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Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools

Orange Unified is excited to have been officially welcomed to the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools at their Fall 2019 meeting in Loudoun County, Virginia. The District is proud to have been selected from a competitive national pool of applicants based on its leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to equity and excellence.

Being a League member directly supports our vision to inspire learners of today to be purposeful leaders of tomorrow and work in partnership with our community to provide a safe, equitable, and innovative culture of learning for each scholar to have a competitive EDGE as a leader.

We look forward to working with the League to advance equity and excellence for every student by enhancing effective use of learning technologies in our classrooms and addressing the challenges facing K-12 schools. This partnership with other leading educators, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the country will help us give students the Orange Unified EDGE as we pioneer innovative learning and leadership practices that prepare students for future college and career opportunities and lead to improved academic performance.

League of Innovative Schools is a national coalition of forward-thinking K-12 school districts organized by Digital Promise, a nonprofit organization with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity to learn for all through technology and research. It now includes 114 school districts in 34 states.

League members are represented by their superintendent, who commits to participate in the League's professional learning community by contributing to collaborative problem-solving and relationship-building activities with peers and partners. Other school administrators, principals, and teachers from member districts are also invited to participate in League and Digital Promise-related initiatives in order to close the Digital Learning Gap and improve learning opportunities for all.

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



Justin Stanfield
Coordinator

Greetings from Parkside Education Center!

The 2019-2020 school year begins with great excitement among our programs at Parkside Education Center. Our teachers, staff and instructional assistants have all been preparing for what proves to be an exciting school year.

Parkside Education Center is comprised of five programs: Community Day School, Independent Study, Home/Hospital, Adult Transition and Adult Education. Each program is a highly specialized and is unique to the individual needs of the students.

Community Day School- (CDS) serves students in grades seven through twelve. CDS is built on the belief that all students can learn when given the appropriate environment, educational expertise, and opportunity.

Independent Study- (Ed Ops) is an independent study high school program serving students grades 9-12. It has the benefits of a home school and a virtual curriculum blended with face to face instruction with highly qualified Orange Unified School District teachers. Students with special education needs may also participate in this program.

Home/Hospital- The purpose of Home/Hospital instruction is to help students maintain continuity of instruction during a period of temporary disability. Any student with a temporary disability that makes attendance in regular classes or another education program impossible or inadvisable may be considered for this program.

Adult Transition- serves adult students with IEPs to meet the needs of 18-22 year old young adults with developmental disabilities. Our key focus is to help young adults build independence and quality of life linking adult students to appropriate community and adult services.



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This is our 15th year publishing the excellence from the OUSD. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. There have been many changes to the curriculum throughout the years, but the one constant has been the commitment to the academic success of the students.

Technology has certainly been the biggest change in the classrooms. Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen's message on page 3 highlights an important change with the District being selected as a member of the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools.

Our next issue is April 8, 2020.

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Texting and Driving: A Killing Combination



Teens love to text. They'll send messages any time and anywhere. But if they text from behind the wheel of a car, the results could be deadly.

Studies show that texting and driving is as dangerous as drinking and driving.

If you text while behind the wheel, you're 23 times more likely to crash. Although many states have laws making it illegal to text while driving, teens (and many parents) still do it, even though they know it's dangerous. When teens are driving, any activity besides keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel -- like emailing, downloading music, taking pictures -- is a huge no no.

So how can you make sure your teen is phone-free while behind the wheel?

- **Make it non-negotiable.** Teens need to understand that keys and phones simply do not mix. Let them know that distracted driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving.
- **Set clear rules.** Tell your teens to turn off their phones and put them in the glove box before they start the car. If you're not sure your teen has the will power to do this consistently, consider using apps that specifically restrict texting while driving.

Are any of these behaviors taking a toll on your child?

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- **Download an app that disables the phone when you're driving.** If you don't trust yourself, get an app that will keep you honest.
 - **Set an example.** Resist the impulse to check your own phone while in traffic. Your kids are watching what you do. And chances are, they'll copy your behavior.
- There's no denying that texting is here to stay. So managing when and where your kids do use their phones is critical — not just for their development, but for their safety as well.

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**Nicole
VanWilgen-Moore**
Principal

School-Wide Kindness

Anaheim Hills Elementary School was one of fifteen schools in Orange County to be selected to have a kindness and anti-bullying assembly provided to our school by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). The “ONE” assembly brought awareness to the harmful effects of bullying by using children’s literature.

Author Kathryn Otoshi lead a fun and interactive presentation for AHES students using her books, (*One, Zero, Two, and Beautiful Hands*) to engage students to understand bullying, acceptance, and compassion. Students also learned about standing up for themselves and their peers.

After the assembly, Ms. Otoshi and OCDE provided each classroom with a copy of the book *ONE*, along with a student activity to reinforce the message of kindness. As part of this experience, there will be a Phase 2 supported by OCDE where they will support our student PALs team to implement a school-wide project of kindness in the Spring.



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Diane Lew
Principal

Mobile School Pantry Program

For the third year in a row, Cambridge Elementary School has partnered up with Second Harvest Food Bank to bring the Mobile School Pantry Program to our school site! The Mobile School Pantry Program brings a large variety of fresh produce and other groceries completely free to schools in

underserved neighborhoods. Our parent volunteers set up the fresh produce in a farmers market-style distribution on a monthly basis, reaching over 200 families each month. Our volunteers are essential to the success of this program. Together, we are able to provide a more readily accessible source of food assistance to our students, their families, and the entire community!



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Dr. John Albert
Principal

iInspire Academy

California Elementary School, home to the *iInspire Academy*, where technology and language flourish!, is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2019–2022 for its innovative utilization of iPad

devices in a school-wide 24/7 Take Home Device program.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence that use Apple products to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. They showcase innovative uses of technology in learning, teaching, and the school environment and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

“To be renewed as an Apple Distinguished School for a three year validation is a huge honor and recognition of the continuous growth in our students’ innovation and creativity,” stated Principal John Albert, Ed.D. “Our entire community and staff have worked tirelessly to raise the bar for what 21st century learning should look and feel like in schools.” The school has leveled the Technology Gap by providing all students a school issued iPad so students can access technology 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with a fully integrated curriculum. In addition, the school has developed an innovative Dual Spanish Immersion Program, schoolwide coding integration, utilization of STEAM programs including robotics and coding drones, and an Inclusive Schooling Program where students thrive with technology integration.



“California Elementary is a shining example of how innovative programs and technology-infused learning gives our students the Orange Unified EDGE,” said Superintendent Gunn Marie Hansen, Ph.D. “Today’s students need to be prepared for jobs that don’t yet exist, and strong digitally literacy skills are paramount to help them to be future-ready.”

California Elementary School has been honored as a California Gold Ribbon School, Title I High Achieving School, an Apple Distinguished School from 2017-2019, and an Apple Distinguished School from 2019-2022, and is recipient of two California School Board Association’s Golden Bell Awards. The school community is very excited to continue their journey of leading in excellence and innovation for their students.

Canyon *High School*

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Craig Abercrombie
Principal

National Merit Semifinalists

Canyon High School students Mark Grujic and Ethan Ong were recently announced as semifinalists in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented seniors will continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be awarded by the National Merit Corporation (NMSC) to students across the nation in the spring of 2020.

To become a Finalist, Mark and Ethan must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). National Merit Scholarship winners for 2019 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.

Canyon Hills

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Dr. Karen Hanson
Coordinator

Integration of Technology

It is another amazing year at Canyon Hills! Our students and staff arrive at school each day with positive, optimistic attitudes, ready to teach and learn.

Canyon Hills has already had some outstanding events this year, such as Back-to-School night, picture day, red ribbon week, and the annual pumpkin patch. These activities are enriching, multi-sensory experiences that promote learning. This year, the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club sponsored the fun-filled pumpkin patch, in conjunction with our school's Parent Group. We at Canyon Hills appreciate those who contribute their time, energy, and other resources to our activities.

The integration of technology in instruction at Canyon Hills is expanding as teachers explore new devices and their applications. Teachers continue to incorporate Unique

Learning Systems, a standards-based curriculum, used daily to enrich the functional academic instruction for all students. The format of this curriculum adapts well to the interactive TVs and tablet devices, which teachers access in their daily instruction. There are many applications designed for students with significant special needs that promote fine motor and communication skills and enhance student engagement.

Students continue to use and enjoy the Canyon Hills Life Skills Lab, where they participate in vocational activities. In preparation for the transition beyond Canyon Hills, students learn skills that include activities of daily living (making the bed; doing laundry; folding and hanging clothes; food preparation; sorting and assembly of small items). Students also assist with the upkeep of the Canyon Hills sensory garden that is generously supported by the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club. At Canyon Hills, families, staff, and community partners work together each day to enrich the lives of our students.

Canyon Rim *Elementary*

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Bree Tippets
Principal

Student Achievement Goals

Teachers and students are working together smarter, not harder to accomplish high expectations in the classroom. The Canyon Rim Staff is working steadily to increase student achievement using three theories of action. The first theory, if we strengthen our ELA instruction with an emphasis on listening, then our students will be prepared for the

rigor of college and career. Our second theory, if we establish a foundation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports in the areas of academic and social emotional learning with a focus on behavior, then we will meet the needs of all students. Our final theory, if we implement a positive and engaging learning environment embedding STEAM activities that involve families, then we will increase school connectedness and student engagement. Student Achievement is a high priority and we want to continually support all learners in succeeding.

Canyon Rim continues to strengthen and grow our Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program. AVID is now in grades 4th-6th. The AVID program is focused on organization, goal setting, reflective practices, leveled questioning, note-taking, collaborative learning, and inquiry. Canyon Rim 4th-6th grade scholars kicked off the school year by brainstorming the traits of a successful student, setting goals for themselves,

and collaboratively creating classroom mission statements. They have learned how to keep an organized binder and will be participating in binder checks throughout the year. In addition, they are learning how to take notes and effectively study. The purpose of the AVID program is to prepare students for college and career. Canyon Rim 4th-6th grade scholars are well on their way!



Cerro Villa *Middle School*

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Lisa Ogan
Principal

Engaging SEA

On Saturday, October 12, students participated in Cerro Villa's SEA (Saturday Enrichment Academy) program. This is the first of four opportunities students will have to experience development in topics and subjects currently seen on campus. At SEA, our students were thoroughly engaged in the following activities:

- A "break-out session" where teams of students completed four different sections correctly by using their skills in English and history to complete required codes in order to move on to the next level and be the first team to figure out the final answer, therefore "breaking out;"
- Team-building activities such as stacking cups using only string and rubber bands;
- A math activity involving fractions in which students figure out how to "share cheese fairly with crackers;"
- Team presentations through rap verse or cheer.



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Jana Saenz
Principal

Bobcats Continue to Excel in the Arts

VAPA is a visual and performing arts program that 5th and 6th grade students across the district participate in. Students receive forty-five minutes of VAPA instruction twice a week. Students at Chapman Hills are given the option to choose between Band, Orchestra, Visual Arts, or Theatre Arts. Students start their VAPA discipline as fifth grade students, learning introductory basics and continue their instruction as sixth grade students, learning more complex and advanced concepts. Twice a year, students have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and perform in front of their peers, teachers, and parents. Bobcats are preparing for their first showcase, Winter 2019.

Crescent *Elementary*

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Shelé Tamaki
Principal

Friendship Day

This fall third grade classes participated in Crescent Elementary's 4th Annual *Friendship Day*. Students divided into multi-class mixed groups and rotated through each class. Friendship Day lessons included reading

children's books *Enemy Pie* and *Clark the Shark*. These stories teach young children to be a buddy not a bully, as well as conflict resolution. Additionally, Friendship Day included watching short videos about the purpose of the Friendship/Buddy bench on our school playground and how to be a "friend on the field" while practicing good sportsmanship. Students had opportunities to foster new friendships and practice friendship skills throughout the day. Our activities concluded by sharing a treat together and playing on the playground with our new friends.



This spring third graders will participate in a follow up "Kindness Day" to reflect on the skills learned in the fall. The students will design positive thinking posters and tokens of kindness to spread throughout our campus.

El Modena *High School*

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Jill Katevas
Principal

El Mo TV Wins National Award

We are very proud of our El Modena TV Program that won Elk's National Award for its PSA, "Sunshine" on Drug Prevention. The Elks Drug Awareness Program reaches out to youth of all ages and backgrounds. Through the 2,100 Lodges in communities across the country, Elks work to combat youth substance abuse. The video was produced by student Sandy Beach and under the mentorship of the program's teacher, Mrs. Vicki Mull.

The community came together and held a ceremony to honor the hard work of our students. Mr. Mike Cash and the entire Elk's Organization arranged a great ceremony where Mayor Murphy, Congressman Correa's Office, Congress Woman Porter's Office, Assemblyman Steven Choi, Orange City Council Member Kim Nichols, Miss City of Orange, Orange Unified School Board Members and all of the city and local officials who came out to honor El Modena High School.



El Rancho Charter *Middle School*

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Michele Walker
Principal

Teen Read Week

From October 7-11, El Rancho Charter School participated in Teen Read Week; a national celebration in libraries across our country. Mrs. McGuire, our school librarian, worked tirelessly to ensure that the event would be a success. The week was full of exciting events for both students and staff. From daily raffles, to hosting an awesome Book Fair; students across campus were talking about all things related to books and reading. Each day, the students had the opportunity to peruse the wonderful books for sale, ask questions, and share facts about their favorite authors, books, and genres. Staff participated by writing descriptions of their favorite novels and having them read during the morning announcements. Read Week has definitely been a highlight of the school year!



Esplanade *Elementary*

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Christina Yokoyama
Principal

AVID Leadership

With the help of Esplanade teachers Mrs. Helmer and Ms. Canto, Esplanade is promoting leadership skills amongst our young Eagles through the AVID Leadership Team, open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who wish to join. This is a group of motivated students who are taking active roles in their school community. They are making decisions and working together in committees to reach a common goal. We have student Supervisors scout the playgrounds at recess helping those in need and looking to “catch students being good.” We have our Photographers who take pictures for

yearbook and memorialize school events. Our STEAMer committee has been busy designing posters to advertise a variety of events, most recently preparing for Red Ribbon Week and our upcoming Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Another student committee is the AVID Ambassadors. These terrific role models are leading the school in the flag salute, giving speeches at the Pep Rally, leading visitors on school tours, and getting ready for an upcoming school-wide charity event to support children with cancer in which the AVID Ambassadors are writing speeches for classroom presentations and getting ready to distribute materials and collect the donations. Esplanade’s AVID Leadership Team is made up of a special group of kids who will be ready for college!

Fairhaven *Elementary*

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Karen Sandors
Principal

Fairhaven is Family

Fairhaven began the school year with Start With Hello Week through the Sandy Hook Promise. This program encourages students to meet new friends. To encourage developing new friendships we participated in all school recesses. Fun icebreaker activities, songs and discussions focusing on preventing social isolation took place during this welcoming week.

We also launched the Gratitude Campaign with the Look for the Good Project. Beginning with student led assemblies, students were introduced to the idea of feeling gratefulness. Students wrote responses to our daily themes on sticky notes, which are posted in our multipurpose room. Additionally, giant orange spots were placed on the ground in various places around the campus. Students and staff step on the spots to say something for which they are grateful. “YOU MATTER” cards are being passed around by all individuals on the campus, to acknowledge how grateful one person is to another.

Community, caring, and kindness = Fairhaven is Family

Fletcher *Elementary*

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Sara Pelly
Principal

Math in the Neighborhood

To most parents of school-aged children, fall is “Fundraiser” time, when students bring home catalogs and order forms to sell gift wrap and other household items. While most of the fundraising is done at home, Diane Hassoun, Fletcher’s Education Specialist,

saw an opportunity to incorporate learning for two of her students, 6th graders Adam and Johnathan, while making community and business partnerships along the way.

With the Math in the Neighborhood program, Mrs. Hassoun called on the boys to take a field trip to local businesses, asking if they would like to purchase any of our fall catalog items. The boys were

in charge of logging and doing the math for the purchases, and will be hand delivering the goods along with a thank you note. Not only did the boys raise \$352.00 for the school, they made some great connections and community partners.



Handy *Elementary*

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Erika Krohn
Principal

Restorative Circles

Every classroom at Handy School has been participating in Restorative Circles.

We use Restorative Circles as a way to create a kind, caring community in each classroom. Restorative Circles entail gathering in a circle and creating norms that will help build trust in the

space. A talking piece, an object of significance, is passed around inviting equal participation. Whoever holds the talking piece is invited to speak, while all others listen to and support the speaker. The Circle Keeper facilitates the Talking Circle by selecting the time and place, inviting members and preparing introductory remarks.

Once the group reviews its established norms, the Circle Keeper can read a short piece of text to set the tone or just dive into the first question or reflection. At Handy, our topic has focused on the monthly core value. So far this year, we have discussed Citizenship and Trustworthiness in circles. Our students have a greater sense of belonging due to this promising practice.



Imperial *Elementary*

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Amber Miller
Principal

Eagles Walk to School

On October 2nd Imperial Elementary students, staff, and community members joined millions of children around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking to school. This was the 2nd annual Walk to School Day event for Imperial Elementary and was extremely successful with over 300 students, staff, and community members joining us for the walk. To promote this incredible

event, we partnered with Anaheim Public Library, Canyon Hills Branch and the Anaheim Police Department. It was a special treat for all to be escorted by Anaheim Police Officer Bonczkiewicz and his K-9 dog Ivan. The event was also promoted by our Student Council Leadership Team as they made posters and advertised Walk to School Day throughout the weeks proceeding. We look forward to supporting this event again next year as we continue to focus on genuine wellness and safety for our students, staff, and community members. #ousdEDGE

Jordan *Academy of Language and Computer Science*

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Lorena Rubio
Principal

Name Change

We are proud to announce that Jordan Elementary has been renamed Jordan Academy of Language and Computer Science. In collaboration with a Chapman University alumnus, we have redesigned our school's logo as well.



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Lydia Roach
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VIKINGS Ride the W.A.V.E.!

In the new "Ride the W.A.V.E." program at La Veta School, students participate in various enrichment activities on Friday afternoons to help them experience career and technical pathways. As outlined in the OUSD Strategic Plan, La Veta School plans to increase awareness and initiate Career Technical Education Pathway opportunities at the elementary level.

W.A.V.E. which stands for: Will Actively engage in Various activities of Enrichment, is a program for 1st-6th graders that will run through December 6. The dedicated teachers of La Veta School are currently providing the following classes: art, theater, beginner ukulele, culinary arts, digital media, science, crafts, math games/puzzles, Crime Scene Investigation, STEM challenges, American Sign Language, sewing, needlepoint, Pumpkin Math, and physical fitness.

We are also fortunate to partner with a major aerospace company and Engineering Leader Mr. Al Pedroza who is providing STEM and Space Education through hands on activities and knowledge based fundamentals about space travel and exploration. Mr. Pedroza will guide students to invent safe stopping robots, fuel level detectors, and air powered spinning machines.

In addition, La Veta School parent Mr. Paul Hansen is sharing his knowledge as a horticulturist and arborist with students in one of the science classes that is offered. He will guide students as they learn about trees and plants, plant seeds, and create a school garden.

Session 2 of the La Veta Ride the W.A.V.E. program is scheduled to begin in January. If you are interested in volunteering or partnering with us to share your career expertise with our students please contact the Principal at LaVetaPrincipal@orangeusd.org

La Veta Elementary School- Enriching the lives of ALL students!

Lampson *Elementary*

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



Heriberto Angel Jr.
Principal

Student Council

In one of the closest student council races in Lampson history, 5th grade Leopard, Amy Medel, became our 2019-20 student council president. Amy, along with fellow Leopard, Joseph Chavez, are eager to lead our student council which is composed of twenty-seven 4th and 5th grade students.

As stated in our school mission statement, *“In partnership with our community, Lampson Elementary offers a learning environment of excellence, with high expectations, to provide our students with the opportunity to be responsible, resilient, and productive world citizens in a changing and diverse society. Lampson Elementary strives to develop student literacy across all content areas as a foundation to inspire each of our students*

to pursue their dreams and develop into tomorrow’s community leaders”. Our student council strives to provide our students with opportunities to develop leadership by organizing school events, fundraisers, and community projects.

In addition to displaying school spirit, our student council represents the collective voice of our student population. “This year’s student council is filled with enthusiastic kids and great ideas. Our students are ready and willing to work and learn how to be leaders. The 2019-20 student council is going to have a great year”, stated Ms. Greenwald who is one of the advisors for student council. Our student council is currently visiting classrooms, providing their peers with an explanation on the purpose of Red Ribbon Week, and handing out red bracelets. The future is bright at Lampson Elementary



Linda Vista *Elementary*

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



Ginette Kelley
Principal

All Students have PAWS

Linda Vista Elementary School, Home of the Leopards, where all students have PAWS: Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit.

At Linda Vista, students are developing their potential daily, by participating in a variety of learning experiences. Teachers are finding innovative ways to augment student aspirations and dreams. Students are acquiring the wisdom they need to become actively involved citizens.

The SPIRIT these amazing Leopards have is demonstrated in a variety of ways. They have school spirit

and it shows each Friday when they wear their school shirts. They have spirit for life, which was shared with the community by supporting Red Ribbon Week. They have spirit for our country, as they showed during the Patriot Day Ceremony.

Many Leopards participated in the PTA Reflections Art Contest. To them it was about developing and sharing their artistic potential. The theme this year was “Look Within”; these Leopards shared with families and the community the artistic spirit they have within them.

PAWS is more than just a symbol to those at Linda Vista. PAWS is a way of life; it is how students learn, contribute, grow.

McPherson Magnet

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



Joe Erven
Principal

C-STEM Teacher of the Year

McPherson Magnet is proud to announce that one of our 3rd grade teachers, Greg Miller, was announced as a C-STEM Robotics Teacher of the Year and will be awarded this distinction at UC Davis on November 2, 2019.

The C-STEM Teacher of the Year Awards recognize

C-STEM teachers for their exceptional contributions in teaching computing, integrating computing into STEM subjects, and inspiring students to pursue careers and post-secondary study in C-STEM fields.

Mr. Miller currently teaches C-STEM Robotics to his 3rd grade math students and has brought the program to our 4th and 5th grade students as well. He had his 3rd grade students complete a demonstration of their C-STEM abilities at the state competition held at University High School and our middle school team took the state championship that year.

McPherson's C-STEM Program focuses on integrating computing and robotics into regular classroom with hands-on project-based learning.

To get information about McPherson, please follow us on Twitter @mcpersonmagnet



Nohl Canyon

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



Jeff Jones
Principal

Penguin Award

At Nohl Canyon Elementary, we are striving to embrace our students with taking risks and being comfortable with failure.

This vision goes towards our

teachers as well. We want to build an environment where we are consistently learning from our mistakes, reflecting on our actions and making changes for the better. With this vision in mind, Nohl Canyon has developed the "Penguin Award" for staff. The Penguin Award is presented monthly to a member of our teaching



staff in celebration for allowing themselves to take risks while instructing. The Penguin is a symbol of someone comfortable taking risks with the chance at failing and understanding that failure is the process of learning.

Nohl Canyon's first "Penguin Award" recipient is Mrs. Mai! Mrs. Mai teaches our 4th, 5th and 6th grade GATE students. Mrs. Mai thinks out of the box with her instruction and has the courage to try activities like "social circles", where students express opinions and thoughts in a safe and comfortable environment.

Mrs. Mai's students come away with the courage to try new things, being comfortable if they do not succeed and looking at new ways to get better. Congratulations Mrs. Mai!

Olive Elementary

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



Heather Darrow
Principal

3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat

Olive Elementary staff and families came together for our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat, which was coordinated by our Olive Parent Teacher Club. Students, families, and staff showcased their creativity and collaboration

through decorated car trunks, for an evening of fun for all ages.

Olive is proud to offer this safe and creative event to celebrate the fall season with our families. The highlight of the night was when the kindergarten students joined their teachers in a group dance to the Ghostbusters theme song. They had been working on this during physical education and seized the opportunity to perform for our guests. It was perfect!

At Olive Elementary, we believe that building relationships is a key factor to student success. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and supportive school community!



Orange High School

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



Dennis McCuiston
Principal

A Major Milestone

To celebrate the milestone of the last beam of construction of the new STEM building, Orange High School hosted a beam signing ceremony. Orange High students, teachers and administrators along with the members of the Board of Education and district leadership, signed the last beam of steel to be hoisted and attached to the new

Science building. Panther pride and excitement was on full display with Orange High Choir, Associated Student body (ASB), and Cheerleaders leading the way.

This spirited event was an opportunity for current students and stakeholders to leave their mark for generations of panthers to come. The Orange High community is excited for every step in Measure S construction especially the new technology and learning spaces provided in new buildings.



OUSD PreK

2345 E. Palmyra. Orange, CA 92865

Fall Fantasy Parade

By Rachele Dale, Coordinator of Orange PreK

The Orange Preschool School site team and families enjoyed a Fall Fantasy Parade on October 31st encouraging family involvement at school.



Halloween activity Day

Families attended and participated in a parade activity practicing preschool skills supporting the growth of their children. Students practiced skills which included utilizing the language skills of please and thank you, turn taking and following directions while their parents were able to practice with their children and see the school site and staff members.

Our school site team was excited to support the imagination of our students while interacting and welcoming families on campus.

Panorama Elementary

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



Jeremy Mortensen
Principal

Always a Great Day to be a Panther!

Panorama Elementary always has so much going on with fun activities, collaborative learning, and a full-time PE program with an amazing coach, it is always a great time at Panorama!

Panorama recently had its annual pancake breakfast on Friday, September 27th. The event was a HUGE success with almost every Panther participating! We would like to thank all of our families who participated, donated, and volunteered. We are so fortunate to have such amazing families and businesses at our school to make events like this happen!

Finally, Panorama hosted its 6th annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Friday, October 25th where parents and supporters brought in their vehicles onto the black top of the playground, decorated the trunks, and handed out candy to eager students, dressed up as their favorite character. That same evening, Panorama hosted its third annual movie night, all to give back to our students and families who contribute to our school. A very special thank you goes out to our teacher and parent support and Panorama's PTA!

It's obvious why it is always a great day to be a Panther!

Palmyra Elementary

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



Brenna Godsey
Principal

Palmyra Scholars

Palmyra Elementary School is excited to continue their journey as an AVID school this year! AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is being implemented in our all of our third through sixth grade classes. AVID provides a system and structure within the classroom to provide students with the skills necessary for success in middle school, high school, college, and career.



As part of a school-wide project, students create Successful Student posters and AVID College Profiles. The Successful Student project provides students an opportunity to identify and learn about qualities that a high achieving, successful student demonstrates. On the AVID College Profile, students make a pennant and set goals for the current school year and beyond. Our sixth grade students featured here, aspire to be an astronomer, an FBI agent, and a chef.

We are excited to see what the future holds for all of our Palmyra scholars!

Portola *Middle School*

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



Jeff Morgan
Principal

AVID Promotes WICOR

Portola Middle School is celebrating 20 years of AVID! The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time and in celebrating this great achievement makes me so fortunate to be part of such a great school and program. This year all of our students will receive an AVID binder with our new logo on it. The binder is not just a welcome back or welcome to Portola, it is a tool that we will use to promote Organization, the O in WICOR.

Starting in 1999, AVID has been a constant on our campus promoting Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Rigor. Besides promoting WICOR, it has promoted leadership, self-worth, and character. Our AVID students that matriculate to Orange High School are prepared for the endeavor of not just high school and all of its challenges, but continuing their path of AVID at an AVID National Demonstration site.

This year will be a celebration of not just the present successes, but the past and future successes of our AVID Matadors and the trail they have and will blaze as leaders, thinkers, and scholars.

Prospect *Elementary*

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



Sally Hughson
Principal

Red Ribbon Week

For Red Ribbon Week we want to keep our focus on making good, healthy choices that will positively influence our lives. On Monday, we wore red to remind us that healthy choices lead to a healthy heart and we enjoyed a visit from Orange County Fire Department E4. They showed us many important things about being a firefighter and, of course, we loved how they emptied

500 gallons of water in 30 seconds. On Tuesday, we wore our shirts backwards because we turned our backs on drugs and vaping. Officer Norman from Orange PD visited and showed us many items that are needed for him to do his job. We wore blue on Wednesday for National Bullying Prevention month. We know the importance of being there for one another and treating each other with kindness. When we are taking care of others, we are also taking care of ourselves!



Richland *High School*

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



**Dr. Elsie Briseño
Simonovski**
Principal

Adult High School Diploma Program

Richland High School is pleased to announce that starting November, the Adult Education High School Diploma program will be hosted at Richland High School. Individuals 18 years or older may apply for an adult high school diploma. Adult students can earn credit towards the completion of a high school diploma through the guidance of an instructor at Richland High School. This program is in partnership with Santiago

Canyon College and RHS is excited to launch this new opportunity for those who would benefit from obtaining an Adult High School Diploma through OUSD.

The adult high school diploma program is personalized and aimed to meet the needs of adults who want to earn a high school diploma. Coursework is offered twice a week, in a small group, computer-aided program of study. A cap and gown graduation ceremony will be held in June to honor those students receiving an adult high school diploma. Potential students are encouraged to contact Richland High School for more information.

Running Springs *Elementary*

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



Mark McLaughlin
Principal

IB Primary Years Programme

Running Springs Elementary is proud to announce that we officially a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. Part of the IB's mission is to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." It also strives to develop life-long learners who are active participants in their learning.

The IB programme is not a curriculum, but is a framework and an approach to teaching that encourages students to apply their learning to real-world contexts and to make connections to bigger concepts. IB fosters student curiosity, inquiry and the development of 21st century skills. In IB, the curriculum is taught through connections to broader concepts that are transferable across subjects, which allow the students to develop a deeper understanding

of the content. The IB promotes research-based teaching practices that encourage students to ask (and answer) challenging questions, think critically, and develop research skills proven to help them in higher education.

In order to help students make those conceptual connections, our district-adopted curriculum will be taught through the lenses of six universal themes-- "who we are," "how the world works," "where we are in place and time," "how we express ourselves," "how we organize ourselves," and "sharing the planet." The teachers at Running Springs have weekly meetings with the IB Coordinator to develop this framework. Our IB Coordinator, Brandi Gower, brings extensive experience working in IB school in support of our journey to authorization.

The IB PYP program is committed to the development of students according to the IB learner profile. The profile aims to develop learners who are: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, Reflective

For more information visit the website at www.ibo.org.

Contest!

This student is in a picture somewhere in this publication. When you find him, email the **page number** to:

Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com
Please put OUSD in the subject line.



Your entry must be received by January 15, 2020. From the correct entries, we will draw a winner to receive a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes and Noble.

**Congratulations to
Cayden Boudreau
Winner of our September contest!**

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

Culinary Arts Program

Santiago is proud to offer a Culinary Arts program, in partnership with Orange Home Grown (OHG), Katella Grill, Waste Not OC, El Modena High School (EMHS) and other community organizations. This innovative program

is a direct path into the award-winning Culinary Arts CTE Pathway at EMHS and introduces our students to careers in the foods and hospitality industry. Additionally, this course focuses on all aspects of food from preparation of healthy food to publishing cookbooks.

In a given week, our Culinary Arts students learn to cook vegetables multiple ways, prepare and repurpose produce from OHG Farmer's Market, serve our staff treats like hummus and tabbouleh, and learn the inter-workings of a commercial kitchen at one of our local restaurants.

Beyond offering opportunities for students, Santiago's Culinary Arts Program conducts family courses on Nutrition. Culinary Arts is one of many unique electives at Santiago. For information visit www.santiagocharters.org or call 714-997-6366.



Serrano *Elementary*

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



Nate Garrett
Principal

International DOT Day

During the month of September, Serrano students and staff engaged in a school-wide STEAM project and recognized International DOT Day. International Dot Day is a holiday in which people of all ages are encouraged to harness their own creativity and embrace their own confidence as they make their positive mark in the world. Over a week period, students engaged in activities that included writing, drawing, building or some other creative medium and shared their Dot Day inspiration with others. This was an incredible activity that aimed to inspire our community of students and staff to embrace their creative abilities and make a positive mark in our world.

Families, I encourage you, next time you are sitting around your table for a meal, have a conversation as a family on how you can use your creative talents as a family to make a positive mark in our community and world.



Sycamore *Elementary*

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



Renee Ybarra
Principal

Sycamore STREAMs Imagination!

With a constant eye on our goal of promoting a school environment that is conducive to learning and supports strong family and community partnerships, students, families and faculty members gathered at Sycamore Elementary School on October 17 to participate in Sycamore's annual Family Science Night set to a Walt Disney "Sycamore STREAMs Imagination" theme.

Spearheaded by veteran Kindergarten teacher, Violet Bender (who attended as Snow White), students and parents participated in a wide range of hands on science activities designed to bolster science knowledge, enhance critical thinking skills, and strengthen family and community bonds.

Mrs. Lawrence focused on sharpening skills of prediction; while principles of rocket science were showcased by Mrs. McBrien; and "Cinderella" (Mrs. Ray) conducted an investigation of optical illusions. Other

Disney celebrities and faculty members were on hand to guide students and families on the principles of making ice cream, "Gobs of Fun" (slime) and "Mystery Colors," exploring optical properties.

Additionally, members of the community were on hand, including our Orange Police Department School Resource Officer and our local Fire Station firefighters and their amazing firetruck. Kids and parents of all ages enjoyed interacting with our local community first responders.

While the obvious goal of Science Night is to showcase and enhance science learning, family and community engagement is the underlying, and perhaps greater objective of Family Science Night. Studies have shown that family engagement improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and builds parents' confidence in their children's education.

Family Science Night provided a fun, positive atmosphere for investigative learning in a relaxed and non-threatening environment for adults and children. We are proud of the outstanding participation of our students and families and dedication of our faculty that made our Family Science Night a great success.

Taft *Elementary*

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



Connie Smith
Principal

Open House for Learning Lab

Taft Elementary hosted an Open House for the parents of the students attending our

Learning Lab. Ms. Berg and Ms. Ruiz presented a Power Point explaining how the program serves their children.

The Learning Lab provides students with targeted instruction appropriate for each student's learning level. The goal in the Learning Lab is for each student to show academic growth. Parents were provided with specific strategies and on-line resources to help their children at home. Parents were encouraged to read 20 to 30 minutes with their children every day, make sure their children are reading books at the appropriate level and to take them to the library.

The parents enjoyed seeing their children participating and gaining new English Language Arts skills, in a small groups setting, in Taft's Learning Lab.



Ms. Ruiz and Ms. Berg presenting at Learning Lab Open House

Villa Park *Elementary*

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



Dr. Sara Beggs
Principal

Bike Rodeo

Each October our third grade students and fourth through sixth grade students who have not participated in the past, partake in the Villa Park Elementary Bike Rodeo. In collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, students are tested on bicycle maneuvers and safety.



Students must complete safety obstacles such as a quick stop, maneuvering around cones, using the appropriate left and right hand signals as well as ensuring their helmet fits correctly. At the end of the rodeo, students are issued Villa Park Elementary Bike License and now can safely ride to school and home. This is a wonderful program provided to us through the Villa Park Home & School League in collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Villa Park *High School*

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



Dr. Ken Miller
Principal

CIF State Academic Championship

Please remember the importance of daily attendance! It is important to have all students attend each and every day! Being present daily at school ensures the best opportunity for success in academics and extra-curricular activities. We are also pursuing the high school attendance award! If we have the highest attendance in any one month, I, Dr. Miller, will obtain a very close

haircut in our own Quad at Nutrition! The best part is that we have the opportunity to win the award every month! The more students attend daily, the better our chance for success!

I would also like to introduce the new staff. We are pleased to announce our new staff members: Krystle Celis-Palaganas in CTE Medical/Athletic Trainer, Tamara Droher in Spanish, Tom Fox as Interim Assistant Principal, Gil Jimenez in PE and Varsity Football, Lisa Luebben-Rivera

in English, Cesar Martinez in Security, Christian Olsen in Special Education, Atikah Osman as Assistant Principal, Philip Perry in Special Education, Jack Rulon as Student Teacher/Social Studies and Brad Willis as Interim Athletic Director. Finally, Mrs. Doreen Valentin returns to VPHS as Counselor for Mrs. Kim Healy, who retired in September.

The Villa Park High School Girls' Golf Team earned the CIF STATE ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP! This Villa Park team had the highest collective grade point average for 2019. The team's grade point was 3.91 on an unweighted scale of 4.0.

This was the third year in a row that the team won the CIF Southern Section Academic Championship and it is their first California State Academic Championship.

This is the ultimate for any high school athletic team. As much as we celebrate State Athletic Championships, this Academic State Championship is the most important achievement for these scholar-athletes and our school. Thank you to our coaches, teachers, counselors and administration for their support.

West Orange *Elementary*

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



Dr. Monica Murray
Principal

Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today

West Orange Elementary is excited to kick off the school year with a wide-range of events and activities focused on building tomorrow's leaders today! Starting with our student council elections in September to our new Jr. Lighthouse Team, our Warriors are on their way to becoming leaders. Developing skills to become a leader,

problem solve, and engage in real world problems is at the heart of what we do at West Orange.

In our STEAM lab, TK-2nd grade students engage in weekly STEAM real world lessons designed by our Title 1 Specialist, Ms. Johnston, and our



Librarian, Ms. Cho. For the month of October, our warriors became engineers and developed solutions and inventions to keep us safe during an Earthquake. They learned about earthquakes by examining structures, learning new vocabulary, and determining the best materials needed to build a safe and secure building. At West Orange, we are empowering our students to think and act like an engineer.



Yorba *Academy of the Arts Middle School*

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



Sandra Preciado-Martin
Principal

Learning Beyond the Classroom

This year Yorba Middle School started the school year with an exciting summer program! Three different innovative summer programs were offered to students. The first one was the Yorba Math program that provided students with foundational math skills.

The second program was the Language

Development summer session where students enhanced their English literacy and speaking skills through projects that included cooking, iPilot devices and team building games. Lastly, the AVID Yorba Summer Institute.

All three programs not only had the opportunity to develop critical academic skills but they also had the opportunity to take their learning beyond

the brick and mortar classroom. The AVID and Language Development students ventured out to Olvera Street with a field trip that explored culture, history and language. Driven by a scavenger hunt, students had the opportunity to explore historical sites, museums and even admire the view of all Los Angeles from the 27th floor of City Hall. It was a wonderful start of the year!



Free Community Event + Fun for the Family and Friends

1st New Year Countdown @ GardenWalk

STREET FESTIVAL

Kids Fun Zone Live Performances

Live Band Free Outdoor Movies

Grand Prize Raffle

Lots of memories to take home!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website or follow our Facebook for updates and details

DEC

Toy Drive (Month Long)
Give a toy to bring in a smile!

Winter Wonderland (Month Long)
Winter Decoration that will bring in the Holiday Spirit!

Snowy Village (Month Long)
Look out for the snow!

Trombone Christmas (12/14 | 1PM-2PM)

1st New Year Countdown @ GardenWalk (12/31 | 5PM-1AM)

STC GARDEN WALK

400 W. Disney Way, Anaheim, CA 92802

EATS

- 8 Lives for Meow
- Allmytea Cafe
- Buffalo Dango Shrimp Co.
- Galloterra Pizzeria Kitchen
- Casa De Pancho Mexican Bar & Grill
- DLA Plus
- Chatole French Bakery
- Fire & Ice Grill and Bar
- Gozen Edo Fusion
- Grasslands Brazilian BBQ
- Huckleberry Lunch & Breakfast
- Imli Bakery and Cafe
- Johnny Rockets
- King Coffee
- McCormick & Schmick's Grill
- MoMo Tea
- Meet Fresh
- OneZo Boba
- P.F. Chang's China Bistro
- PokeGarden
- Roy's Restaurant
- Shinobi Arcade Bar and Lounge
- The Cheesecake Factory
- World of Asia

FUN

- 24 Hour Fitness
- AMC Cinema
- Billy Beez
- Beer Garden
- Blush Night Club
- Bowlmor Lanes
- Daraland
- Flightdeck Simulation Center
- Go VR Gaming
- Horror of the Orient
- House of Blues
- Mission Escape Room
- Rumba Room Live
- Kip Barry's Cabaret Magic Show
- STC Center

SHOP

- Aaira Luggage
- Argo Pet Gifts & Accessories
- CaseMac Wireless
- Dara Beauty
- Factory Xtreme
- ILHA Formosa
- KicksBids
- Harley Davidson
- House of Jerky
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