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Doug Domene

“Change is Good, You Go First”, is both a popular book and saying that you might hear elsewhere, but not in PYLUSD. Our motto is “Change is Good” if it is good for kids! We will always seek to find ways to better prepare and equip students for the future.

With this in mind, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) have been developed and adopted by education leaders in 48 states as well as the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Originally released in 2010, the Common Core Standards, regardless of subject area, have one clear, overarching purpose: to incorporate concepts and skills into our classrooms that prepare students to be college and career ready.

The CCSS represent a set of expectations for what students should learn as they progress from kindergarten through the 12th grade. And, in fact, both in Language Arts and in Mathematics, the key standards that are identified in kindergarten continue to be developed, broadened and augmented as students progress through elementary, middle and high school. As we focus on the most important concepts students need to be ready for college and careers:

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*By Rosemary Gladden-
Director of Community Relations /
Public Information Officer*

Congratulations to the R.E.A.C.H. Foundation for a highly successful first-ever event to raise money for Placentia-Yorba Linda USD schools.

On St. Patrick’s Day, 1,000 runners—community members, teachers, principals, district staff, parents and students—showed up at Veterans Park to support the event, a 5K and 2K “ShamRock ‘n Run.” An additional 200 volunteers made the event even more fun with booths showcasing community businesses and fun activities for children. The event raised an estimated \$10,000 which will be donated to schools.



The 5K gets underway.

Placentia-Yorba Linda Celebrates Employees of the Year



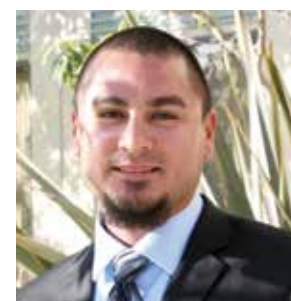
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*By Rosemary Gladden, Director of Community Relations /
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The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District proudly congratulates this year’s Employees of the Year. Honorees are selected

by colleagues across the district and they are shining examples of the dedicated and talented professionals in Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified Schools. Congratulations!

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Foundation Has a Great Start!

The foundation was started this year by long-time PTA parents who want to raise money for PYLUSD schools. Next year’s ShamRock ‘n Run is already in the planning with the event scheduled to occur

on March 16, 2014. For more information and to see more photos of the community fun run, visit the foundation’s website at <http://reach4pylud.org/>



Summer Shea, 13, of Yorba Linda was the women’s first place overall winner- She is pictured with the event’s official leprechaun.

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The end of this school year is nearing. Students are focused on testing and end of the year goals. Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Congratulations to the employees of the year. Dedicated individuals working as a team make for success in any organization and education is the best example with measurable results.

The fall opening of The Performing Arts Center will be exciting for the students as well as the community.

Our next issue is November just in time for the holidays...let's enjoy summer first!

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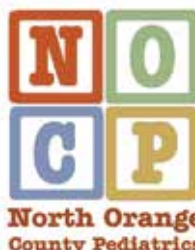
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Julie Nibali
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Performing Arts Center

The R.E.A.C.H. Foundation in partnership with PYLUSD proudly announces the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Seat Dedication Campaign. The new 635 seat PAC is located on the campus of El Dorado High School and is scheduled to open next fall.

The Seat Dedication Campaign will allow patrons of PYLUSD Arts to purchase brass plaques to dedicate a seat in the new

PAC to honor or commemorate a loved one (past or present), family, alumni, teacher, special occasion/achievement, business or organization. The cost of the plaques will vary based on the location of the seat. The net proceeds will go directly to benefit the district arts programs.

If you would like more information please contact Julie Nibali at 714-323-9706 or jnibali@reach4pylud.org.

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Cameron Malotte
Principal

Showcasing Our Essayists

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsor an essay contest. This year's theme was "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers?" Bernardo Yorba Middle School is very proud to recognize a group of students who excelled in this contest. Mr. Seitz's history/social science classes wrote essays to this theme, and 140 were sent on to the local VFW post #3090, Placentia/Yorba Linda. Of those 140 essays, nine were selected as finalists to move on to District #2, Orange County. Those nine were part of 29 essays from Orange County that were designated as finalists.

Of those 29 finalists, Bernardo Yorba student Asha Bhattacharya was selected as the first-place winner, for which she received a \$250 cash award. Her essay then went on to the state competition, where she won second place in the state, for which she received a \$750 prize and a beautiful plaque.

In May, Hal Short, commander of VFW post 3090, and PYLUSD director of Secondary Education Cary Johnson came to Bernardo Yorba to present the other eight finalists with a certificate of commendation and a \$25 prize. Those eight students are Alyssa Garrett, Cory Hoo, Rachael Kinoshita, Max Koeppel, Kim Kogat, Samantha Tricoli, Nick Wheeling and Brett Worrell.

Congratulations to all of these students and their teacher, Mr. Seitz, for being such positive ambassadors of our school and showcasing their BYMS Matador spirit.

Brookhaven *Elementary*

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David Cammarato
Principal

Making a Difference

When you think about a school site, it is amazing how many different people it takes to create a positive, fun and rigorous learning environment for the students whom we serve. I would like to take notice of the people who are making Brookhaven Elementary School a great place to learn!

Our supporting staffs of secretaries, custodians, aides, noon supervisors and others are making a difference at Brookhaven. Often, some of these faces are among the first people that you interact with. Each of these representatives often works diligently, sometimes behind the scenes, to make the campus run smoothly. Their interaction often sets the tone, and it has been great to see their positivity rub off on others. Brookhaven's teaching staff is among the best. They are enthusiastic individuals who share a passion for educating children and are committed to using data and best teaching practices to make a difference in their teaching and in student learning. Our PTA is filled with wonderful, hardworking parents who volunteer countless hours to raise money to support Brookhaven's programs. Our recent Jog-a-thon was a fantastic success in which the school met its fund-raising goal. Thank you, PTA! The groundwork for student success and responsibility starts in the home. For that, I thank our hardworking and supportive community that definitely contributes to making a difference in the students at Brookhaven.

My challenge for you is to take a moment to thank someone who has made a difference in your life this year. I want to personally thank all of our stakeholders for making a difference in the lives of our students at Brookhaven Elementary.



Debra Silverman
Principal

Bryant Ranch *Elementary*

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Embracing the Performing Arts

What a fabulous production we had last month of *The Wizard of Oz*! Each year we invite the third- through fifth-grade students to participate in an annual play production that is graciously supported by our PTA.

Mrs. Holub, a retired Bryant Ranch teacher, actress and

producer, returns each year to conduct practices, create set designs and costumes, and direct the play's performances. Mrs. Schnabl, also a retired Bryant Ranch teacher, directs and accompanies with music. Ms. Caldwell, a current Bryant Ranch teacher, completes an incredible team that helps guide the students in learning about the performing arts and how to perform in a theater environment.

Over 100 students participated in the event. They were outstanding in all areas, including singing, choreography and scripts. Our children, parents and the community had a wonderful time, and everyone is looking forward to next year's production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Thank you to our PTA for supporting the performing arts for our children!





Ken Fox
Principal

Winding Down

During the past month Esperanza completed its WASC review (WASC stands for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges). The WASC team visited our school for four days to review and observe our teaching methods, courses offered, academies, activities, school plans and goals. The team was very impressed, and we will be excited to see our overall rating in the next couple of weeks.

Spring sports are in full swing. Our men’s volleyball, softball, baseball, track, men’s tennis, men’s and women’s lacrosse, and swimming teams have all worked their way through the League and are trying their best to make it to CIF.

Esperanza’s and Yorba Linda High School’s athletic departments recently teamed up to provide spring physicals to all of the athletes for our summer and incoming sports seasons. The physicals took place on Wednesday, May 15 from 4–8 p.m. at Esperanza High School.

To close out the year, we are now preparing for the exciting senior activities that will soon be taking place. Esperanza’s senior class will be graduating from Shapell Stadium at Yorba Linda High School on Monday, June 10 beginning at 6 p.m. This should be a great commencement and a nice farewell for the Class of 2013.

Next year’s registration dates for the 2013–2014 school year are the following: the seniors will register on Monday, August 19; the juniors on Tuesday, August 20; the sophomores on Wednesday, August 21; and the freshmen orientation is on Thursday, August 22 and Monday, August 26.



Doug Slonkosky
Principal

In the Swing

Glenknoll Elementary School celebrated the arrival of spring with new swings! A new six-bay swing set was installed on the upper grade playground during spring break. Although it may have appeared magically to our students, it actually came about through the hard work and thoughtful donations of many community members.

The swings were the dream of the Croft family, who are new to our school this year. When the Croft boys first visited the school, they realized that only the primary playground had a swing set.

There were no swings for upper graders, and playing on the swings had been one of their favorite activities at their prior school. As a family, they took on the goal of raising the money to purchase and install a swing set for the school, using all private donations. Local businesses, staff members, and neighbors all pitched in to help. Their success is a testament to their perseverance and hard work and to the tremendous parent and community support we have at Glenknoll.



Carey Cecil
Principal

What Distinguishes Us

By Carey Cecil, Principal, and Sunshine Cavalluzzi and Jodeen Stark, Distinguished School Writers

We’re proud to have been selected as a California Distinguished School for the second time. Our staff is a living testament to our history of excellence, as so many of us are alumni. The two signature practices highlighted in our application were the Digital Media Arts Academy (DMAA) and the Senior Project.

The DMAA is a four-year digital storytelling program in the fields of film and television, photography and animation with an emphasis on college and career readiness. Students apply for the program by filling out an application, completing an essay, obtaining a letter of recommendation, and producing a video, animation or photography portfolio sample. Special core classes in language arts and history/social science allow students to explore core content through a digital and artistic lens. A number of former students who participated in the program are now employed or work independently in several areas of video and photography production.

The Senior Project gives each student an opportunity to undertake a culminating project, interact with community members, explore potential career options, and experience a panel interview. The goals of the project include career exposure and life skills, including dressing professionally, community interaction, time management, interview skills and project completion. Each spring, every senior nervously approaches a closed door after practicing the skills mastered in the program and emerges 15 minutes later exhilarated, empowered, and inevitably commenting, “That was difficult, but it was worth it.” The culminating event of the senior project is the Senior Boards. As students near graduation, a minimum day is designated for community members, staff and students to celebrate this rite of passage.

We are Golden Hawks. We are distinguished.



Julie Lucas
Principal

A Year of Learning and Giving

As the school year winds down to an end, it is nice to take a moment to reflect on all that we’ve done. The students at Fairmont Elementary School have continued on their path to high achievement and success, not only by working hard and showing responsibility in and out of the classroom, but also by learning about and demonstrating good citizenship and giving back to our community.

Every day Fairmont students are challenged with rigorous curriculum and engaging lessons. In addition to these academic challenges, students this year were able to take part in community service projects, which benefited others and instilled the importance of caring for others. In October, students partnered with a local dental office to participate in Operation Gratitude and donated their uneaten Halloween candy to be shipped overseas to the men and women of our military. In November and early December, students once again reached out to our local community by donating new toys and gift cards for needy families in the district. Most recently in April, our students donated hundreds of canned goods for families in our community faced with hunger each day.

I am proud of our students and school community! They demonstrate daily the traits necessary to be successful in our world! Go, Falcons!



George Key School

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Deby Six
Principal

Fun to Learn

Spring has brought many enjoyable activities with our functional-life-skills curriculum, thanks to dedicated staff, supportive parents and our community! There are four standouts: the revitalized Key Garden, Grocery Shopping, Caterpillars to Butterflies, and the fourth annual Key Carnival!

The season's first bountiful harvest of lettuce, with more variety to follow, allows students to meaningfully apply the concepts of attending to visual materials, following directions, understanding cause and effect, and more.

Grocery Shopping permits practical application of math concepts such as identifying quantity, exchanging money, healthy menu planning and following social/community rules.

Observing their caterpillars grow into butterflies addresses, through science, exposure to all the visual changes of a life cycle, identifying similarities and differences, and simple positional receptive instruction.

Additional fun yet meaningful application of skills occurs at our Carnival/Jog-A-Thon. Cause/effect concepts, appropriate social and communication skills, learning simple games and interactive play are all reinforced.

We are fortunate to have such supportive parents and community paired with our dedicated staff to implement this effective programming!



Golden *Elementary*

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Roann Carpenter
Principal

Flowers and Vegetables

Golden's kindergarten garden is thriving and growing! The students in Mrs. Rago's and Mrs. Dey's kindergarten rooms planted a wonderful garden. They are now busy tending the garden and watching the plants grow.

Evan explained that, "I like the garden because there are lots of plants and flowers. We dug a hole, massaged the roots of the plant, watered the hole, and covered the plant. Not all of it, just the bottom."

The students used various tools to plant the garden. According to Seth, "I dug the soil with a shovel. We wore gloves so we won't get our hands dirty. I like the sunflowers because they are yellow."

Lucy Ann explained, "We were weeding the garden. I liked to plant the flowers. My favorite flower is marigold."

But not all the plants were flowers. The students also planted vegetables which they will harvest. Natalie said, "We planted zucchini. We are going to pick the zucchini!"



Mrs. Rago (right) and Mrs. Dey (left) with their students at the Golden Garden.

Glenview *Elementary*

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Moises Plascencia
Principal

Plenty of Books!

Creating fun and excitement about books and reading comes easy for Mrs. Canfield, Glenview's librarian. Mrs. Canfield has been serving our school for over nine years. She provides our students with library time, library skills and a good place to enjoy a book.

Students enjoy going to the library even during recess time, because they really appreciate the atmosphere that Mrs. Canfield creates. Most recently, she helped us coordinate the Spring Book Fair. The theme of this event was "Mad Science." To help set the theme, Mrs. Canfield dressed up as a mad scientist for the entire week.



Part of the Book Fair experience included guesstimating the number of chemically engineered worms in a jar. A few of the worms got away, and were attached to Mrs. Canfield's hair.

Our students have a librarian who will do anything to help them love and practice reading. Mrs. Canfield is passionate about providing our students with plenty of access to books.

Kraemer *Middle School*

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Keith Carmona
Principal

Exceptional Students

It is championship season for the competitive groups at Kraemer Middle School.

Recently, the Kraemer Colorguard earned first place at the Winterguard Association of Southern California Championships. The girls received the gold medal, with a score of 96.6, the highest in Kraemer colorguard history!

The Kraemer Dance Team has earned many first-place medals this season, too, including clean sweeps at competitions at Claremont and Citrus Colleges.

The music students at Kraemer are also top-notch. In the recent Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association music festivals, both the Kraemer orchestra and concert band earned unanimous superior ratings from adjudicators.



Kraemer Colorguard

Lastly, Kraemer eighth-grader Joshua Yen has qualified to participate in the National Championships of MathCOUNTS. Of 40,000 students nationwide, Joshua is one of 224 students competing in Washington, D.C., later this school year.

We are very proud of all these exceptional

La Entrada *High School*

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Libby Moore
Principal

Helping Fight Hunger

Every night, 42 million people in America are at risk of suffering from hunger. Students at La Entrada High School are making a difference by joining with local nonprofit Canning Hunger to collect Boxes of Love for families who are less fortunate.

A Box of Love is a complete meal wrapped up in a simple cardboard box for a family of six to eight people. Boxes collected will go to Canning Hunger, a local nonprofit organization based in Brea that in 2002 was selected by a local resort as the top social service agency in Orange County for their work to help needy families. The

goal this year is to help 50,000 families by collecting over 400,000 meals.

La Entrada students are making their contribution toward this goal by participating in the One Can at a Time project. So far, students have donated 230 pounds of food, which translates into 460 meals for hungry children and their families. Not bad for a small school of 100 students!



Linda Vista *Elementary*

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Paula Kintsch
Principal

Shining Stars

Part of the well-rounded Linda Vista Elementary School curriculum is our focus on the visual and performing arts. We are so fortunate to have wonderful teachers, who produce musical programs for the parents, and an outstanding PTA, which funds the Meet the Masters Art program.

From first grade's "Friendly Neighborhood Helpers" and third grade's "Parent Celebration" to multi-age's winter program, teachers and students work hard to memorize the numerous songs and movements. Parents and staff were very impressed!

At the beginning of the school year, fifth-grade students were invited to join the band or orchestra. After seven months of hard work and direction from Mr. Friedrichs and Mrs. Lowrance, the students performed their spring concert for their parents. It is exciting to hear how much the students have grown musically over the school year.

Linda Vista students not only excel both academically and musically, but also in art. Students attend seven different Meet the Masters assemblies throughout the school year to learn about different artists. During the assemblies, students learned many facts about famous artists, including the artists' techniques, styles, and inspiration. After each assembly, students are led by parent volunteers through an art project, which is often completed in the same style, medium, or subject matter as the master artist being studied.

As you can see, our student stars have numerous ways to shine!

Lakeview *Elementary*

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Katherine Dailey
Principal

Wonderful World of Science

Welcome to the wonderful world of science! Lakeview Elementary School held its second annual PTA-sponsored science fair. It was a wonderful event for students and families to learn fascinating things about our world.

We were thrilled to see so many students from all grade levels participating. Community members and representatives from the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Resources for the Enrichment of Academics, Arts, and Athletics for our Children to reach their ultimate Heights (REACH) Foundation, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District School Board, our superintendent, Valencia High School (VHS), and more also participated in the evening, which was fabulous and appreciated. Lion Pride Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) students, along with Honors science students from VHS, hosted science stations. These fun and interactive projects kept guests and students entertained while participants waited for their science projects to be judged.



A few weeks later, our PTA president, Mrs. Reese, announced winners and presented medals to those students receiving top honors at the event. Projects were also on display to enjoy during our Open House.

Mabel Paine *Elementary*

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Tamie Beeuwsaert
Principal

Super Saturday School

Who said attending school on Saturdays wouldn't be fun? Certainly not the students at Mabel Paine Elementary, who couldn't wait to attend our first-ever Prehistoric Saturday School in February!


Lined up at the gate early Saturday morning were 80 students in Preppy K, kindergarten and first grade to make up one of their absences and gain entry into the much-coveted Prehistoric Saturday class taught by their favorite kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Avila-Perez, Miss Depsky, Miss Robins and Ms. Kerr. The excited students rotated through four dinosaur-themed activities ranging from science to arts and crafts. The students did some dinosaur dancing and Jurassic PE, and even went on a Dinosaur Dig in which they each excavated miniature dinosaur bones that could be made into a mystery dinosaur.



The day was a huge success, and students couldn't wait to make up another one of their absences by attending the following Super Saturday class, titled Buggy Saturday.

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Boy Scouts Word Search Contest

Rules!!! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.
 When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put PYLUSD in subject line)

Entries must be received by July 15, 2013
 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

A special thank you to **Jacob Toussaint** for the words for this Word Search

Brave	Handbook	Outing
Cheerful	Helpful	Prepared
Class	Kind	Reverent
Clean	Knot	Scout Master
Courteous	Loyal	Thrifty
Eagle	Obedient	Trustworthy
Friendly	Outdoor Code	Wood Badge

Congratulations to Jacob Toussaint
Winner of the February Word Search Contest!

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Help Prevent Child Sport Injuries



Chief Keith
Richter

Participation of children in organized and informal sports continues to grow. Nearly three quarters of U.S. households with school-age children have at least one child who plays organized sports. Sports participation is beneficial to children in many ways. It can improve physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork, as well as promote a sense of personal satisfaction and accomplishment.

However, growth in sports participation has contributed to an increase in sports related injuries. The risk of physical injury is inherent in sports participation. Furthermore, children are more susceptible to these injuries because they are still growing and gaining motor and cognitive skills. Most organized sport-related injuries occur during practice rather than games.

Did you know that each year, more than 3.5 million children ages 14 years and under receive medical treatment for sports injuries. More than 90% of sport-related concussions occur without the child losing consciousness. The most common types of sport-related injuries in children are sprains, muscle strains, bone or growth plate injuries, repetitive motion injuries, and heat-related illness.

The four activities with the most injuries to bones and muscles include bicycling, basketball, football, and roller sports. Before any type of sports activity, make sure your child is hydrated and that they stretch their muscles. Proper warm up and conditioning can prevent minor strains and sprains

Adult Supervision a Must to Prevent Drowning!

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children under the age of five. Looking away for just a few seconds could be worth a lifetime of regret! Last year, the OCFA had 63 drowning incidents with 24 fatalities and 39 non-fatalities. That number should be zero.

Drownings happen everywhere including bathtubs, mop buckets, toilets, pools, spas, ponds, and even in standing water in as little as two feet. Children can drown in as little as 20 seconds, and unless rescued in less than three minutes, the chance of long-term brain injury or death is high. In May and August drowning rates increase by 89% as compared to the rest of the year.

The definition of drowning, according to the World Congress on Drowning, is the "process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid." The World Health Organization and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at CDC, categorize drowning as fatal (resulting in death) or non-fatal (not resulting in death).

Children have a poor understanding of risks and dangers, which makes it hard for them to make choices to protect their own safety. Children are dependent upon adults for their safety. Please be diligent to always watch your children around the water, and don't rely on others to do that for you.

Children drown without a sound, learning the ABC's of pool safety could help prevent this senseless tragedy. You can visit www.ocfa.org for detailed information.



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Melrose *Elementary*

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Vivian Cuesta
Principal

English Proficiency is a Priority

At Melrose Elementary School, proficiency in English is a priority! English Language Learners (ELLs) from kindergarten through fifth grade receive daily instruction in English Language Development (ELD). Newcomers and students struggling to learn English also receive additional English-language interventions to prepare them for academic success.

We are proud of our students' progress, which was demonstrated in their achievement levels on the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) and the reclassification of students as Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP). Our ELLs are making consistent, systemic progress in learning English. This year we had a 99-percent improvement in the number of first- through fifth-grade students who scored proficient or advanced on the CELDT test! Conversely, we had a 49-percent reduction in the number of students who scored at the lower levels of the CELDT. All this data translates to one thing—our students making phenomenal progress learning English!



This is one of our classroom Grammar Walls, an interactive method of instructing students in learning the many parts of speech. Our 4th and 5th grade students know the difference between Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions. That's amazing!

Rio Vista *Elementary*

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Jackie Howland
Principal

Unexpected Bonuses

In addition to creating a safe and productive learning environment, Rio Vista Elementary School provides many bonuses for our parents and students.

Thirty-seven parents just graduated from our Parent to Parent class. This unique program provides instruction for both parents and children. While the parents are being taught techniques for improving children's behavior, study skills, and attitudes, the children participate in classes designed to reinforce what their parents are learning.

On February 28, Rio Vista hosted its annual Family Science Night. We had over 350 attendees, who spent the evening hypothesizing and testing various experiments. The Orange County Astronomy Society gave students and parents a glimpse into the universe. Students from California State University, Fullerton volunteered to conduct the experiments, much to the delight of our families.

Children clamor to reserve their spots in Rio's famous Saturday School. Not only do they have fun learning, but they can make up for any absences they've had during the week. So far over 1,000 absences have been reversed, making Rio the top school in the district for recovery absences.

This year's community service project for Rio was a school-wide project called Pennies for Patients. Our students raised \$5,000, which will go towards the battle to cure leukemia and lymphoma in children.

Morse *Elementary*

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Kathie DiRocco
Principal

Kindling the Desire to Read

Morse Elementary students were surprised to learn that one of their teachers, Ms. Heather Creelman, was awarded a grant to purchase 26 new Kindle Fires for her fifth/sixth combination class.

Ms. Creelman wrote the proposal earlier in the year with the idea that she would introduce this magnificent technology to her students. She believes the devices will aid them tremendously with their academics. "I have already found a significant increase in their desire to read, as well as to complete the various reading comprehension tasks that before would have been seen as mundane," she said.

"In many cases their whole demeanor has changed with the introduction of the Kindles," she added. "My students have been proactive in other academic areas, and they will use these devices for reading or educational apps such as grammar quizzes or comprehension tests."

Ms. Creelman also says the Kindles will be a wonderful tool to help bridge the gap between the California State Standards and Common Core Standards. "They will have to become higher-level thinkers while delving deeper into the growing world of technology," she beamed. "So what better time than now, and what better way than with a Kindle!"

This Morse teacher hopes that one day every school in the district will be able to enjoy the same opportunities as her class. "I just hope this program, Kindles for Kids, takes off, and that more grants are written for this type of technology," she concluded. "It is extra work on the educator's part, but the rewards are endless."

Parkview School *Independent Study K-12*

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Rosie Baldwin-Shirey
Principal

Panthers Excel!

We are currently celebrating the achievements of our outstanding Parkview Panthers.

Sarah Caballero, in the area of social science, was named co-champion at the National History Day's Orange County regional finals. Her championship qualifies her to advance to the California state-level competition.

Junior Jacky Yang swept the first-place title at the Placentia Rotary Club's "Peace through Service" speech contest. Jacky's speech reflected his experience of living in two entirely different cultures, and the positive difference that one person can make.

Double awards were received by Joshua Fleming, who was honored as a National Merit Scholar Finalist and also named as Parkview's Outstanding Senior for 2013. Joshua maintained straight "A's" in all of his high school courses. He also dedicated countless service hours to help develop the Parkview Chess Club. He tutored for the Club as well, which benefitted the other students by helping promote critical thinking and tenacity in reaching goals.

Joshua also served as our Student Council vice president, and treasurer of our National Honor Society chapter. Way to excel, Panthers!



Senior Joshua Fleming is awarded Outstanding Senior 2013 by Principal Mrs. Baldwin-Shirey at the PYLUSD Board Meeting

Rose Drive *Elementary*

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Dr. Linda Adamson
Principal

Reflections

I reflect upon this past year, our first as a California Distinguished School, with pride and joy. We at Rose Drive continue to strive for the very traits that made this award possible – educational excellence, and continued progress in narrowing the achievement gap.

However, these goals would not be achievable without the incredible support and involvement of our PTA and Rose Drive families. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you!

The past few months offered many exciting events, including our annual Open House. It was truly encouraging to see so many parents proudly admiring and celebrating our students' fine efforts. A special feature of the evening was our fourth and fifth Reading Fair. The students worked in groups to prepare outstanding display posters highlighting their "Walk to Read" group novels. The boards were also completely student-made, which showcased their effective collaborative and team-building skills.

Looking Forward

March also saw our annual PTA-sponsored Father/Daughter Royal Event featuring Cinderella. It was a huge success!

Looking ahead, we await Rose Drive's first ever Family Science Night and Science Fair on May 30. We anticipate a night that will spotlight our students' acquired knowledge and passion for science. May and June will also feature many more PTA-sponsored events, including our Mother/Son Evening and Talent Show. There is so much to look forward to!

A final thank-you goes to our team of dedicated staff members, committed parents and passionate students. They are three parts of the puzzle working together with exceptional results. You definitely make it possible for us to remain "Wild about Learning!"

Sierra Vista *Elementary*

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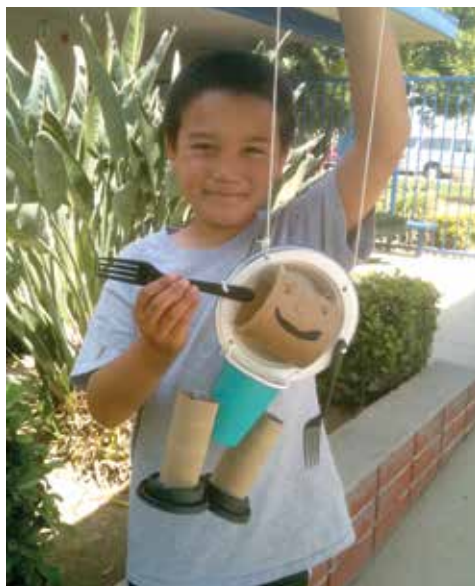


Cynthia Rex
Principal

It's Our World!

The challenge is ours! We are earth-saving stars! Collaboration for Earth Week was crucial for student clubs at Sierra Vista Elementary School. Planning daily school-wide events brought together the Ecolutions Club, Student Council, and the Cooperation Club. These groups thrive under the direction of Mrs. Suzanne Hofstetter, a parent volunteer, Mrs. Hendry and Ms. Gifford, teachers, and Mrs. Ladd, our computer specialist.

Meeting during lunchtime and after school, the students rehearsed a musical kick-off assembly, where classmates were reminded to "Save the Power!" Waste-Free Lunch on the Lawn, a school-wide picnic, encouraged students to pack their lunches with reusable containers to help reduce the landfill. Students walked or rode their bikes to school and also enjoyed "Green Science," a program about solar energy. Wearing earth colors of green, brown and blue, students committed to make worthwhile changes in their daily lives to be more environmentally friendly.



Third grader, Lee Bullock, shows off his puppet named "Meep" made out of recyclables for the student-judged Trash Art contest.

Ruby Drive *Elementary*

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Monica Barrera
Principal

Whole-Person Workout!

It has been a wonderful year so far at Ruby Drive Elementary! We are progressing along with much enthusiasm and commitment! In addition to the rigorous learning taking place, students are receiving enrichment classes that are fun and exciting.

Ruby Drive hosted Super Saturday School Days in April and May. Over a hundred students attended several classes throughout the morning, including science experiments, book clubs, art projects, Zumba, basketball and much more! Students at Ruby Drive also have enrichment classes after school. We currently have two math club classes, a Zumba class, and hip-hop classes. More and more, research suggests that exercise is good for the brain. Exercise has proven to improve performance with memory tasks. Physical activity also helps students boost academic performance, which is our goal at Ruby Drive. Students are working out all aspects of their body and soul!



Mrs. Katherine Burrows and her Zumba Class!

Topaz *Elementary*

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Rafael Plascencia
Principal

Little Gems

by Michael Hedderig, Teacher

In the community that surrounds Topaz Elementary School, many of the streets are named after precious gemstones, including our namesake. The builders of our community understood that while there are no perfect schools or neighborhoods, this precious little area comes close.

A sapphire (rated a "9" on the hardness scale) is the birthstone of September, which is our back-to-school month. Off to an immediate start, we begin to polish these rocks into a new grade level.

A topaz, rated an "8" on the scale of hardness, as well as being the November birthstone, also reminds us to not let up in our rigor. Routine has set in, but the pace remains intense.

January is an important month of testing and reporting. Represented by the garnet, with a hardness of "7.5," the winter season reminds us to keep things challenging.

Further down the road, Quartz Lane lays down its path. A cool fact is that quartz is the most common gem on Earth, and has a hardness of "7" on the scale. Do we ever let up?

Alas, there is still more. Pearl Drive, whose namesake is rated a "3" on the scale of hardness, is the birthstone for June. While a pearl is such a lovely, polished gemstone, it is also a great metaphor for our soon-ending school year. We polish and care for all of our students; always watching them shine like multifaceted gems because of the polishing contributions of our parents, teachers and community. Topaz shines!

Travis Ranch School

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Cindy Freeman
Principal

Our Pride is Showing

Travis Ranch School Pride Day was Saturday, April 13. Approximately 140 students, parents, staff, and administrators volunteered several hours to demonstrate their school pride. Participants were divided into multiple teams, and the campus was divided into defined areas and tasks. By noon, flower beds were weeded, new plants were planted, mulch was spread, trash was picked up, a patio area cleared out, and overgrown grass, weeds, palm branches, and bushes were cleared out. Even most all the brass handles on doors were cleaned and shined! Whole families came, brought their own gloves and gardening tools, and worked together to make their assigned areas look great! Music played while everyone worked collaboratively to make Travis Ranch look well cared for and loved.

We thank our Travis Ranch community for showing their school spirit in this way just in time for our Open House, which took place on April 18.

Go, Champion Trailblazers!

Valadez *Middle School Academy*

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Minerva Gandara-Boggs
Principal

School-Community Pride

Valadez is proud of its students and staff who are soaring to success. Teachers Jeff Schumerth and Erick Rouanzoin were honored by the Orange County Engineering Council for having an outstanding STEM program. The Orange County Section of American Society of Mechanical Engineers nominated them for their efforts in guiding students in building a pumpkin catapult that they used to participate in a Pumpkin Chunkin competition at Cal State Fullerton. The Valadez Tech Team has also participated in rocket-launching competitions.

Student Tomas Jimenez and teacher Drew Putman were recognized by a national service organization as Outstanding Student and Outstanding Educator of the Year. Tomas has worked hard and persevered to reach academic and personal success. Mr. Putman is a dedicated teacher who motivates his students to be excited about history. He also leads an after-school guitar club with over 50 students.

The entire Valadez community participated in Change Our 2morrow Schools' Challenge, an educational energy conservation competition in which students, staff and families learned how to save energy, reduce their water usage and recycle more. They even used an interactive carbon calculator to determine their carbon footprint. Valadez earned a \$1,000 foundation grant from a national aluminum-industry corporation for their efforts to conserve energy.

Valadez's music program continues to grow. Volunteers from a local business are donating \$8,000 to purchase much-needed band and orchestra instruments to enable each student to have an instrument to practice with.



Tuffree *Middle School*

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Rosie Baldwin-Shirey
Principal

Star-Quality Students

Showcased at the district art show, Tuffree Middle School's art program gained deserved recognition for its Chinese Shadow Puppet project. Funded by a Cultural Arts Projects for Every Student (CAPES) grant from the city of Placentia, the shadow puppets are also being used as an innovative medium to present core literature to Placentia-Yorba Linda Unifies School District Preppy-K students.

Our annual Jog-a-thon was a strong motivator for students to improve personal run times and also raised school funds. This event is part of our school-wide focus on health and is incorporated as an instructional activity by our enthusiastic physical education team.

Our spring musical, "Once Upon an Island," received audience accolades. Students demonstrated outstanding teamwork in the production elements of staging, performing, and serving as stage crew.

Tuffree's Leadership Program received the California 2013 California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA)/California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) Outstanding Leadership Program Award. This recognizes Associated Student Body's success in positively impacting school climate. It inspires and encourages students to be caring and responsible citizens.



Tuffree Visual Art students present "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" at the PYLUSD Art Show.

Tynes *Elementary*

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Cristina McCall
Principal

On the Air

Sixth-grade Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) students have been busy this year honing their skills in digital storytelling and broadcasting.

They began the year by producing digital projects. They told the story of an event in their lives by selecting and editing photographs, writing and recording themselves reading a narrative, and synchronizing their voices to the slides. These skills laid the groundwork for learning how to broadcast for Tynes News Network (TNN)!

Every student has a defined role: editor, anchor, reporter, camera handler, or technician. They have produced and aired newscasts which include school events, local events, and interviews. Through the experience, students have learned valuable skills in technology use, public speaking, and working cooperatively. The pride they feel in the finished product is evident, as they animatedly describe the work that goes into each broadcast.

Mrs. Barbara Wilson, goes above and beyond when she provides such valuable learning opportunities for her students. Who knows? Maybe one day some will choose careers in the field of broadcasting and attribute their success to the experiences they had at Tynes Elementary School!



Film Crew

Valencia *High School*

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Jim Bell
Principal

Academic Competition Teams Second to None

2012–13 has been another banner year for academic competition at Valencia High School. Cumulatively, no other public or private high school in Orange County has outperformed Valencia in Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad or Chemistry Olympiad this school year.

After capturing first place in Division I for both Overall and Super Quiz competition in Orange County last year, Valencia's Academic Decathlon Team finished in second place this year.

Four Orange County teams qualified for state competition, including Valencia. This is the fifth consecutive year that Valencia has qualified for state competition. At state competition, Valencia finished 12th overall in California.

In March, Valencia's Science Olympiad Team participated in Orange County competition at Golden West College and finished fourth. The top six high schools, including Valencia, qualified for state competition. At the state competition in April, Valencia finished 13th.

More recently, Valencia's Chemistry Olympiad Team competed against 42 other Orange County high schools at the annual International Chemistry Olympiad Competition. For the third consecutive year, Valencia was the Orange County champion. Only 11 County participants were invited to participate in the second round, which focused on individual competition held at Vanguard University in April. Valencia was one of only three schools that had two students invited to the second round.

Van Buren *Elementary*

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Ken Valburg
Principal

Serving the School, Community, and World

Who organizes a fund-raiser to collect over \$2,000 for Pennies for Patients? Who organizes School Spirit Days? Who cleans the campus on Earth Day? Who collects donations for super storm Sandy victims and blankets for the homeless? Which students are positive and motivated and donate their time, energy, and resources to better their school, community, and world? At Van Buren Elementary School, it is the Student Service Organization (SSO).

Under the guidance and direction of Mrs. Shibata-Ellis, these 18 students learn to work together to involve the student body in a wide range of service projects and school spirit events and activities. Fifth-grade student Sophie said, "I think the most amazing part of SSO is hearing when there is a success in helping people."

With these students leading the way at Van Buren, our community is in good hands.



Wagner *Elementary*

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Patrick Brown
Principal

Thank You

As we prepare to close the 2012–2013 school year, I would like to thank all of the parents and community members for their support. Our PTA has done a wonderful job organizing and financially supporting fabulous events for our students! Thank you, PTA, for all of the hard work, time, and effort that you have provided to our school community.

The Wagner Elementary School staff has worked very hard to help the students we serve. They are very dedicated individuals, who strive every day to meet the needs of our students. Our students have worked hard, and everyone should be proud of them.

The memories students have from learning, life lessons, class activities, field trips, assemblies, book fairs, Open House, the Connections program, athletic team visits, presentations, and celebrations will last throughout the summer. And then, we will make new ones in the fall.

On behalf of the entire Wagner staff, I wish our grade six students well as they become grade seven students, and I look forward to working with our returning students and those who are new to our school in September. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Woodsboro *Elementary*

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Shirley Fargo
Principal

PALS Today, Leaders in the Future

Krisa Muller started a PAL (Peer Assistance Leadership) program at Woodsboro this year. The PAL program is a national program that supports students in the development of leadership skills.

Mrs. Muller attended training at the Orange County Department of Education in order to bring the program to Woodsboro. The PAL students meet during their lunchtime each week with Mrs. Muller to participate in activities that promote leadership skills. Currently, they have taken on the responsibility of being couriers at the end of the day, helping the office staff deliver notices to classrooms. They also read the morning announcements on the public address system and lead the flag salute for the school each morning. They are collecting Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society presently and have coordinated the fund-raiser schoolwide.

It has been great to see each of these PAL students gain leadership skills that will benefit them well into adulthood. We appreciate having this program at Woodsboro.



Row 1: Mrs. Muller, Isabella Svensson, Sidra Ali, Victoria Lavoie, Jacob Howard, Joshua Noble, Christopher Leung, Lindsey Nguyen, Yewon Shin 2: Bryce Dunnuck, Jessica Hatch, Ava Svensson, Pooja Patel, Andrea Sutedjo, Anthony Consalvi 3: Corinna Gaudette, Sethe Laske, Karen Xa, Audrey Leung, Raheem Ahmed 4: Sophia Sernague, Joshua Arellano, Odely Gallegos, Riley Nelson, Maryjo Virrueta, Isaiah Cornejo,

Yorba Linda *Middle School*

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James Hardin
Principal

Interactive Technology

The Promethean Interactive Boards at Yorba Linda Middle School provide teachers with the opportunity to design their instruction to help support and engage a diverse population of learners.

One of the most powerful aspects of the Promethean Interactive Board is the Flipchart software program. Flipcharts are similar to PowerPoint presentations, but they add an interactive element to the presentations. Flipcharts allow for manipulation of the content and visuals to provide a means for students to actively access the curriculum.

In classrooms around the YLMS campus, our students can move pictures and text to show the relationship between vocabulary words, practice a variety of concepts, or just learn new topics. The Promethean Interactive Board is used to help them analyze information, evaluate content through multimedia, and demonstrate their knowledge of the content.

Another way that YLMS narrows the achievement gap is by utilizing a distributed sound system. Research has shown that most classrooms have terrible acoustics, and that when children can't hear, they don't learn. Our distributed sound system has increased student participation in reading, as well as individual contributions to classroom discussions. We have also seen improved speech and language growth.

Improving student engagement has resulted in more manageable classes, fewer student distractions, and more time spent directly teaching the standards.

Yorba Linda *High School*

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Dave Flynn
Principal

Another Year of Pride

In April, Yorba Linda High School was named a 2013 California Distinguished High School. California superintendent of schools Tom Torlakson wrote in a letter, "Congratulations on successfully completing the 2013 California Distinguished School application process and being recognized as one of our 218 California Middle and High Distinguished Schools! This award is a direct reflection of the dedication, hard work and vision of your school's educational community, and I am pleased to be able to award this honor to your school."

This is a statewide recognition of everyone's—staff, students and community—hard work and dedication to open a new high school that meets and exceeds the academic expectations set by CDE and also connects students and parents to the high school experience through cocurricular programs and clubs. I am very proud as the principal at YLHS to be part of this Mustang family and congratulate the YLHS staff, students and community for earning this California State award in just four short years.

I also want to acknowledge our 2013 Senior Class, who started with YLHS as freshmen and worked so hard to establish the academic and cocurricular programs that contributed to the California Distinguished High School award. Their graduation ceremony on June 11 will be the first four-year class to graduate from Yorba Linda High School, and I, along with the staff, will honor them for their four-year academic performance, cocurricular awards and commitment to community service.

Congratulations, Class of 2013!

Art Works!

*By Rosemary Gladden-
Director of Community Relations / Public Information Officer*



Welcome to the art show.

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District was pleased to showcase more than 900 pieces of art produced by students in kindergarten through grade 12 at the district's annual "ArtWorks!" art show held from April 10 to April 18.

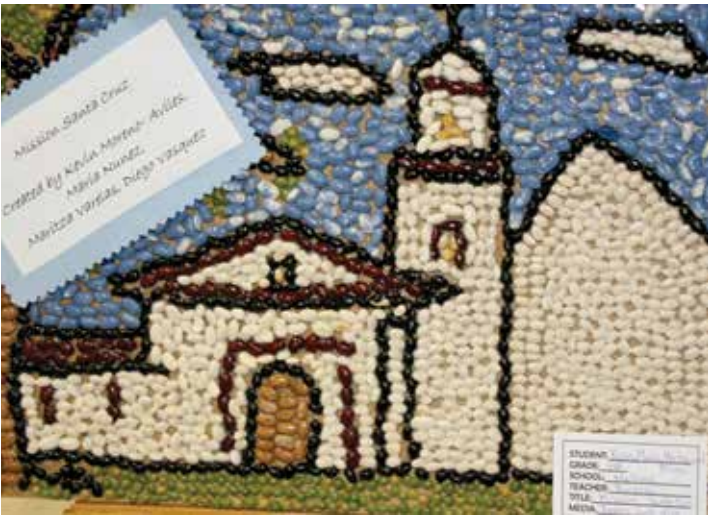
Works featured all media, including:

- Two- and three-dimensional art such as pencil, charcoal, pastels, watercolor, oil and collage
- Photography
- Ceramics and pottery
- Wood and papier-mâché pieces
- Computer-designed art



Oil Paintings showed great detail.

The event is held in April of each year and is open to the public. Congratulations to all of the art teachers, students and Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Phil Mortensen for a job well done! Community members who are interested in attending next year's show are invited to check the district's master calendar for upcoming events. The calendar is posted on the district's website at the start of each year.



Melrose students created a beautiful rendition of Mission Santa Cruz.



Ceramics featured exquisite detail.

Placentia-Yorba Linda Celebrates Employees of the Year

Teachers of the Year

Stacey Maguire Lakeview Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

Stacey’s enthusiasm for teaching shines through every day. She always starts her day with a positive attitude; you won’t ever find her stressed or unhappy; and she is always on the go! As a teacher, she is an amazing professional who makes learning fun and has shined in every grade level that she has taught. Stacey also makes learning fun and has a song for everything. She even created a school-wide song that helps to reinforce the school rules. After hours, Stacey volunteers in many school activities including PTA, Family Fun Night, Science Fair and the school’s Talent Show. Outstanding!

Dennis “Walt” Walters, Esperanza High School Industrial Arts Teacher

Dennis has taught at Esperanza for 37 years and what a difference he has made. Together with colleague Larry Eynon, they have been the driving force behind the school’s successful Engineering and Manufacturing Program. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers recognized the program as one of 15 in the nation with a special designation. Walters even inspired authorship and passage of an assembly bill which allowed career and technical education classes to become a graduation credit. He has also formed matriculation agreements with universities for PYLUSD students in his program to receive higher consideration when they are applying to college. What a difference maker!

Teresa Vitelli Brookhaven Elementary Kindergarten Teacher

Teresa is a true professional who is a terrific teacher to her students and finds time to help out her colleagues in so many ways. At Brookhaven she is a lead teacher. She is also a district trainer for kindergarten science kits. She is a mentor for beginning teachers. She is the school’s coordinator for special education plans and the list goes on. To create great memories for students, she even organizes a fairy tale ball, celebrates the 100th day of school, and takes students on educational trips to the fire station. Fantastic!

Classified Employees of the Year

Ryan Martinez Custodian

Ryan embodies the words “team player.” He is willing to help out with any request. As part of his regular duties, he sets up rooms, moves heavy boxes, and dumps trash. Everything he does is always with a smile. Before he leaves for the day, he is always known to make one last round to ask if there is anything else that anyone needs. He is friendly, cooperative and a pleasure to work with, according to colleagues. He also volunteers in the community, including working the scoreboard for Valencia High School basketball games. Congratulations!

Lori Goyette Sierra Vista Elementary School Secretary

A respectful, kind, and positive professional, Lori makes everyone feel welcomed to Sierra Vista School. She takes care of everything that the school might need such as field trips, calendars, supplies, copies and much more. When children walk into the school office, she takes care of them whether they are sick, sad or just need to talk. Lori is more than just a secretary. Often, one will find her taking pictures at school events, quietly donating her own money to help school causes, purchasing special rewards for students who demonstrate good behavior or even washing clothes for students when needed. What a great person!

Toni Ries Mabel Paine Elementary Instructional Aide

Toni was described by colleagues as “one of the best things that ever happened to Mabel Paine School.” She never misses a day; is always on time; and is always smiling as she helps children with reading and math. Colleagues further describe her as the “employee who everyone wishes they had.” “Yes! You can do it!” are the words that one typically hears when she is working with children. When children reach their goals, one can see it in her eyes. She even purchases incentive awards with her own money to further encourage students. Students appreciate her so much that they never want her to miss a day. Very nice!

Managers of the Year

Meghan Fox Occupational Therapist at Linda Vista and Golden Elementary Schools

Meghan is one of those people who thinks outside the box and everyone likes. As an occupational therapist, she assists children in the areas of fine motor skills coordination and sensory integration. For a child, these services could make a world of difference. Parents also appreciate her very much. She is very honest, carefully walks parents through reports, gives them ideas, sets team goals, and answers all of their questions so that when they leave they are informed and don’t feel rushed. She also cares so much about the students that she spends time helping on the playground to see how she can further assist. Way to go!

Dorie Staack Educational Services Director

When Dorie enters a room, one knows it. Enthusiasm, energy and dedication ooze out of her. Her dedication is simply contagious because Dorie is all about doing what is right to help teachers and children. A former principal at many of Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District schools, Dorie continues to make a positive impact. She is the district’s grant-writing “go-to” person and has brought some \$20 million in grants. She has also been the driving force behind the development of elementary curriculum, English learner programs, gifted and talented education, and, most recently, the highly-successful Preppy K transitional kindergarten program. Kudos!

Congratulations! Teacher and classified honorees now advance to the Orange County competition.

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Doug Domene

- In Language Arts, students will be expected to read challenging text, and to discuss and respond to what they read at an increasingly complex level. To prepare students for career and college reading, a greater emphasis is placed on informational and expository text. In anticipation of this shift, Language Arts and Social Science teachers have been trained in Document Based Questions, which apply critical reading and writing skills to informational text.
 - In Mathematics, students will focus on the conceptual understanding of numbers with application to increasingly complex problems. PYLUSD teachers in grades K-2 have already begun implementing Cognitively Guided Instruction, advancing students’ understanding and application of mathematical concepts. Mathematical task forces are established to analyze changes and develop an implementation timeline that ensures students are prepared for the next level.
- Staff development, parent education, and curriculum development are in progress. The move to Common Core Standards represents a significant shift in education. Teachers are using current standards to begin the shifts in Language Arts and Mathematics in preparation for full implementation of CCSS in the 2014-15 school year.

PYLUSD continues to move deliberately in the change process to ensure that we get it right for all students! This “Change is Good” for our kids!

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