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Award-Winning Oak View Preschool Celebrated 20 Years!



The award-winning Oak View Preschool celebrated 20 years of valuable service to the community with a special ceremony and Open House. (please see page 4)



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Dr. Carol Hansen
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OVSD Receives Prestigious Designation from the State

Recently, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond designated just six school attendance review boards in California as model programs - and one of them was Ocean View's!

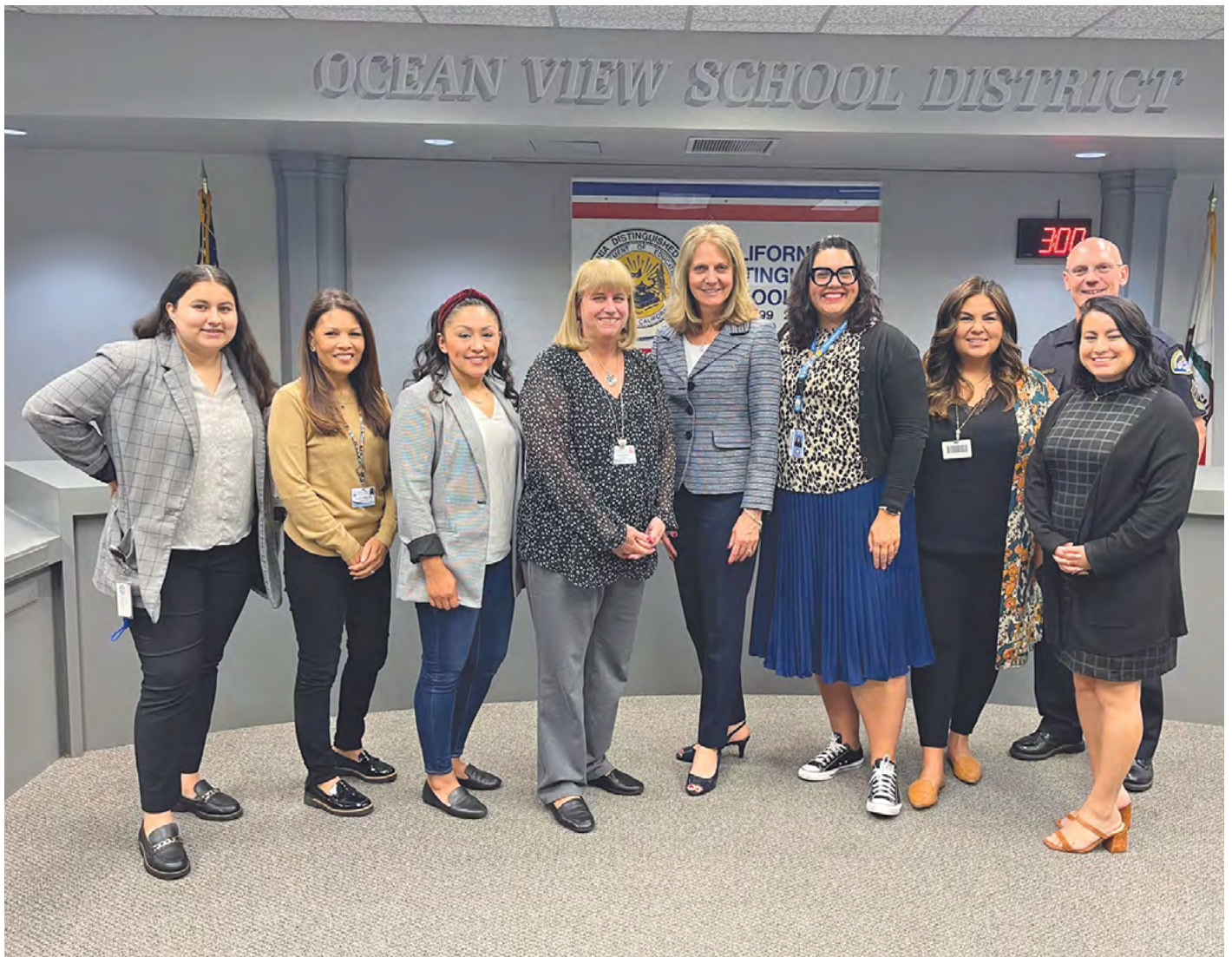
School attendance review boards (SARBs) serve as critical safety nets for students with persistent attendance or behavioral problems. The goal of a SARB is to keep students in school so they can receive a meaningful educational experience. Ocean View's SARB was recognized for exemplary practices that have contributed to reducing chronic absenteeism rates and improving student attendance. It includes representatives from local youth-serving agencies

who connect chronically truant students and their families with school and community resources.

Our District uses a multi-tiered approach that includes early intervention, professional development, strategic staffing, family engagement and school connectedness.

"These six school districts have overcome incredible challenges to student attendance created by the ongoing global pandemic by employing great attendance strategies," Thurmond said. "I commend these schools for utilizing creative strategies that have been highly successful in getting more students back to learning and on the path to success."

Congratulations to Barb Davis, Director of our Student Services Department, and all the people that have worked together to make our school attendance review board the gold standard in the state of California!



Ocean View's Model Student Attendance Review Board

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Oak View Preschool Celebrates 20 Years!

*Gina Clayton-Tarvin,
President, Board of Trustees*

I recently had the pleasure of attending a 20-Year Anniversary Celebration for Oak View Preschool. It was a joyous occasion with wonderful performances by our preschoolers, poignant remarks from a parent and former student, and an Open House filled with student artwork and special projects on display.

Twenty years ago, Ocean View School District endeavored to provide a high quality preschool program for the children living in the Oak View neighborhood. The District knew that a significant amount of children from this community were entering kindergarten lacking the language and school readiness skills necessary to succeed in school. The District applied for and received grants that were funded by *Proposition 10 Children and Families*, which later became known as *First 5 California*, which was led by actor and filmmaker Rob Reiner. These grants immediately funded classes for hundreds of children, and programs for their parents as well.



In 2003, Mr. Rob Reiner visited Oak View Preschool. He proclaimed that he was incredibly proud to tour our facility and that the preschool program that we had created should be implemented in every city in California!

Research shows that children who attend preschool are more prepared for school and experience substantial learning gains in comparison to children who do not attend preschool. Oak View Preschool prepares children for kindergarten. Our high-quality program offers children both protected play time and skills development that provide a wonderful foundation for kindergarten.

Oak View Preschool has been a model preschool over the past 20 years and has received many awards. I am happy to report that our preschool is still the envy of the educational community. Congratulations to our fantastic staff at Oak View and for over 20 years of tremendous service to the children and families in the community.



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Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



Although this year has been challenging for educators and students, there is much to celebrate. Superintendent Dr. Hansen begins with her positive message on page 3. The school articles highlight their many activities and programs as normalcy returned to the classrooms.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 17 (all ages may enter).

Have a fun summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.

Our next issue is September 21.



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Tips to a Safe and Fun Summer!

The summer season brings the hot sun, trips to the pool and beaches, and fireworks lighting up the night sky. This summer, keep these safety tips top of mind, so your family can enjoy the fun, while staying happy and healthy.

Sun Safety

- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and continue to reapply every two hours. For infants, avoid using sunscreen and dress them in lightweight sun protective clothing that breathes and covers their arms and legs. For babies six to twelve months, apply sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher with broad spectrum protection.
- Dress kids in wide-brimmed hats.

Water Safety

- Never leave your child in the water without adult supervision, no matter how shallow the water.
- Enroll your child in formal swimming lessons to reduce the risk of drowning.
- Wear properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices, like life jackets.

Pedestrian Safety

- Look left-right-left and behind for traffic before crossing the road.
- Cross in marked crosswalks, at intersections or where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Walk focused and alert.

Bug Safety

- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as stagnant pools of water.
- The CDC recommendation for children older than 2-months-of-age is to use insect repellents containing 10% to 30% DEET, but do not use DEET on children younger than 2-months-old.
- When outside in the evenings, cover up with long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks.

Firework Safety

- Soak all fireworks before throwing them away.
- Keep sparklers away from your child's face, hair and clothing.

Have a safe and healthy summer!



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Summer Reading

By Melissa Ronning, Senior Youth Services Librarian

This summer, we're reading BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH at the Huntington Beach Public Library! We challenge YOU to read at least 20 minutes per day all summer long... are you ready for the challenge? The summer reading challenge is open to anybody ages 0-99! To get started, register online or in-person at any HBPL library location, beginning 6/18 -7/31. When you register, you'll get a Summer Reading reusable book tote — the perfect bag to carry all of your summer books! Once you've registered, it's time to start tracking your reading. You can earn badges for reaching your weekly goals, and a book from our Used Book Store when you complete the challenge. You can also participate in our activity challenges to be entered into a drawing for some really great prize baskets.

In addition to our Summer Reading Challenge please join us for our Creativity Corner, book clubs, and more as we play and learn together. We have a variety of storytime options: Join us for baby, toddler, preschool, and family storytimes throughout the week at the Central, Oak View, Murphy and Main Street branches! Visit the open crafting stations around the Central Library aquarium for a new craft each week on Sunday & Monday afternoons! Wise Owl Book Club is a tween book club just for kids ages 8-12! The club meets the last Thursday of each month at 4pm at Central Library. Our Friends of the Children's Library is also hosting FOTCL Fun Fridays throughout the summer. Mark your calendars for our SRP Kick-off Carnival on June 18th. There will be lots of fun games, food trucks, a magic show, and more!

Visit our website at hbpl.org to see the dates and times for all of our summer activities. We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

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Barbara Delgleize
Mayor

Hello Everyone!

This school year has quickly flown by and I can't wait for all the summer fun in Surf City.

To start, our 119th Annual 4th of July Parade and Festival is back and bigger than ever! Join us July 1-4 as we celebrate with this year's theme "Hometown Tradition" with our parade, festival and fireworks show! Launched in 1904, the first Huntington Beach 4th of July celebration

commemorated the arrival of the first electric passenger train linking the area with Long Beach and Los Angeles, attracting 50,000 people to the celebration. Today, the annual event attracts more than 500,000 attendees over four days and is the largest 4th of July celebration west of the Mississippi. For more information visit hb4thofjuly.org.

The Vans U.S. Open of Surfing is the world's largest surf competition. From July 30 to August 7, come check out world-class surfing and product demos from your favorite action sport industry brands. The U.S. Open of Surfing is free to the public with a large event footprint south of the Huntington Beach Pier. Visit vansusopenofsurfing.com for info.

We continue to keep our residents in the know! Our www.surfcitybreak.com website has the latest and greatest information about Huntington Beach! Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you at the beach!

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Sue Broderson
*Principal on
Special Assignment*

Celebrating 20 years at Oak View

“Oak View Preschool and staff has helped shaped who I am today.” This was just one of the many testimonials from former students of Oak View Preschool. For the past 20 years, the Oak View Community has had the support and dedication of the teachers and staff from our preschool program. Together with the Superintendent, Board President, former and current students, parents, administrators, and staff all celebrated the

wonderful commitment, dedication, and support that Oak View Preschool has provided. Not only has this award winning school been a place of learning for students but it has also been a place of teaching and learning for the parents and families. Through hands on experiences and play, students come in motivated to learn and engage with peers. This past 20 year celebration has once again reminded us of our commitment in keeping Oak View Preschool a place “where learning is fun.”



Oak View Preschool Celebrates 20 Years!

Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jessica Haag
Principal

Our Community

Circle View had an amazing Open House in May! We love having opportunities for our community to gather together and celebrate the wonderful progress of our students.

Our PTO outdid themselves once again organizing many fun opportunities for our families. The theme of the night was “Family Picnic.” We had beautiful decorations outside and fantastic picnic décor. We were so happy for our Silent Auction to return, and our

classrooms created awesome baskets for parents to bid on. We also had great donations and yummy food trucks. For the first time ever, we had a pie-eating contest! It was so much fun to watch, and we had a big crowd gathered to see who could eat the most pie in one minute.

Our teachers opened their classroom doors, and families were able to visit and see stupendous work and our lovely class environments. We love Open House here at Circle View!

If you are interested in our school, please check out our school website or follow us on Instagram (@circle_view_eagles).



The contestants in our primary and upper grade pie eating contests!



College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Biking is Alive and Well in Kindergarten

The Kinder Cats of College View received Strider Bikes from the All Kids Bike program this school year. Each week the kindergartners have worked on biking fundamentals. They've learned how to steer, balance, turn, and most importantly- be safe! The Kinder Cats have also learned how to put on and take off their own helmets. They've

played games like Red Light, Green Light, done weekly skill drills, and they've worked so hard. With the help of volunteer parents, this month the teachers Mrs. Hamasaki and Mrs. Banuelos finally put the pedals on. It was such a joyous event to watch the kindergartners take off as successfully as they did! We have such pride when we see them riding two-wheeled bikes on their own! They are skilled, safe, and truly spectacular! Amazing things are happening in College View's kindergarten!



Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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Lori Florgan
Principal

Sheep Shearing at Golden View!

Students at Golden View have the opportunity every year to care for the sheep that we have here on our 2.5 acre farm at school. They feed them, give them fresh water, clean their pens, and brush their wool.

Each year the students get to watch the sheep get sheered and learn about ways to repurpose the wool.

Students learn that wool makes good mulch, can be added to compost, and repurposed into dryer balls. Some fun facts about sheep that our students learn are: Adult female sheep are ewes, adult male sheep are rams, young sheep are lambs, a group of sheep is known as a herd, flock or mob, and sheep like to stay close to others in a herd which makes them easier to move together to new pastures. Golden View students have a blast caring for the sheep on the farm every year!



Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

From Farm to Table!

Our Transitional Kindergartners have been tending to radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, and green beans for many weeks now. Mrs. DeGree, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher, has been sharing her green thumb with the class. They planted the seeds and have been watering and tending to them each day. Her motivation is the giant green salad they

will make and enjoy eating when all the vegetables are ready to harvest. This is a fantastic way to help our kids develop a healthy pallet for veggies and trying new foods. The kids just love observing the vegetables grow! The daily excitement to water and check for growth has been a genuine learning experience. They have learned that some grow in the dirt and others above the dirt. In the classroom, students are learning about farms and how they bring all our food to the table. They visited the Golden View Farm for a field trip!



Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

Hope View's Overnight Fieldtrip is Back!

Back by popular demand and fewer COVID restrictions our students enjoyed an opportunity to learn in the great outdoors while taking their learning to the mountains. The student's pictured here are from Mrs. Sjogren's 5th grade class before they set off to camp and traveling with them is Gus our guide dog in training. The smiles

seen here were just as big upon their return to school. The student's energy from learning away from school was exciting to see! Talking with them after their return they shared that camp was amazing and super fun, they even shared that the food was really good. From archery, a high ropes course, and the aerodynamics class, our students took their learning to a new level. Looking to camp next year are our upcoming fifth graders who saw just how much fun our fifth grade campers had outdoors.



Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

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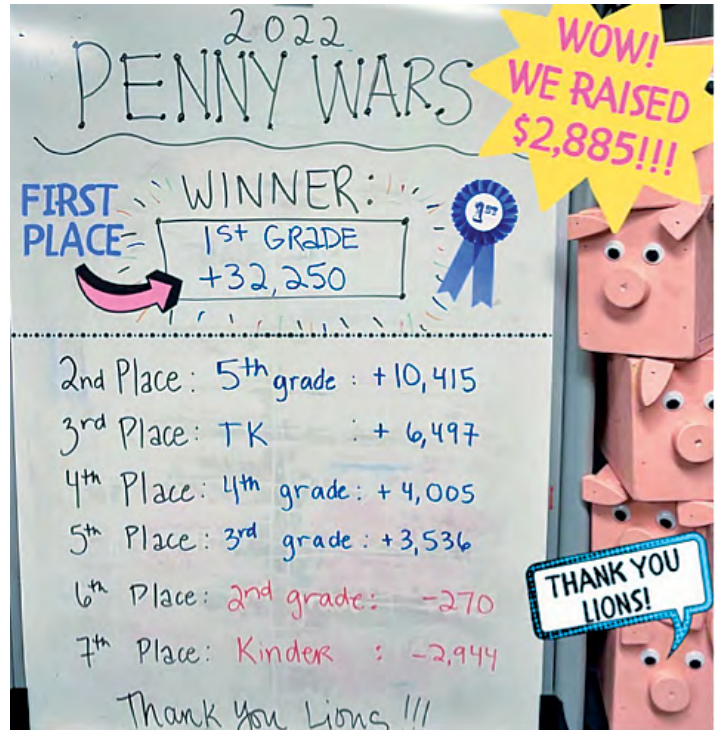
**Jill
Van Der Linden**
Principal

Here Come Penny Wars!

1,2,3,4—we declare a Penny War! Lake View PTO is very involved and supportive of our students. Penny Wars is a much-loved traditional event at Lake View. The event may seem like a fun-filled activity that only offers fun, but that is not the case. Students learn to differentiate coin values. They practice counting money.

Penny Wars build classroom camaraderie, and students learn new vocabulary-strategy, competition and sabotage! Students bring coins and bills to add to grade-level piggies. Each day, the money is counted and displayed on a leaderboard. Students quickly learn how to sabotage the grade level in the lead by adding numerous negative-point coins to their piggy banks. Grade levels bring coins and bills from home. Pennies and all bills count as positive points, while all other coins count as negative points.

This year, our first-grade students had the most points and won! As a reward, the first-graders got to toss water balloons at their teachers and staff members. Such fun for a good cause while learning new skills!



Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

"California Dreamin" Spring Fling

The month of May brought much excitement and celebration for Marine View Middle School. After two years we were so excited to welcome families back to campus for our Open House and Spring Fling Event. The evening started with our Open House, our hallways and classrooms were buzzing with families as our students shared and highlighted projects and lessons completed throughout the year.

As our Open House wrapped up, the excitement turned to the stage and our VAPA program for our "California Dreamin" Spring Fling. There was a full house that evening in the gym as over 150 of our students took to the stage to perform. Families enjoyed performances by our music classes, beginning band, advanced band, chorus, jazz ensemble, and dance team. The show concluded with an ensemble piece that included all performers singing and dancing "Come Sail Away". It was a perfect evening to celebrate all the hard work of our students!



Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jadyn Grunbaum
Principal

Mesa Eagles Learn and Grow

Mesa View is so proud of the year that our Eagles just completed. In addition to site-wide implementation of character-driven SEL lessons, we also had four different speaking engagements for the children, including anti-bullying messaging and training for specific groups of students at Mesa.

In fact, we were able to train about 60 students in how to be an upstander rather than a bystander, and have seen at first hand the success of that training. More and more students are now reporting their concerns to adults, seeking help to mediate rather than retaliate, and are speaking up against derogatory or unkind actions and speech.

We also started our Archery Club, and as a school, have developed a process for other student-created clubs. We are so excited to see all of the clubs that our students will be creating next year!

With support from a grant, Mesa is also almost ready to open our Well Space, a site that we are so excited to be fully utilizing next year. This will be where our students can go and find support for their mental well-being or take a much-needed emotional break. We also had our students work together to start a composting campaign to reduce food waste, and we expect to see these efforts grow even more next year with our Green Initiatives.



As we head into the end of the year, we are excited to be celebrating our eighth-graders' promotion to high school, just as we did pre-COVID. We are also looking forward to continuing our growth in SEL, acting as a community, and building up our tools for resilience and standing up for what is right. #Eaglestrong

Road Trip—Word Search Contest

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Jenna Landero
Principal

A Wonderful Family Legacy

Sherri Medrano has dedicated the past 41 years to the Oak View Community. She comes from a legacy of service to our community that started with her great Aunt Fran Andrade, who was the first community liaison at Oak View over 50 years ago.

With her door and her heart always open, she has guided and stabilized our families for decades. Assisting generations of students and their families with citizenship, English classes, rental assistance, clothing, shoes, financial assistance, funerals, and even divorces, Mrs. Medrano is a lighthouse to our community.

She has tirelessly advocated for our community, worked with the City of Huntington Beach to install traffic lights for safety where tragedy had struck, partnered with the Family Resource Center to bring services into the community, and connected our families to agencies to bring necessary support into their homes.

Mrs. Medrano is also responsible for carrying on the Cinco de Mayo Festival each year, as well as being her principal's right-hand woman for the past four years. She will be leaving a huge hole here, but we will continue to carry on her family's legacy of service to Oak View with the work that we do each day.



Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

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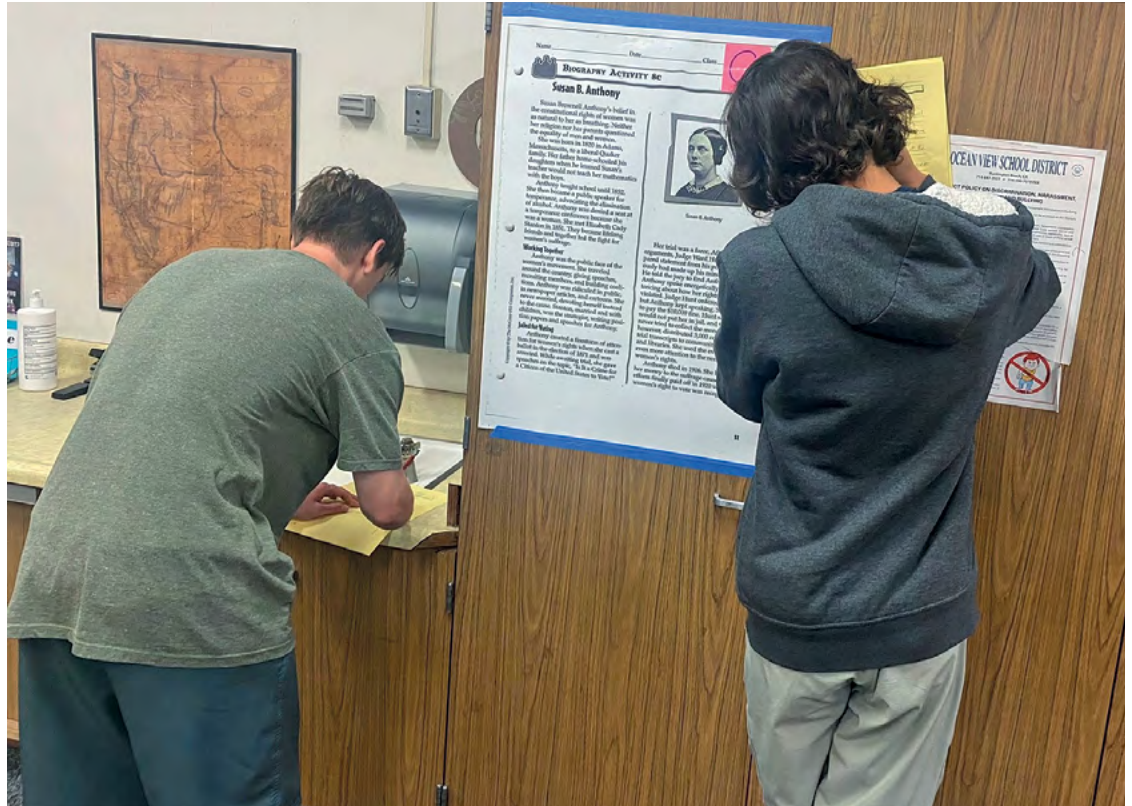


Alfredo Torres
Principal

Pictures are of students attending a classroom gallery walk.

Students continue to engage in their education with end of the school year around the corner.

Teachers and students are finishing the school year strong.



Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

New 3D Printers

Star View continued gaining momentum as summer approached with engaging learning and fun activities. Positive character education, bully awareness, team building, and social emotional education were at the forefront with assemblies, a leadership academy, and a fun night of magic.

Students in the GATE program designed and created objects using their new 3D printers.

Kindergarteners became entomologists as they participated in a learning unit on insects. First graders

performed a play to demonstrate their knowledge of plants and insects, including an examination of the metamorphosis of caterpillars into butterflies.

Second graders completed a unit involving various cultural adaptations of Cinderella, culminating in a trip to see the play *Cenicienta* at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Third graders honed their research skills studying the life cycles of plants and completed eye-catching projects to demonstrate their learning.

Fourth and fifth graders created wax museum displays to present information on famous Americans. Fifth graders also participated in a Benjamin Franklin including an actual colonial era printing press.



Star View GATE students displaying their first 3D printed creations

Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tami Benane
Principal

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

At Open House on May 25th we had a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Marine Science mural in our Multipurpose room.

Village View is in the process of extending our students' educational experience beyond NGSS, Next Generation Science Standards. Our teachers are receiving specialized training with leading educational experts in

Ocean Literacy and Marine Biology. We are beginning to include the essential principles and fundamental concepts of Ocean Sciences in our daily curriculum. All students will have the opportunity to learn how our lives depend on the health of the ocean. Understanding the ocean is essential to comprehending and protecting our planet Earth. We are planning to include field trips and Marine Science activities at every grade level. This is an exciting new adventure at Village View.



Our ribbon cutting ceremony. PTO President Brandy Moore standing nearby.

Vista View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Dr. Rasheedah Gates
Principal

Vista Falcons Soar!

Closing out this school year was a special time for our Falcon Family. This school year, we were at the Interim Site while Vista View underwent modernization. The students were more than accommodating, and they quickly adjusted to being middle-schoolers at our temporary home away from home.

One of the things we were attentive to this year was ensuring that our students had voice and choice in as many areas as possible. For example, our Falcons have been hard at work mitigating learning gaps by completing progress in a reading and math program called I-Ready. We allowed the students to vote on the prizes they wanted to receive for meeting benchmarks. It was our joy to be able to provide these items for students and call names every week to reward them.

Along the same lines, we allowed students to vote for the snacks that they wanted to eat during state testing, which have nutritional approval from our food services department. It was wonderful to see students take a break during state testing to eat food items that they personally wanted to have, and based on survey data.

On May 5, 2022, we were able to have a Cinco de Mayo event on our campus that was student-led. Sixth-grader Jamie Rios came to the administration and stated that she wanted to perform a Cinco de Mayo dance for the student body. She then recruited 16 other students, got staff support through seventh-grade teacher and Vista alumni Dulce Lopez, and instructional aide Sonia Segura. She then put on a performance that wowed us all (see attached picture). What a way to spearhead student ideas on campus!



We are looking forward to continuing and expanding the work of giving students a voice in their school next year when we move back to our modernized site. It will have a brand-new esports room, and a culinary arts room that includes learning the science of cooking from farm to table, and with our new garden outside of the kitchen.



Westmont *Elementary (K-5)*

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Sharon Ahlman
Interim Principal

We Love a Parade!

Westmont Elementary 5th graders have studied United States History this year as part of learning the California State Standards for History/Social Science. As a culmination of their year of work, students completed reports on a US state of their choice. Final reports were presented in writing, a digital slide show, and a creative parade float highlighting

one of our “Fifty, Nifty, United States!” Each state has a unique story to tell, from their capitol, population, weather, economy, industry, geographic location, and specific points of interest. Though most students have never actually visited many of the 50 states, our 5th grade scholars were able to learn collaboratively from their classmates as they experienced how each state, from Alabama to Wyoming, contributes in creating a rich and colorful cultural tapestry of The United States of America!



Westmont 5th Graders share what they learned about one of the 50 states with a parade float highlighting key state details.



Grandma, Why Do You Have Cracks In Your Face?

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