Practice distraction techniques before the trip
- For sensory issues, bring a pair of noise canceling head phones
- Build breaks into your route
- Pack snacks or plan stops for food
- Involve your child's siblings by preparing them for potential challenges and encouraging supportive behavior

No matter how much you prepare, it's unlikely that everything will go perfectly as planned. Just remember to take it one step at a time.

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## Anaheim Hills *Elementary*

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### Read Across America

Read Across America is a nationwide event recognized by elementary schools across the country. It coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday, and is used to encourage early childhood literacy.

**Fayroze Mostafa**  
*Principal*

Anaheim Hills Elementary began the week by listening to our principal, Mrs. Mostafa, read *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day*, by Dr. Seuss. This book centers around the importance of school and celebrating our differences. Then, each class spent the week creating a project about their vision of "the perfect school." At the end of the week, all of the projects were on display in the library for our students, staff, and visitors to see.

Our school librarian, Mrs. Otellio, also led the students in a stacking activity to see if they could stack and carry assorted items like *The Cat in the Hat* does. At Anaheim Hills Elementary, we get the job done when we make learning fun!



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**Dr. John Albert**  
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### Summer Learning

On February 20, Dr. Ruben Puentedura, a world-renowned researcher, visited California Elementary School. Dr. Puentedura is the creator of the Substitution, Augmentation,

Modification, and Redefinition (SAMR) model, a framework for selecting, using, and evaluating technology in education.

After touring our classes, Dr. Puentedura gave a presentation on the SAMR implementation model to our staff, Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Board members, leaders from the OUSD Education Division, and leaders from other districts. He also talked about the exciting work he and an international technology company are doing with our school.

California is one of 12 schools in the United States selected to participate in a summer take-home pilot



program to combat summer learning loss. We are excited to see how digital tablets and Blended Learning can make an impact to counter this.

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**Diane Lew**  
*Principal*

### **iLead Grant**

As part of an iLead grant from OUSD, Mrs. Jackie Francoeur, a Chemistry teacher at Orange High School has designed a tutoring program in which her 11th grade Chemistry students come over to Cambridge every week to

work with our 5th graders in Physical Science. This program will help our students master the NGSS standards for Physical Science and help them to prepare for the upcoming California Science Test that they will be taking later this spring. Each session will give our students opportunities to work on their investigation skills, use scientific tools, and solve real-world problems in a fun and collaborative way.

Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that our students have a solid foundation in Physical Science, which will better prepare them for college and careers in the 21st Century.



## Canyon Hills

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**Dr. Karen Hanson**  
*Coordinator*

### **Many Positive Impacts**

We are midway through another wonderful year at Canyon Hills. Students continue to grow and progress in a safe, nurturing environment. Our caring, professional staff enjoys being part of your child's life each day.

Over the past few months, students have participated in a variety of school activities, including the annual holiday Winter and Valentine's dances. During these events, students have opportunities to interact with one another, learn turn taking, experience new sensory activities, and build fine- and gross-motor skills. Canyon Hills has been embraced by the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club. This year, the club arranged a visit from Santa and his elves to our Winter Dance, providing much fun and many photo opportunities for all. At the Valentine's Dance, each classroom presented their class prince or princess. Congratulations to this year's school king and queen, Garrett Busch and Cynthia Manaster!

In addition to assisting with campus activities, the Rotary Club bestowed nine individual teacher grants. Teachers completed applications for instructional supplies in amounts of up to \$200. Happily, each of the nine grants was approved. The requested items included sensory-motor items, communication devices, adapted physical-education equipment, and other educational materials.

Canyon Hills' teachers continue to incorporate technology into their everyday instruction. The web-based curriculum, Unique Learning Systems, is in use in classrooms throughout the campus. In addition, students continue to use a variety of technologies, including tablets and interactive TVs available to all, to support language development, choice making and learning.

All of the staff at Canyon Hills would like to thank our wonderful school families, parent group and community partners for their support of our school. Together, we are making a positive impact on the lives of our extraordinary students!

# Canyon High School

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**Craig Abercrombie**  
Principal

## Got Math?

To increase the focus on math, Canyon High School recently started a Math Question of the Week contest. Each week, students are challenged to complete the weekly question that is taken from a list of released SBAC questions. All correct submissions are entered into a weekly drawing in which students

can win a variety of Canyon High School gear such as bags, water bottles or phone chargers. In addition, students that have submitted correct answers are entered into the monthly grand prize drawings in which students can win prom tickets, parking passes, a yearbook and other great Canyon prizes. Students are able to pick up the Math Question of the Week from their math teacher or in the library each week.

The math challenge is taking off; there were 213 correct entries for week one and almost 500 correct entries by week three!



Assistant Principal Brent McKee delivers a weekly prize to junior AP Calculus BC student Delong Nguyenthanh.



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## Canyon Rim *Elementary*

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**Dr. Michelle Owen**  
*Principal*

### Read Across America

Canyon Rim Elementary School students celebrated Read Across America Day in conjunction with College and Career Awareness by having guest readers from the community, El Rancho Middle School and Canyon High School. Students learned about several different careers along with the importance of learning and representing your school.

Students learned about careers in education, medicine, public service, science and engineering. El Rancho Middle School staff spoke to students about what it means to be ready for middle school, and Canyon High AVID students and members of the football team shared the importance of academics and being a role model for others.

Additionally, Canyon Rim Elementary students celebrate reading throughout the year through the Battle of the Books, Reading Counts Rewards and Prizes, and our Birthday Book Club. At Canyon Rim Elementary, we believe that the readers we develop today will be the leaders of tomorrow.



## Chapman Hills *Elementary*

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**Jana Saenz**  
*Principal*

### Busy Bobcats

Students at Chapman Hills Elementary School have been very busy with curriculum-enhancing programs. To start 2019, Chapman Hills fifth- and sixth-graders had their Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Wheel Showcase. It was a great opportunity for the fourth-grade students to learn about our VAPA program, specifically focusing on visual arts and theater. The VAPA theatre students were impressive to watch, and the visual art pieces were top notch. A huge thank you to our amazing VAPA wheel teachers, Mrs. Considine and Mrs. Jimenez, for all of their hard work and dedication to our Chapman Hills students!

Our sixth-grade students had another amazing trip to Outdoor Science Camp. This is a favorite for sixth-graders. They have the opportunity to stay for four nights in Big Bear and to do activities such as rock climbing, team building, orienteering, and star gazing.

All Chapman Hills Bobcats have the opportunity to hear Mrs. Saenz read each year with a focus on our Pyramid of Success character traits. She reads the book *Inch and Miles* by Steve Jamison to each class yearly. This is such a great time to review the importance of positive character traits.

We are enjoying the wonderful opportunity to participate in various Discovery Cube traveling scientist lessons thanks to our PTA! Students have learned about bees, worms, and more!

Lastly, we started our third annual Chapman Hills Bobcats Kids Run the OC program. Parent volunteers and teachers assist students in physical activities, including participation in the 10-week program that promotes an active and healthy lifestyle. Students participate weekly for one hour during their physical education time with the goal of accumulating a total of 25.2 miles of exercise through fun and engaging activities.

# Cerro Villa *Middle School*

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**Lisa Ogan**  
*Principal*

## Future Viking Visitation

The Cerro Villa Middle School staff and students were thrilled to host future Vikings on campus in January. This was our second year in a row successfully hosting a sixth-grade orientation for students to introduce them to Cerro Villa.

Students from our feeder elementary schools began with a campus tour guided by eighth-grade Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) leaders. Leadership and Associated Student Body (ASB) students followed with a presentation of the many electives featured on campus, including band, choir, CVTV video productions, Science, Technology, Engineering and

Math (STEM) lab, College and Career lab, and foreign languages, which include French, Spanish and Chinese Immersion. The sixth-graders also learned about our rigorous Honors classes and the 17 amazing clubs on campus. They even saw a few of our more popular clubs showcased: cheer, jazz band, and choir.

As they entered the auditorium, future Vikings watched a school-wide lip dub, a lip sync to a popular song highlighting our campus. Students had a great time playing games orchestrated by leadership students, including answering trivia questions on Cerro Villa's various course offerings.

After their orientation, only one thought ran through the enthusiastic sixth-graders' minds: I can't wait to be a Viking!



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**Shele Tamaki**  
Principal

### Welcome to Our STEAM Lab

*By Alison Allen, Fifth-Grade Teacher*

Crescent is thrilled to have a new STEAM Lab to explore! There are five stations: Green Screen, Dash Robots, Maker Space, Coding, and Stop Motion. The lab is an exciting place where our students' imaginations are allowed to thrive through hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

Already we have seen some incredible "Trash Art Selfies" up and around the campus from our fourth- and fifth-grade students. The lab is also allowing collaboration across grade levels! Our TK class had a blast thanks to the help of their sixth-grade buddies. They coded Dash Robots to scurry around the lab and created movies using the Green Screen application on iPads.



Although the STEAM Lab is just a few weeks old, the excitement it has brought to our campus is apparent. Students are asking daily when they will visit the lab again!

## El Modena *High School*

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**Jill Katevas**  
Principal

### Academic Decathlon

*By Principal Jill Katevas and Student Lily Mummert*

After being inactive for many years, El Modena is proud to have had seven students participate in this year's Academic Decathlon event.

At the beginning of the school year, junior Jacob Rodriguez started up the program with the help of his teacher,

Mr. Benner. They recruited six other students who were able to compete. Their season started in October, when they met and studied various subjects like math, art, history, and literature under the 1960's theme.

These students were able to compete and participate in scrimmages that took place in November and early January, as well as competitions in late January and February. Together, they won a total of 27 medals out of all of the categories. We are proud of the initiative and the achievements of our Vanguard!



# El Rancho Charter *Middle School*

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## International Food Day

El Rancho Charter School held its annual International Food Day festival on February 27. This culinary experience allows students

to gain a better understanding of the diverse ethnic-cultural backgrounds that make up our student community.

Students and parents created dishes that represented various regions of the world and brought them to school to share with the students and staff. The cafeteria was decorated with flags and other items from various



countries while music from different countries played in the background. It was a day filled with wonderful sights, sounds, and scents. Associated Student Body (ASB) hosted the second annual door-decorating activity, which gave students the opportunity to collaborate to create beautiful works of art that represented different nations from around the world. These were featured on classroom doors for all students to enjoy during International Food Day.

Thank you to all our International Food Day volunteers for making this an enriching experience for our students and staff!

## Esplanade *Elementary*

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## Innovation Day

We recently had Innovation Day at Esplanade Elementary with the support of the OUSD's Educational Technology Department. Experts in integrating technology with content instruction descended upon our school on what would have been a regular Wednesday morning and made it an extraordinary day!

Classes rotated through various activities, with students learning how to use their devices or software through hands-on learning. Our teachers learned alongside the students as well, receiving ideas for supporting content instruction with engaging technology tools.

Our kindergarten students used robots to practice directional skills, and teachers found new ways to help them practice letter, sounds, and number recognition. Students even used coding and stop-motion animation to create stories that support their language arts skills. Our upper-grade students learned how to use coding to make a drone fly and were able to connect it to science!

A favorite activity was the WeDo module, in which students collaborated on their creations, practiced mathematical skills, and then completed their project by programming actions. Students and teachers alike loved the day!



## Fairhaven *Elementary*

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**Karen Sandors**  
*Principal*

### Falcons Read

The Fairhaven Elementary School Falcons participated in Read Across America, celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and encouraging reading at all grade levels. This year we put a fun spin on our Literacy Night and turned it into Camp-Read-a-Lot.

Families shared an evening of activities centered around literacy. They had the opportunity to go fishing for rhymes or grab flashlights and read under the stars. Parents were provided with new ideas to support their children's literacy and to develop their love for reading.

The next day we continued the fun with the Reading with the Relatives event. Families were invited to bring blankets, chairs, snacks, and, of course, their favorite books to read with their children. Teachers

and parents know that motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and encourages students to become lifelong readers.

Here at Fairhaven, we are building a community of readers one book at a time.



## Fletcher *Elementary*

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**Sara Pelly**  
*Principal*

### Lunar New Year

Mandarin Dual Immersion classes from Fletcher held their annual Lunar New Year Celebration in February. Students in grades K-6 performed songs, chants, martial arts and traditional Chinese dance in front of a packed auditorium at Cerro Villa Middle School, and dancers from the Confucius Institute at SDSU performed a traditional Chinese fan dance. Recognized as an official

Confucius Classroom in 2015, Fletcher receives valuable support and resources from the Confucius Institute.

The dual-immersion program started at Fletcher seven years ago, with students continuing on to Cerro Villa Middle School and eventually Villa Park High School. Once they complete the required curriculum in grades K-12, students will graduate with the California Seal of Bilingual Proficiency Award. Graduates of the OUSD Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Program will have a clear advantage as they compete for 21st century colleges and careers in a global marketplace.



## Handy *Elementary*

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**Erika Krohn**  
*Principal*

### Principal for a Day

In February, Handy Elementary School welcomed Orange Elks Exalted Ruler Stephanie Logan as Principal for a Day!

AVID Student Ambassadors warmly greeted Ms. Logan and gave her an overview of Handy's innovative programs: one-to-one iPads, AVID, Mariachi Band, Drone Team, Gang Reduction Intervention Program (GRIP), Visual and Performing Arts Conservatory and Project Lead the Way.

Principal Logan then gave a morning message and led the Pledge of Allegiance along with more AVID Student Ambassadors.

Ms. Logan enjoyed reading a story to our delightful kindergartners, seeing intervention groups in action, watching a drone demonstration, and observing a shark dissection. She was very impressed with the high level of instruction and collaboration going on in Handy classrooms. The Handy staff is thankful for the wonderful partnership with the Orange Elks Lodge and Ms. Logan's visit.



## Imperial *Elementary*

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**Amber Miller**  
*Principal*

### Night to Remember

Imperial Elementary School held a scientific celebration on the evening of February 21. With the support of our incredible community partnerships and PTA, Imperial's much-anticipated Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Lab had its grand opening. We were fortunate to have Anaheim Councilman Trevor O'Neal in attendance. Our STEAM

Lab debuted its new flexible furniture, maker space wall, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

cart, three-dimensional printer, robots, drones, technology, vinyl wall art, and much more.

To add to the evening, more than 50 brilliant, student-created science fair projects were on display. After judging by Canyon High School staff members, first-, second-, and third-place ribbons were awarded to many deserving students. In addition, our Family Science Night was in full swing with over 12 different science activities and hand-on opportunities for our students and families.

We would like to thank our community for their attendance and the Imperial staff for their expertise and continued dedication to our students and community.



## Jordan *Elementary*

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**Lorena Rubio**  
*Principal*

### **New Academic Academy**

Jordan Elementary School will launch a unique program to prepare students for the careers of the future by giving them opportunities to develop problem-solving skills and cultural awareness through the integration of English, Spanish, and computer science into daily learning. Our program will begin with incoming

kindergarten students in the 2019–2020 school year.

Orange Unified School District experts in two-way immersion and computer science, LEGO education, and the Orange County Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Initiative (an affiliate of University of California, Irvine Samueli School of Engineering) are working together to develop a computer science curriculum that will be the first of its kind in Orange County. This curriculum will address the newly adopted California



Computer Science Standards. Students will learn coding, engineering, robotics, application creation, and device design.

In tandem, our students will cultivate bilingual and bicultural skills. Registration information is available on our Web site at <http://www.orangeusd.org/jordanacademy>, and school tours can be booked by calling (714) 997-6187.

## La Veta *Elementary*

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*Principal*

### **Getting Into Character!**

There were many characters walking around La Veta Elementary School as our students and staff celebrated Read Across America Day by dressing up as their favorite book character. The student Viking Leadership Team sponsored this dress-up day to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, to show school spirit, and to express a love of reading. Teachers and staff also joined in the fun, which made for a great day!

Other activities and programs offered at La Veta Elementary School also foster a love of reading while helping to increase reading achievement levels. Students have the opportunity to earn rewards and recognition for the number of words they read through the Reading Counts program. Through this program, many students have increased their lexile reading level significantly.

Another program that assists students to increase their reading achievement levels is the La Veta Learning Lab. In this targeted program, identified students receive extra help in decoding and comprehension. Students who are currently participating in this program have demonstrated great growth in all aspects of reading.

Strong instructional programs like these not only make reading fun, they help students increase their reading achievement levels. The latest California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results for grades three to six showed this to be the case. When comparing assessment results from one year to the next, our La Veta English language arts scores grew two performance levels, increasing from the Orange level to the Green level.

As La Veta Vikings, we say that we are sailing into 21st-century learning, but now we can also say that we are sailing up to green levels!

## Lampson *Elementary*

13321 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/997-6153



**Heriberto Angel Jr.**  
*Principal*

### The Possibilities are Endless

Lampson recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for our two STEAM Labs. Our weLAB is a flexible learning environment and Makerspace that will allow our school to provide opportunities to think critically and struggle productively. Our teachers have already been using this space to extend their lessons and integrate STEAM into their curriculum.

Our i<sup>2</sup>Lab (for innovation and integration) will help foster critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration for our Leopards. Our goal is that our STEAM labs will inspire creativity and curiosity in our students.

We also held our annual Career Day on February

26th. Our TK to second-grade students got the opportunity to interact and learn from our local Garden Grove Police and Fire Departments. We are so grateful for our community partners who participated in this incredible event. We want our Leopards to begin dreaming BIG and know that their possibilities are endless.



## Linda Vista *Elementary*

1200 N. Cannon St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6201



**Ginette Kelley**  
*Principal*

### Power of PAWS

Linda Vista Elementary School believes in the Power of Potential, Achievement, Wisdom, and Skills (PAWS) for each and every student. In this “Land of Leopards,” students have proven they are learning and achieving, not only with the work they do in class but also on the state assessments given each school year.

During the 2017–2018 school year, Linda Vista students performed in the green for both language arts and math. The green indicator means they performed above standard. This is great news for the Leopards.

We also learned that absenteeism is an area in which we can improve. Though there are many reasons for absences, Leopards are encouraged to use wisdom when determining the need to stay home from school. If you would like to know more about Linda Vista’s performance, visit the California School Dashboard at <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>.

Soon we will be again participating in the California Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing. We know that the power of PAWS will help us to demonstrate our achievement in 2018-2019—and our excellence will show on next year’s California School Dashboard.

We Are Leopards! We Have PAWS!

# McPherson Magnet

333 S. Prospect St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6384



**Joe Erven**  
*Principal*

## WASC Accredited

McPherson Magnet is proud to announce that it has been WASC accredited from their fall 2018 application and December 2018 WASC Visit. This makes McPherson Magnet the first school with elementary students to be accredited in the Orange Unified School District. When the WASC visiting members visited McPherson in the fall, they had the opportunity to talk to focus groups (including students, parents, teachers, district office representatives, classified and office staff) in order to validate McPherson's initial application. Additionally, the team had the opportunity to walk through the campus, visiting all of the McPherson Magnet classrooms and STEM Labs.

The WASC committee reported the following as strengths for McPherson Magnet's program:

1. McPherson Magnet has established a solid mission and vision that is focused on student academic and socio-emotional success and prepares students for high school and infuses college and career readiness across all grade levels.
2. McPherson Magnet provides a high quality and comprehensive STEM focus across all grade levels that distinguishes the school as a leader in STEM and project based learning.

3. McPherson Magnet provides a robust and rigorous project-based learning model that is effective and relevant and prepares students academically for college and career readiness.

4. McPherson Magnet provides a safe learning environment for students that helps further strengthen quality teaching, student engagement and academic achievement.

5. McPherson Magnet has a strong school culture that is prevalent at the campus and students are highly aware of the culture of respect, inclusiveness and an empowerment to embrace learning.

6. Administration and staff are highly supportive of the mission and vision and dedicated to each students' academic and social-emotional growth.

7. McPherson Magnet has established relationships with the community and local businesses and organizations that actively participate in the school's mission.

8. Parents and students are highly engaged in the school, embrace its mission and vision and are committed to continuous improvement and focus on student achievement and success.

9. Teachers, administration and staff are highly qualified and very committed to McPherson Magnet and its mission and vision and demonstrate caring, concern and support for each student.

Please follow us on Twitter @mcphersonmagnet

## Nohl Canyon

4100 E. Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 • 714/997-6203



**Heather Bosworth**  
*Principal*

## A Special Welcome

In late February, Nohl Canyon participated in the OUSD's annual Principal for the Day event. This year our principal was Coffey Anderson. Coffey is an accomplished country singer and the star of a new reality TV series that will air later in 2019.

Principal Anderson greeted our students with a live performance as they arrived at school. Everyone had a great time starting their day dancing, singing, and clapping along. Upon the official start of school at 8 a.m., our Student Council Leadership Team gave Principal Anderson an official Nohl Canyon Elementary "welcome" during which they talked with him about our community focus on positive character development.

The main event of the day was Principal Anderson's inspiring message to our upper-grade students about how technology, the Internet, and social media have fueled his



career and allowed him to remain competitive and relevant in this 21st-century global society. He spoke very openly with the students about safe and productive ways to use the Internet and social media to help build and market your brand.

Principal Anderson stressed the importance of ethics and integrity in creating a digital identity that holds strong and true to your own personal beliefs and values. He also shared how he handles the online "bully goats" who sometimes post mean or disrespectful comments.

Coffey told the children to remember that the cruelty of the "bully goats" tells us far more about them than it does about you. Block them, delete their comments, and don't let the few overshadow the 99 percent who support you and see your countless wonderful qualities.

## Olive Elementary

3038 Magnolia Ave., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/637-8218



**Heather Darrow**  
Principal

### Growth Mindset

Congratulations to the students, staff and community of Olive Elementary for its recognition as an AVID Elementary Showcase School this spring! Since 2016, AVID implementation has been a focus of students and teachers across the campus.

Students have worked on goal setting and reflecting, organization, effective note taking, communication, collaboration and critical thinking through leveled questioning.

In March, Olive welcomed educators from across Southern California to share best practices and ways to implement AVID at all grades in elementary school. As one of only six

schools to receive this recognition in Southern California and the only school in Orange Unified, we are proud of the efforts and growth of our students and staff.

Olive students are developing a growth mindset, and they know anything is possible with enough determination, organization and hard work! Way to go, Ocelots!



## Orange High School

525 N. Shaffer St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6211



**Dennis McCuiston**  
Principal

### Financial Lessons

On February 13, Orange High School seniors got a taste of real-world financial challenges in a fun and interactive setting! Orange seniors were given fictional occupations, salaries, spouses and families, student loan debts, credit card debts, and medical insurance payments. The teens then walked around to various table-top stations to “purchase” housing, transportation, food, clothing, household necessities, day care, and other needs. Fortunately, the game also includes a “credit union” to help with their financial needs.

This interactive activity taught our seniors how to make financial decisions and gave them a better understanding of the challenges of living on a budget. The experience included dealing with a pushy “car salesperson” and a commission-based “realtor,” encouraging them to weigh their wants versus their needs. There was even a “Fickle Finger of Fate,” which cause the students to incur unexpected “expenses” and “windfalls”—just like in real life!



## Palmyra *Elementary*

1325 E. Palmyra Ave., Orange, CA 92866 • 714/997-6207



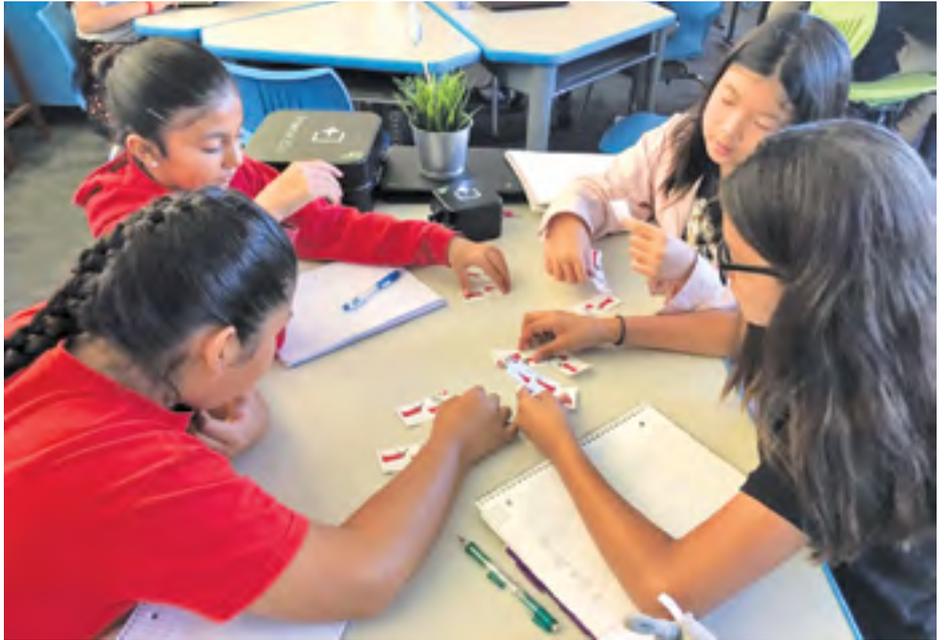
**Brenna Godsey**  
*Principal*

### **PACT Program**

Introducing PACT at Palmyra! The mission of Palmyra's Program for Advanced and Creative Thinkers is to enhance the academic strengths of gifted, talented and high-achieving students by integrating critical thinking, collaboration, complexity and

creativity into all aspects of the curriculum. PACT classes are infused with science, technology, engineering and math as well as the three A's: arts, AVID and advanced learning. The STEA3M mindset is embedded in all lessons and challenges students to reach their highest potential; it sets a foundation for middle school, high school, college and career success. PACT classes encourage the creative, out-of-the-box thinkers and offer a variety of options for students to demonstrate their learning.

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## Panorama *Elementary*

10512 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/997-6265



**Jeremy Mortensen**  
*Principal*

### **No Bullying!**

Panorama Elementary School continues to promote a safe and positive learning environment with a strong character education program. Recently, Panorama held an anti-bullying assembly hosted by Mark Munoz, an NCAA wrestling national champion,

a two-time All American, a professional athlete, a coach, an actor, and an all-around great person! He shared his story and taught our students how to be good friends and how to avoid and prevent bullying.



### **Give and Grow**

Panorama has the privilege of teaming up with an international aerospace company and Saddleback College to rejuvenate our campus! Improvements will include a new kindergarten playground structure, murals, blacktop games, vegetable gardens, fruit trees, and a mindfulness garden with enough room to seat two whole classrooms! Our teachers and students will be able to

take advantage of this new area to explore, do Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) activities, read, and relax. The project is tentatively scheduled to take place in early April.

Organizations and community members, along with the tireless effort of our teachers, staff, students, and parents, make Panorama the place to be.

## Portola *Middle School*

270 N. Palm Dr., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6361



**Jeff Morgan**  
*Principal*

### A Great Start

It is with great enthusiasm that I take on the role of principal at Portola Middle School. I am a graduate of Chico State University with bachelor's degree in Spanish with a teaching credential from California State University, Fullerton, I have been in education and with Orange Unified School District for 13 years and have served as a Spanish teacher and activities director at Villa Park High School. Most recently, I served as the assistant principal at Orange High School for four and one-half years.

Portola's staff, students, and community have welcomed me with open arms, and I look forward to building upon the great things already in place. I will continue to provide opportunities for students to explore their passions within the educational setting. I am looking forward to growing our programs to support our students as well as the overall educational program.

In the short time I have been at Portola, I have learned that we have passionate teachers and extremely passionate parents who want to be involved with the school and their children's education. With our parents leading the way, we are very excited to launch a PTA. Parent involvement is a vital component to student success and the overall success of the school. I am excited to work with our PTA, families, and staff to move our school to the next level.

## Prospect *Elementary*

379 N. Virage St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6271



**Sally Hughson**  
*Principal*

### Mr. Dunkleman's Tour

In February, Prospect's AVID Leadership Board Members led Principal of the Day Scott Dunkleman on a tour of all the fabulous programs at Prospect. AVID President Kimberly Gutierrez showcased our AVID Leadership Team, AVID strategies and Prospect's Jump for Heart participation to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Bushra Milhem, vice president, led the tour of the STEAM lab.

In the STEAM lab, students become inspired to become engineers, as Sophia Nguyen, secretary, and Evelyn Vasquez-Rosas, treasurer, described fifth- and sixth-grader participation in VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts). Twin brothers Dimitry and Julian Rivera, public relations, enlightened Mr. Dunkleman about our two Robotics Teams and their participation in districtwide competitions. Mr. Dunkleman shared how impressed he was with the student leaders and their enthusiasm for sharing their campus with him.

Prospect's AVID Leadership board members did a great job showing how we are Prospect Strong.



## Richland *High School*

615 N. Lemon St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6167



**Dr. Elsie Briseño  
Simonovski**  
*Principal*

### Personal Finance Learning

Business 130, Personal Finance—a Santiago Canyon College course—is thriving this semester. The course lays a foundation for students to build strong money habits and avoid many of the mistakes that lead to lifelong money struggles. Students learn the skills necessary to not struggle financially, live paycheck to paycheck, rely on credit cards for necessities, and wind up deep in debt and short on hope.

Students learn to make informed decisions about student loans, debit and credit cards, mortgages, banking, investments, insurance services, payday lending, rent-to-own products, credit reports, leasing vs. buying a car, renting vs. buying, and starting a retirement fund early. A personal-finance simulation provides real-world, age-appropriate examples. By the end of the semester, students will be in the habit of budgeting, saving regularly, and spending wisely.

Students and their parents enjoy the security of finishing with a stronger sense of financial literacy as they continue high school and enter the college or workforce.



## Running Springs *Elementary*

8670 E. Running Springs Dr., Anaheim, CA 92808 • 714/281-4512



**Mark McLaughlin**  
*Principal*

### Talent Show

Running Springs Elementary School has a proud tradition of a strong community with several well-loved family events.

The talent show is the most popular of these events, and this year marks its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More than 2,100 students have had the opportunity to perform on our stage since the school's inception. The theme for this year's show is "Dare to Dream, and

previous participants have gone on to achieve their dreams. In fact, this year's winner of "So You Think You Can Dance" started her career right here on the Redhawk stage!

A huge thank you to our PTA and Talent Show committee: Katherine Heideleman, Jennifer Terry, Kerena Mendez, and Janet Vaughn. We appreciate the hard work and dedication that went into putting on this year's performance. In addition, we would like to thank our sixth-grade emcees, who excelled under the guidance of Mr. Tarango.



# Santiago Charter *Middle School*

515 N. Rancho Santiago Blvd., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6366



**Dr. James D'Agostino**  
Co-Principal



**Ashley Pedroza**  
Co-Principal

## An Exemplar School

Santiago Charter Middle School, the first charter school in Orange County, is now in its 24th year as a charter school serving seventh- and eighth-graders, and it has been on an amazing run of success and recognition lately!

Newly WASC-accredited, Santiago Charter has been recognized both locally and nationally for 21st-century learning, innovative programs, and a personalized education. Santiago Charter received the California Civic Learning Merit Award in 2017 and 2018, and is one of six schools throughout the state to receive the California Civic Learning Award of Distinction in 2019.

This award supports Santiago Charter's mission to ensure growth academically and socially in all students. Most recently, Santiago Charter was one of two middle schools nationwide, and one of 18 schools in the entire country, to receive the national 2019 P21 Exemplar School recognition, which highlights technology integration and college- and career-readiness.

Additionally, Santiago Charter just received a 2019 "Schools to Watch" state and national recognition, identifying it as a model program for middle schools across the country. All of these awards are the result of a caring, committed, and talented staff who are dedicated to student success.

As an exemplar school, Santiago Charter continues to maintain status as a school of choice, welcoming students from any attendance area. Santiago Charter looks forward to continuing its commitment to serve the families and students of the community for many generations to come.

## Serrano *Elementary*

17741 Serrano Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6275



**Katherine Rizzo**  
Principal

## Showcasing Success

Great things are happening at Serrano Elementary School! The Early Act Club Junior Rotarians recently attended the Villa Park City Council meeting to share about their community service. The students led a school-wide fund-raiser for leukemia and lymphoma research, raising over \$3,000. They also participated in two Clean the Beach events at Huntington Beach and packed lunches at the Harvest Food Bank.

Several students were invited to participate in the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Honor Band and Honor Orchestra Showcase. Students from all over the district came together to play for parents and loved ones. It was so great to see how much their music skills have grown!

Recently, the Villa Park High School football team came to read to our students! Serrano students listened intently, and the football team even asked if they could come back! It was a wonderful way to provide positive role models for our students.



## Sycamore *Elementary*

340 N. Main St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6277



**Renee Ybarra**  
*Principal*

### Learning in the Community!

At Sycamore Elementary, there are many ways to learn, including outside the classroom!

Our teachers have reached out to many different organizations to partner with and bring our students out into the community to learn through unique experiences. They have visited the Bowers Museum, the Hilbert Museum, the El Modena Nature Center,

our local Fire Station, the Orange Public Library, and the Pacific Marine Mammal Institute. In the coming months, classes will be visiting the UCI Water Festival, Amy's Farm, and the Columbia Space Center!

There is so much to learn in and around Orange, and we are very thankful for our community's learning opportunities. After visiting the Hilbert Museum, Jaylee wrote: "A painting I enjoyed was named Richardson Bay.

The artist's name was Ken Potter. He made it in 1970. He also used watercolor. The reason why I picked this artist is because I love the sea and all the beautiful colors."

Additionally, three of our teachers have written and received Project Zero Waste Grants for presentations that have come to Sycamore as part of learning to support the earth. Mrs. McBrien is working with her class to gather data on paper recycling in order to increase this strategy to support the earth, while Mrs. Lawrence's class is working and gathering data on their classrooms' trash output and how to reduce it.

We have many creative ways that our students are learning to reduce waste, such as recycling markers, and an upcoming project called "Chip Bag Brigade," in which the students will be learning how they can recycle chip bags to reduce trash in landfills. This type of Project-Based Learning teaches children how to creatively solve real-world problems. At Sycamore, we thrive on learning by doing!

## Taft *Elementary*

1829 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/997-6254



**Connie Smith**  
*Principal*

### Accomplishing Reading Goals

Taft Elementary enjoys participating in all of the initiatives of the Anaheim Duck's Scholastic Curriculum of Recreation and Education (SCORE) program.

In this program, our third-grade students attend the First Flight Field Trip at the Honda Center where they apply their classroom knowledge of math and science to the game of hockey. Our fourth-grade students participate in the Reading is the

Goal program. This initiative supports teachers as they share the importance and love of reading. Students earn prizes for accomplishing their reading goals.

Street hockey is a free program that teaches our fourth-grade students how to play hockey while focusing on physical fitness skills. The curriculum is taught as an in-school P.E. time, with all of the equipment being donated for school use. Taft has also received valuable school supplies from the Ducks to support our instructional program.

Go Taft, and go, Ducks!



## Villa Park *Elementary*

10551 Center Dr., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6281



**Sara Beggs**  
*Principal*

### **Saturday Enrichment Academy**

Who says school on a Saturday can't be fun? Not VPE! Villa Park Elementary, along with other OUSD school sites, has implemented a new Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA). VPE has held three SEAs to date.

During SEA, students learn through enrichment activities focused around science, technology, engineering, art and math. In February, VPE had a circus theme. In teams, students built bridges that had to be strong enough to hold animals, completed an interactive-platform circus with peer buddies, conducted a guided art lesson, and even did a bit of circus yoga. What a fun way to learn in a safe and collaborative environment!

We're looking forward to future SEAs!



## Villa Park *High School*

18042 Taft Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/532-8020



**Dr. Ken Miller**  
*Principal*

### **Winners Win**

We have had some amazing results from our winter season of academics and athletics at Villa Park. Please allow me to elaborate and illustrate why we are a School of Excellence where Winners Win:

In February, approximately 150 students had an opportunity to meet with teachers, parents and local community members that served as judges to discuss their science research projects. During the judging, the students were asked several questions about the idea and development of their projects. The judging phase was a great opportunity to interact with these professionals to discuss what they have learned and their results. Awards were presented in 17 categories and the top two projects earned the Sweepstakes Award. The Top 20 projects were sent to the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair in April. County winners advance to the state competition in May. With S.T.E.M. being front and center in the science world, we are finding that Science Fair has become a gateway for

students into colleges and science careers! Congratulations to all of our students for conducting real scientific hypotheses!

Competitive Cheer earned multiple prestigious awards in January and February including CIF Division Finalist, a Top 12 National Finish and a Junior Varsity NATIONAL Championship!

Varsity Wrestling won the first CIF Championship in school history! Plus, all 14 wrestlers placed, eight earned spots in the Masters' Tournament, three earned spots at the State Tournament and Mike Ruiz was our first ever State Finalist!

Girls' Soccer won league and made history by earning berths in both the CIF Semifinals and State Regional tournaments.

Boys Basketball won another league title and finished #5 in Orange County!

The Marchin' Spartans swept all the awards at the Indio Date Festival Parade!

AP Research continues to head toward a culmination of their authentic research studies by May, 2019.

## West Orange *Elementary*

243 S. Bush St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6283



### STEAM Ahead

*By Anastasia Sousa, 4th Grade Teacher*

West Orange Warriors STEAM ahead with innovations and technology. Warriors are

interacting, participating, and coding with code.org, Dash robots, and OZobots, as they challenge themselves and create through technology.

Our Robotics club scholars, the Warbots, are constructing and programming VEX robots in our Maker Space. They will be competing at Orange High School and participating in a showcase at Santiago Canyon College again this year where they will show off their engineered creations.

This year, students also participated in Mystery Science, created their own flashlights, collaborated with Google



Hangout, produced a green screen video about California Missions in fourth grade, and made recycled towers using the engineering process.

Our amazing scholars have reached new heights through critical thinking, collaboration, and STEAM.

## Yorba *Academy of the Arts Middle School*

935 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6161



### Math Counts

March is the month for Pi Day. But at Yorba Middle School, February was the month when math counted. On February 24, five students participated in the Math Counts Southern California Regional Competition at University of California, Irvine. Luz Anguiano,

Charlotte Lundell, Karina Madrigal, Josh Martinez, and Diego Paz were coached by Yorba's math department chair, Ms. Barney.

Working together over several months, the students practiced solving problems covering a broad range of mathematical topics. With perseverance as their strategy, Yorba students gained knowledge in areas of math that they would not normally have seen until high school.

On the day of the event, the Yorba students realized they were

competing against over 250 students from approximately 35 middle schools in Orange County. It was a phenomenal experience, and all students involved acknowledged that they had a great time and learned a lot of math!





Richard J.

## Richard's Book Review

### Timmy Grows Up and Moves On

*Timmy Failure It's the End When I say It's the End* by Stephan Pastis

This is the 7th and last book of the Timmy Failure series. Timmy and his imaginary polar bear named Total (T. Failure + Total = Total Failure of Total Failure Inc. Detective Agency) take on a task of solving the world's problems and defeating crime. Timmy also has to do routine things like writing a script for his class project. But then a new student takes over the show and ruins Timmy's vision of Greatness. The script gets stolen and more Christmas shenanigans follow. I liked these book series because despite it's ridiculous, over-the-top narration by Timmy, you can see he's just a young kid with great imagination, producing action-packed scenarios, which help him escape the harsh reality of struggles — like getting a new step-dad, finding his real dad and trying to get him to participate in his life, and not realizing his aunt, with whom he and his mom lived during hard times, is dying. But in the end Timmy grows up and lets go of his imaginary sidekick Total by helping him find his long-lost brother and releasing Total to the Arctic. This book is definitely 5 out of 5 stars.

Richard J. is a 4th grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding, swimming, diving and running. He is a hard-working student who enjoys reading, seeing and leaning new things..



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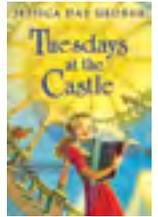
## Sophie's Choice



**Sophie O.**

### **Tuesdays at the Castle**

This book is the start of an amazing story written by Jessica Day George. In this book, there is an adventure, a little bit of mystery, danger, and stealthiness. Tuesdays at the Castle is based on the Glower Family, who live in



Castle Glower. Castle Glower is magical and every Tuesday a new room appears. Let me introduce you to the main characters, Lulath, Lilah, Rolf, Pogue, Celie, Bran, and Queen and King Glower. But, beware you might not want to put this book down. The King and Queen go to Bran's graduation, and on the way back they are thought to be killed! A funeral is taken place in which they meet some cruel and evil people, and find out that you can't trust everyone. This book definitely deserves a five-star review. Read this book and the whole series if you're curious to find out what will happen to the Glower Family.

Sophie O. is a 6th grader who loves to play soccer and bake. She's an avid reader and writer and is working on writing her first book. She hopes to be an architect one day

## Rabina's Review



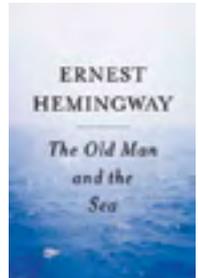
**Rabina K.**

### **An Impactful Book**

*The Old Man and the Sea*

By Ernest Hemingway

This book is a literary fiction, a story of courage and personal triumph won from loss. The story is tragic but it leaves the reader to appreciate the strength of the main character and his positive approach towards life.



Down on his luck with not much caught in 84 days, Santiago, an old Cuban fisherman, goes to try again in deep sea. He got lucky to have caught a giant marlin far out in the Gulf stream. He faces relentless agonizing battle with this creature who is as stubborn as he is. Though he succeeds in catching this big fish but the bad luck does shadow his efforts, and eventually the fisherman does not get to enjoy his reward.

I think this book speaks to the reader and teaches the reader that hard work does not always lead to rewards. Instead of getting frustrated from unsuccessful events, one should accept it positively and keep working towards one's goal.

Rabina is a 5th grader, who enjoys reading historical fiction and biographies. Writing is her passion. Besides, reading books and writing, she also enjoys playing soccer and piano.

## Isabella's Book Review



### Amazing Message

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens is an amazing book with a very complex person as its main character. Scrooge begins the book as a very mean cold hearted man. As the book goes on, Scrooge repents and tries to change.

**Isabella A.** The reason for this starts when his dead business partner, known as Marley, pays him a visit. During this visit, Marley prophesizes that 3 spirits will come.

The first spirit still comes that night. The Ghost of Christmas past shows Scrooge how happy he once was. It also shows him how he changed into the greedy person he is. Scrooge is sorry for what he has done and takes the first step to change. The next night, the Ghost of Christmas present shows Scrooge how poor his clerk is and how much he is suffering. Scrooge sees that his clerk's son is very sick and that the family does not have the money for treatment. The next night, Scrooge sees what will happen if he continues the way he is going.

I would rate this book a 5 out of 5 because it is very emotionally enticing and it has an amazing message.

Isabella is a 7th grader and just published her first short story in a school anthology of young authors after winning first prize with her work. She rates books on a 5 star scale.

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## Tara's Review



Tara Z.

### Eye-opening, Transcending, and Lovely

*Five Feet Apart*

by Rachel Lippencott is one of those wonderful coming of age novels, that will leave you smiling, laughing, or shedding a tear or two at one point or another. The story



follows the life of Stella Grant, a cystic fibrosis patient who is on the brink of becoming 18. Stella is the epitome of order, and her life, like that of many other CF patients, depends on a mixture of factors, but one of the most important is following a medical regime, filled with meticulous patterns of med dosages and activities. For Stella, following her regime, means keeping her shattered family together. However, when Will, another 17-year-old CF patient, arrives at Saint Grace's Hospital, things change for both young CFers, and for once in their lives, they have come to the realization that they will not let cystic fibrosis take away everything they have got.

Tara Z. is a tenth grader. She loves painting, reading, and writing about art and books. She hopes to study medicine and travel through all the world's continents.

## Office Terms –Word Search Contest

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One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
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Entries must be received by May 1, 2019

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



Congratulations to **Daniel Crisan**  
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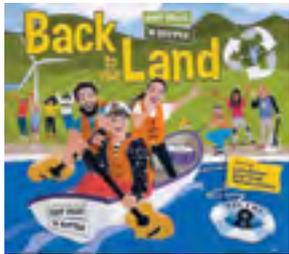
**Kate Karp**

### Back to the Land

“Now don’t get me wrong—it takes more than a song.” This lyric from the title song of Hot Peas ’N Butter’s latest CD is a call to action to everyone on Earth.

At first listen, *Back to the Land* is a folksy, earthy collection for children, but the songs travel beyond music to mentorship.

The title song is a twangy anthem for sustaining the mother planet. The vocalists invoke Arctic glacier melting and rising tides and count off the ways to help: clean, renewable energy and saving coral reefs are just a couple of them.



As with all their recordings, the Peas sing out a theme with a diversity of musical genres. The selections comprise a lively, “rootsy” mix of bluegrass, African and American folk, Dixieland and jazz. They’re performed by master musicians, including Peter Yarrow, whom some of you will remember from Peter, Paul and Mary.

“Come and Go with Me to That Land” is a New Orleans-jazz spiritual of hope; “Rainbow in Your Eyes” introduces colors to very young children and early English-language learners, and is a guaranteed earworm; “Little Fox,” which is catchy as all get-out, is a bluegrass-fiddle mountain ballad about a fox whose dinner plans are foiled, albeit temporarily. “Funga Alafia” is a Nigerian song of welcome, sung in the Yoruba language by gospel vocalist Marcelle Davies Lashley, who was raised in New York by her native African parents.

*Back to the Land* tells listeners that every day must be Earth Day, both for the survival of the planet and harmony among everything on it.

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.



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