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Modernizing the Learning Environment



Dr. George Mannon
Superintendent

Ten years ago, Torrance residents voted to invest in the future of every Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) student by approving Measures Y and Z.

The voters' investment in these extensive capital improvement and renovation projects not only modernized our aging facilities, but modernized school site learning environments. As we enter the last phase of Measures Y and Z, we are proud that together we have been able to improve academic outcomes by enhancing our teaching and learning spaces.

But Torrance parents and residents wanted more for our students, so they approved Measure T and U in 2014. These bond measures provide funding for elementary science labs. to renovate



TUSD students dive into the brand new Aquatic Center at the grand opening celebration.

playgrounds, for middle school gyms, and for high school auditoriums. These dedicated spaces provide students with the opportunity to strengthen their academic skills and expand their learning experiences. Additionally, Measure T provides for technology upgrades in five-year intervals, with computers and other equipment leased rather than purchased so that students and teachers have access to current programs and systems.

Recently, the district celebrated the first major project built by Bond Measure T and U dollars, the brand new, world-class Torrance Unified aquatic

center, a dedicated facility for our four high school aquatics teams to practice and compete.

Student safety is a top priority for our parents, the Board of Education, administrators, faculty and staff. A portion of the Bond Measures T and U funds went to enhance safety and security at all school sites. A state-of-the-art security and surveillance camera system was installed at all TUSD schools. We upgraded fencing to help secure school perimeters. The next step is to install a physical access control entry system at the schools, which will lock main gates once the morning bell rings, and visitors will have to be given access via a video intercom.

The impact of modern schools is transformative for all stakeholders. Revitalized schools are a source of pride not only for the students but for the entire community. Measures Y, Z, T, and U will continue to provide our current and future students with facilities in which they will have many opportunities to thrive.

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Laying a Strong Foundation

By Michael Wermers, President

Throughout much of our K-12 education, hands-on learning was limited to a set of common “learning” experiences that each of us would exit high school with.

In our classes, we read a lot of chapters on a variety of topics and then maybe completed a project or activity which tied into the lesson. Many of us remember either looking forward to—or dreading—the inevitable frog dissection in high school. Generally, lessons culminated in some sort of multiple-choice test or essay to ensure we all completed high school with the same base knowledge. And career planning discussions often did not even start until high school and sometimes not until students needed to declare a major.

This type of learning environment has dramatically shifted in the past decade, especially in the last few years. As the job market evolves and industry demands shift, our goal for our students is now to ensure they are not only ready for college but also career ready at graduation. Our teachers, staff, and administration do this by offering high-quality academic programs and by providing students with learning opportunities which better prepare them for industry-aligned careers. One of the programs which helps the district accomplish this goal is Project Lead The Way (PLTW).

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that partners with K-12 school districts and community colleges to provide a transformative learning experience for students. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science.

So what does that actually mean? It means students as young as elementary school are engaged and immersed in active learning. Science and technology concepts are introduced early on and built upon throughout their K-12 journey.



It means when you enter the biomedical science class at North High School, you might observe students extracting DNA or dissecting a heart. They might be learning to take blood pressure or read an electrocardiogram (EKG). Or you might be invited to the cardboard regatta, where middle school and high school girls race boats they have designed and engineered themselves. Or you might have the opportunity to test the claw machine engineered and built by Madrona Middle School students, and you may even walk away with a stuffed animal prize! These real-world lessons are just a few examples of the valuable and relevant teaching and learning that takes place in PLTW classes.

Recently, Torrance High School was recognized as a PLTW Distinguished High School. I had the opportunity to visit Dana Hagen's principles of

engineering class at Torrance High, where students were programming and testing the inputs and outputs of a microprocessor they built. Mr. Hagen, a former chemical engineer, has been a longtime champion of the PLTW curriculum. In his classroom, I observed his students being challenged, working collaboratively, troubleshooting, thinking critically, and, most of all, being engaged. Many of his students go on to study engineering after high school. I know these students are better prepared for the demands and challenges of college because of the hands-on experiences they have had in Mr. Hagen's classroom.

As a Board member, I have the unique opportunity to gain access to classrooms throughout the district. Whether I am in a PLTW class or watching the latest production at one of the high schools or at the elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Fair, I am constantly impressed and proud of the work our teachers, staff, and administration pour into providing our students with high-quality education. Their efforts not only ensure student success now, but they also lay a strong foundation for our students to be successful in their post K-12 lives.



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Superintendent Dr. Mannon's message on the front page is why it is so important for a community to know about the excellence in their public schools. When they go to the polls to vote for Measures, they make an informed decision for the future of students. Then it is exciting to see the funds providing revitalized schools.

It seems there is never enough space in each issue to bring you up to date on all of the programs and accomplishments at TUSD. The good news is we have another issue coming in June. Stay tuned!

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Does Your Child Suffer from Allergies?



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Allergies occur when the immune system mistakenly identifies a harmless airborne substance as harmful. The immune system then produces antibodies – which are substances that normally protect your body from things that make you sick – to attack this harmless substance.

The next time the body comes in contact with it, these antibodies recognize it and signal the immune system to release chemicals, like histamine, into the bloodstream. These immune system chemicals cause a reaction that leads to the symptoms of hay fever.

Hay fever is caused by an allergic response to outdoor or indoor allergens. Common allergy triggers can include:

- Outdoors: tree pollen, plant pollen, insect bites or stings
- Indoors: pet or animal hair or fur, dust mites, mold
- Irritants: cigarette smoke, perfume, car exhaust

Hay fever causes cold-like symptoms, but unlike a cold, it isn't caused by a virus. Symptoms of hay fever are:

- Runny nose • Itchy eyes • Congestion • Sneezing • Sinus pressure

It's often hard to distinguish the difference between allergies and the common cold. Allergies are characterized by histamine, which is released in and around the nose and is associated with itch. When someone has itchy eyes, nose and throat, plus sneezing that lasts for a few days, it's most likely allergies.

However, it's important to have a pediatric allergist/immunologist determine what your child is allergic to. Allergies can be overwhelming, but they don't need to be. Miller Children's & Women's has an expert team who help diagnose and manage allergies in kids, so they can live healthy lives.



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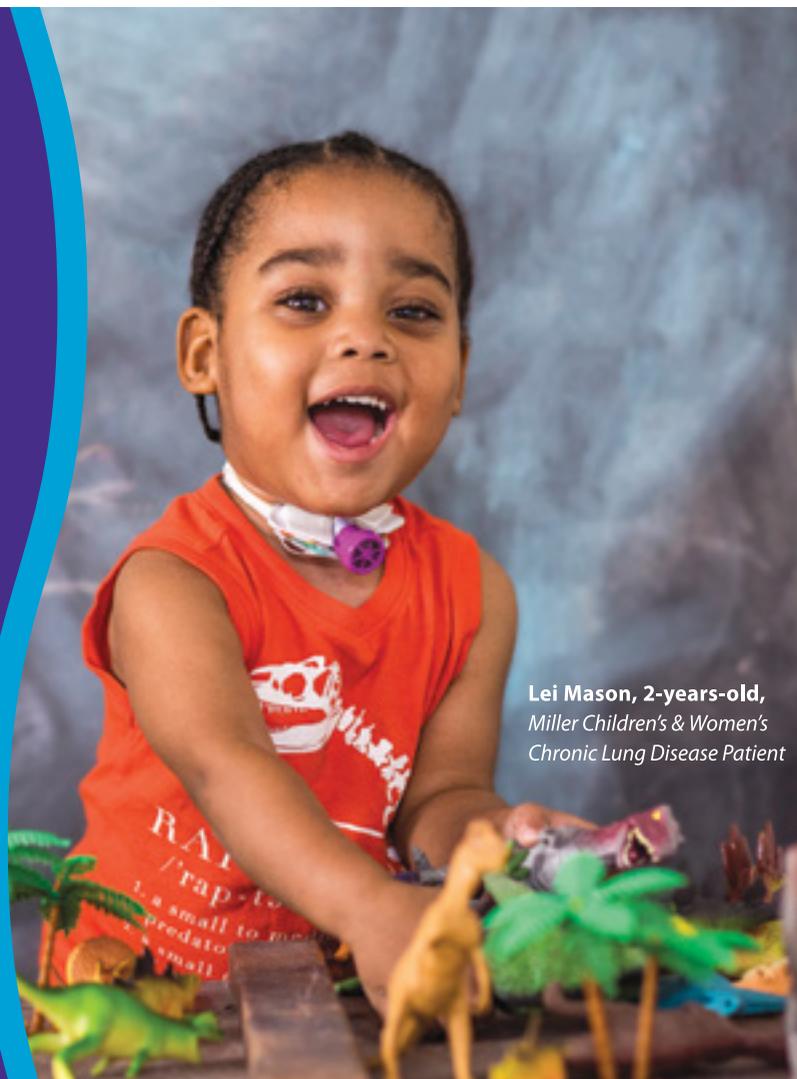
Born at 23 weeks, Lei Mason's lungs were severely underdeveloped. For six months, he was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach – giving his lungs the critical time they needed to grow. From the hospital to home, Miller Children's & Women's comprehensive team of pediatric specialists and respiratory care practitioners have monitored Lei's pulmonary progress. Now, with the team by his side, Lei not only has strong lungs, he's developed a mighty roar!



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\$185,000 for TUSD students

By Susan Swinburne, Executive Director

With help from more than 2,000 Torrance students and families, Torrance Education Foundation sent the largest contingent yet to the annual SKECHERS Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk and raised \$185,000 from SKECHERS Foundation.

For the past nine years, the Walk has raised money for high-priority needs at Torrance schools and district-wide in TUSD. Walkers who joined their schools' teams helped bring our Torrance participation to the largest number of walkers ever.

All walkers who signed up for TEF/TUSD team helped bring in extra funds for their schools and teachers, because TEF regrants every \$30 registration fee back to the school team selected by each walker. Schools can use these funds where they are most needed. One star this year was Hickory Elementary, where families raised more than \$10,000 for their new playground!

Thank you to all the Torrance Walkers who helped make this year's SKECHERS Walk a huge success!



TEF board members accept \$185,000 grant from SKECHERS



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Principal

Family Math Night

Family Math Night was a great opportunity for students and parents to share in a fun night of learning mathematics through games and activities. With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, the John Adams Elementary School community loves night events, where they have the chance to just sit down and enjoy their children in our school environment.

The conversations between children and their parents during the math activities help bridge the home-school connections. Families' mathematical thinking was stimulated by math talks, mapping out their chess move strategies, measuring how far their airplanes could glide, and estimation.

This year we introduced a friendly classroom competition to increase attendance and to build camaraderie within our community. We gave math or science awards to three classrooms. Congratulations to kindergarten, first grade, and fifth grade for winning the friendly challenge!



Arlington *Elementary*

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Dr. Vicki Hath
Principal

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

We will play ukulele here or there, we will play ukulele everywhere! If you ever visit Arlington Elementary School, you will hear music traveling down the halls, between the walls, and over bouncing playground balls! Our second-grade Superstars, who have been practicing the precorder, have also begun learning to play ukulele.

Arlington's music teacher, Mr. Glen Kamida, shares his love of music and teaching with our second- through fifth-grade Superstars each week, using a variety of songs and music, including the Beatles, the Beach Boys, and Daniel Ho, whose work has been instrumental in our ukulele learning. With support and donations from



North Torrance Youth Musicians Ensemble (nTYME) and Arlington PTA, Arlington is able to provide a ukulele for each student in each music class, which ensures student participation and engagement.

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss, we close by saying, "Oh, the places we'll go, as we learn more and more, having fun learning while playing a song!"

Anza *Elementary*

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Barbara Marks
Principal

A College Experience

Anza 5th grade students were offered an exciting and amazingly fun opportunity to have a college experience on the campus of USC. Students were given a tour of a University campus and then a

special tour of the USC Galen Center Court. Students and parents were then invited to attend a basketball game. Students were invited to Center Court during the pre-game warm up and some students got to run out of the locker room with the players. Students and their families were also invited to sit in the student section amongst the USC students. At halftime each 5th grade classroom received a WELCOME TO USC message on the electronic score board. It was a nice experience to see the families outside of school to bond on a different level. It was a very fun and motivating experience for our students to see and be a part of a college experience!



Arnold *Elementary*

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Justine Lang
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Arnold Family Math Night

It Takes a Village. This quote exemplifies the philosophy of bringing students, parents and teachers together to support student achievement. Here at Arnold we recently invited families to “Go for the Gold” at our Family Math Night for grades 3-5. This fun and engaging event had students and parents solving math problems together with an Olympic theme! Students measured objects such as the 2 circles from a figure skating “death spiral”, a hockey puck, and even a replica of a curling stone. They also made estimations such as how far they thought Chloe Kim had to travel from Torrance to go to PyeongChang. At the Arnold Elementary Math Night everyone left a gold medal winner!



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Jayne Okazaki
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Smarter Balance Assessment

During our Family Math night, we served dinner, then students went into 3 classrooms with K/1, 2/3, and 4/5 groups. Teachers worked with students on ST Math and started teaching them a variety of math games to practice math skills. Meanwhile parents stayed in the cafeteria to hear about what is common core math, why the change, and what it looks like in the classroom. Parents then joined their children in the classroom(s) to play the math games. Each room held a raffle of

math manipulatives and math games prizes. Third – Fifth students and parents stayed for a workshop on the Smarter Balance Assessment. They learned tips and techniques to make navigating the online test easier. Parents were given step by step instructions on how to go online to do the Smarter Balance Practice test.



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Susie Holmes
Principal

Multiple Opportunities

Students at Casimir have multiple opportunities to participate in activities that create vertical articulation between Casimir, Arlington, Lincoln and North High School. Our iLEAD students have been to both Arlington and Lincoln for several different activities. One activity enjoyed by all is reading to and with first grade students. In addition to reading with them, our students planned an age appropriate activity and led the students through it. The articulation between fifth grade students and middle school is always a source of

Calle Mayor *Middle School*

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Dave Mosley
Principal

Amazing Accomplishments!

Calle Mayor Students are learning how to write code and make apps! Where is all this taking place, you may be asking. It's in the PTSA-sponsored after-school Computer Programming Club taught by Mr. Foster! Students are using the MIT-developed program called Scratch, which gives students an opportunity to create games, stories and animations that can be posted on the Scratch website (scratch.mit.edu).

This year, we are excited to add the introduction of the Raspberry PI to the club. The Raspberry PI is a small computer that students are learning how to program to make a vast array of different things, including programming a video game and a weather station.

Calle Mayor is extremely excited and proud to recognize the many different talents our Bulldog students have and that sometimes go unnoticed. Here is a snapshot of some of these great accomplishments so far: We would like to congratulate Pranathi Senthil-Kumaran for competing in the Orange County Interscholastic Equestrian League and scoring second place in that competition. We would also like to congratulate Alexander Nunley for placing third in the Music Competition and Tanay Sadhwani for winning the PTSA Reflection 33rd District for dance and moving on to the state competition. Additional congratulations go to our Math Counts Team, which scored fifth place out of 23 teams, and to one of the team members, Jennifer Kim, who ranked sixth out of 190 students and will be going on to the state competition. We would also like to congratulate Jacob Diaz for taking first place in the Investright Competition, California Middle School Division. And finally, we congratulate our Spelling Bee winner, Jackson Lund, who is heading off to the LA County Competition. We would like to congratulate all our amazing Bulldog winners!

Carr *Elementary*

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Carr Cubs are Working Hard!

Exciting things are happening at Carr in and out of the classroom in all areas! Our Carr Cubs are working hard in classroom activities to help them prepare their ideas for the upcoming STEAM fair in early April. We had a tremendously high amount of participation in the Laker's Read to Achieve program that ended in February where students read on a daily basis for 6 weeks. We have a new Carr Cub Choir led by our Choir teacher Ms. Laura Savitz, and we will have our first performance at the end of May. We also have created several new academic competition teams that are participating in District-wide events. A few weeks ago, our Math Competition Team participated in Math Olympiad at Towers Elementary and one of our very own Carr Cubs won third place in the individual competition! Two of our students participated in the District Spelling Bee in early March and we have started an Academic Pentathlon team that has begun preparing for the upcoming competition in May at South High school. Finally, in April, the Carr Cub community will participate in Sharefest along with a local church who has graciously agreed to help us paint murals on the handball walls, put a stencil of the map of the United States on the blacktop, and freshen up our front office planters. Way to go Carr Cubs - keep up the great work!

concern for parents as well as students. This year our iLEAD students reached out to students at both elementary schools and asked them to be pen pals. The letters moving through the mail are inspiring. Casimir students will be having lunch with their pen pals in the near future. The articulation between Casimir and North has always been present as students from North come to Casimir to speak to 8th grade students on a variety of topics. Casimir kids have played with the North High band at a football half time and are visiting the vocal class. Recently our articulation has increased to include the Bio-Medical PTLW class at North and the Medical Detective class at Casimir. The two groups traveled to the California Science Center for an exhibit on the human body and North students came to Casimir to assist in a sheep brain dissection. Our school will continue to develop these connections in the future.

Fern *Elementary*

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Debbie Mabry
Principal

Fabulous Falcons STEAMed Up!

Fern Elementary students and their families love science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. When you put them all together, you get STEAM!

In February, our school community gathered in shared learning spaces to design and build art sculptures, create marshmallow towers, sculpt with Model Magic, and engineer with Dominoes and wood planks. Fern's PTA supported four Mad Science booths that added additional hands-on learning opportunities

with a focus on chemical reactions.

We also had two technology spaces that were led by Fern's technology experts in the fourth and fifth grade. Families had the opportunity to embark on mini-coding adventures with Dash and Dot, paper circuits, littleBits, and robot kits. These coding activities develop strong mathematical and computational competency.

Our Fern Falcons obviously had many options to discover their STEAM passion! It was great to have our families engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math activities together.



Falcon families engage in STEAM!

J.H. Hull *Middle School*

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Patty Girgis
Principal

MathCounts at Northrup Gruman

Students at Hull competed at the MathCounts competition on Saturday, February 24th. They competed individually and as a team representing

Hull Middle School. As a result, Hull came in 1st place in their division with one of Hull's own, Owen Turner, placing in the individual Top 10. These students were coached by Ms. Julie Chao, an engineer at Torrance Petroleum Refinery, who volunteered to coach these students.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of these students at the MathCounts and how they represented JH Hull Middle School at the competition.



Hull students at Northrup Gruman in Redondo Beach at MathCounts competition. From left to right: Zak Zerouali, Sophia Heu, Owen Turner, Karen Quiles, Mason Ying, Pierce Dobens, Bryant Yanase. Not pictured, Iain Han.

Hickory *Elementary*

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Edna Schumacher
Principal

STEAM Blasts Off!

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) has been a focus area for the Torrance Unified School District and Hickory Elementary School in recent years. Thanks to a grant from the Torrance Education Foundation, Hickory teachers Heather Fitzgerald and Leah Legaspi hosted a Space-Full STEAM Ahead family night for students in fourth and fifth grades. Families were invited to "blast off" into the world of outer space and the science surrounding space exploration.

Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Legaspi teamed up with teachers, parents, and community business partners to plan and execute the educational event. A Torrance-based telescope manufacturer provided telescopes for use at the event and generously donated a telescope for full-time use in our soon-to-be-completed science lab. A local branch of an organization specializing in engineering education for students and a student technology program hosted activity stations at the event, where families were invited to explore and problem solve. Students and parents were also able to explore the skies through an indoor inflatable planetarium.



We are very appreciative of our teachers, the Torrance Education Foundation, and our community partners for making this event possible. Thanks to our inquisitive families and our supportive staff and partners, STEAM Night at Hickory was a galactic success!

Madrona *Middle School*

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Principal

Math and Science

Madrona Middle School's Math Counts team recently competed in a weekend competition. The students performed well and finished in sixth place after competing against 20 schools. This is the first team we've had in a few years, and it is coached by Mr. Khan. We're excited about upcoming competitions!

Ms. Rocha's award-winning Science Olympiad team also performed well recently in the regionals competition at Rio Hondo College. Madrona came in ninth place out of 40 schools, which is a great finish considering all the strong teams we were up against! Madrona also earned medals in five individual events: Battery Buggy, Experimental Design, Meteorology, Road Scholar, and Wright Stuff.

The teachers and students on these teams put in many hours to prepare for these competitions, including lunch and after school, and there are the weekends the families commit to attending the events. We are always proud to see our students' outstanding efforts!

We continue to look forward to our students' growth of knowledge and mindset. Go, Wildcats!

Jefferson *Middle School*

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Yvonne Marin
Principal

Filling the Toolbox

School counselors provide support for all students, parents and staff. They arrive on campus daily armed with a smile and a positive attitude. When students arrive on campus in sixth grade, they have an empty or a nearly empty toolbox to use when dealing with social situations, organizational skills, academic planning, self-advocacy and the like.

Counselors work on adding tools to the toolboxes of all students with the goal of when students leave middle school and enter high school, they have as many tools as possible to navigate through the next four years and beyond.

Middle school is a time when students are learning to find their way through making mistakes and through the triumphs they experience. We just cannot educate the whole child without a strong counseling department on campus! We love and appreciate our counselor, Ms. Balooch, and her intern, Ms. Mata.



LAUNCH *Preschool Programs*

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Teresa Lanphere
Principal

Snowing in Torrance?

Who knew we could get so much snow in the city of Torrance? It snowed once again at LAUNCH Preschool for our annual Winter Fling! Everyone was dressed in their snow gear to enjoy the day. Part of the LAUNCH Preschool playground converted into a winter wonderland where our preschoolers enjoyed the snow throwing snowballs and sledding under the supervision of dedicated parent volunteers, teachers, and staff. We had other winter fun activities throughout the day: students made and ate their own snow



Magruder *Middle School*

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Lisa Nunes
Principal

Super Heros

Can it really be the middle of 3rd quarter with Spring Break around the corner? My where has the time gone? As we have made our way to this time of the year we find ourselves having had the chance to honor those "Super Heros" that make Magruder the wonderful place it is. With over 150 students and adults recognized on February 27 families filled North High School's

gym to pay tribute to the selfless contribution of time these individuals donate to help with campus programs.

These programs include, and are certainly not limited to Operation Back to School, Spirit Week Celebrations, College Week and Supervising the Sorting Station. It was an evening filled with celebration, smiles and inspiration. We thank all of those that helped to make this event the fun filled night a success.



Lincoln *Elementary*

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Katherine Castleberry
Principal

On the Move

Nearly 200 of our students, parents, and community members signed up to participate in our 100-Mile Run/Walk Club this school year. This highly engaging and lively exercise program encourages students to achieve a healthy lifestyle through physical activity by tackling one simple challenge: walk, jog or run 100 miles over the course of the school year.

With childhood inactivity and obesity at record highs, Lincoln Elementary School is determined to educate students and families on the importance of eating healthy and leading an active lifestyle. Our 100-Mile Run/Walk Club is just one of the ways Lincoln continues to build a school community rooted in teamwork and support. This popular activity also teaches our Lincoln Lions, via exercise, the value and necessity of such lifelong skills as goal setting, grit, and perseverance.

Every Monday and Friday morning and Thursday afternoon, you will find dozens of Lincoln families walking, jogging, or running toward a fit and healthier lifestyle. Volunteers track each participants' laps with scanners and barcodes. Once participants have run 25 laps, they earn a T-shirt to commemorate this accomplishment. Their T-shirts are then marked with a check for each additional 25 miles run, until each participant has reached the 100-mile goal.

Lincoln is excited to support our students' academic success with improved health and well-being...yet another win, win for our lovable Lincoln Lions!

Lynn *Middle School*

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LeRoy Jackson Jr.
Principal

Mathematical Minds

Pop quiz: which after-school club spends hours building the speed and endurance necessary to win a series of fierce competitions using pencils and paper? If you guessed Bert Lynn Middle School's Competitive Mathematics Team, you would be correct! Join us as we celebrate our team's regional win!

We are very pleased to announce that our competitive team and one of our individual competitors will be competing in a state-level competition at the end of this month. MATHCOUNTS is a national competition built upon a series of four-hour events at school, chapter, state and national levels. Each competition begins with a sprint round. Imagine completing 30 complex math problems without a calculator in 40 minutes. This round is followed by a target round, which moves beyond difficult, allowing students to use calculators as they solve eight complex word problems in six minutes. The team round has students working collaboratively to solve 10 mind-bending word problems within 20 minutes. Finally, the top 10 students compete in a head-to-head competition to solve a series of problems accurately within 45 seconds. Congratulations to our team!



North *High School*

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Chris Sheck
Principal

Leading the Way

North High students are acquiring the knowledge and skills they need for solid futures in the medical field. Our Project Lead The Way (PLTW) biomedical science pathway incorporates both health science and medical technology in an engaging environment.

Our NHS Principles of Biomedical Science course had such a positive response that PLTW Human Body Systems was also added to allow students to continue to explore medical science. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects overall employment of medical scientists and laboratory technicians to grow 13 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations.



In these courses, students are owning their learning and deepening their understanding of biology and medical concepts, while also conducting forensic lab experiments to solve real-world cases. Collaboration between Casimir Middle School and North High School PLTW programs has resulted in a growing and robust "middle to high school" feeder biomedical science program. This includes PLTW Medical Detectives, which is now being offered at the middle school level.

North High biomedical students have begun mentoring their middle school counterparts in laboratory activities. They have also jointly visited the California Science Center Body Work exhibit, and will soon host an upcoming visit to North High's biomedical classes to encourage continued participation in this pathway.

The future of our North Torrance students looks bright, as they "lead the way" in biomedical science. Go, Saxons!



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Principal

We've Got Talent!

The month began with our RMS Jazz Band performing at the South Torrance music fund-raiser night, Sweet Jazz, where the community came to support local music programs. The band then joined the Richardson Middle School Music Program for the South Area Music Festival, resulting in impressive student performances. Under the guidance of Karrie Willett, these students work hard practicing at both school and home, and they consistently improve throughout the year.

Our Annual Richardson Talent Show provided an opportunity for students to show off their talents, some of which were eclectic! Original comedic sketches got the crowd laughing. Musicians demonstrated skills on the piano, violin and guitar. Singers belted out today's top pop tunes with vocal skills that would impress the original artists. Dancers displayed skills across a variety of genres from modern to hip hop to even Irish dancing. Our Leadership class closed the show with an entertaining group-dance performance.



Riviera *Elementary*

365 Paseo de Arena, Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4460 • riviera.tusd.org



Christie Forshey
Principal

The 'IN Crowd'

What is the Riviera IN Crowd?

IN stands for "Inform, Involve, and Inspire." To date, 116 Riviera students have joined the IN Crowd. IN Crowd students attend monthly meetings to learn about disabilities

by participating in hands-on activities. Then, these IN Crowd students serve as leaders on campus, supporting 20 students with learning-style differences on campus. IN Crowd mentors engage in activities such as greeting and walking with peers to class twice a week; participating in morning exercises with peers twice a week; eating lunch with peers; providing recess support by teaching games, skills and conversation; helping peers at class parties; and making or bringing peers special gifts or mementos for holidays.

The IN Crowd was created and is facilitated by Riviera parent Maria Crawford. Her vision was to start a program that would educate students about disabilities and teach them how to interact with peers of all abilities.



**Thank you to the IN Crowd Mentors and Mrs. Crawford
for making a difference on campus and modeling INclusivity!**

Shery High School

2600 Vine St., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4440 • shery.tusd.org



Jamie Jimenez
Principal

Walk through History

Recently, Mrs. Patterson took her U.S. history class on a walking field trip of Old Torrance. The purpose of the trip was to teach the students about the impact on Torrance of the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II.

The students walked from Shery High, and the first stop was Torrance High to see the auditorium and mural inside that were both Works Progress Administration projects funded by the New Deal. Then, the students went to the Torrance Historic Society

Museum, where they were treated to a presentation on the history of Torrance and its most famous resident, Louis Zamperini. The students were amazed at how much Torrance has changed from its agricultural days as well as the story of the Torrance Tornado Louis Zamperini!

The class ended their day of historic study at a soft-serve ice-cream shop, established in 1946, for a yummy treat. It was a great day for everyone!



Seaside Elementary

4651 Sharynne Lane, Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4532 • seaside.tusd.org



Michele Bauer-Bean
Principal

Unique Winter Olympics Celebration

Seaside Elementary School celebrated the 2018 Winter Olympics in a unique way this year. Third grade teacher, Lydia Bree, was the 1982 U.S. rhythmic gymnastics all-around champion and Athlete of the Year. In 2012, she was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame. Mrs. Bree used her background to engage the whole school in a recreation of the Olympics Opening Ceremony. The activity was not just fun, it was educational, engaging students with flags and maps and requirements for good sportsmanship. Students were able to discuss the benefits of hard work and dedication and ask

questions of a real life Olympics athlete. We are reminded of the diversity of talent that our Torrance teachers bring to the classroom and how fortunate we are to be working together to support our students!



Torrance Elementary

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Dr. Kelly Joseph
Principal

Torrance Tykes Preschool

Torrance Elementary is preparing our students and parents for kindergarten. The Tykes program is rich in a literacy base, and what better way to enforce that than by visiting the public library!

In February we had a family field trip to the public library. In advance of our visit, the students and families were given the opportunity to apply for a library card. All of the applications were turned in in advance and the students' library cards were ready and waiting for them on the day of their visit.

This was a first for many of our students. The librarian took time to read to the children and talk to parents about the importance of reading to their children, and of course telling them how many books, DVDs, and CDs each child can borrow at one time.

Torrance Tykes involves our families in the literacy experience in other ways as well. Each classroom has a lending library in which the students may borrow books daily. We also hold two literacy days for the entire Tykes program. These are family days in which the parents can attend class with their child. Each of the nine Tykes classrooms creates an activity that the parents and children will complete together.

Each of the nine activities are based around literacy, but with the focus on our other learning domains of math, science, dramatic play, art, music, gross motor, fine motor, and stressing the importance of literacy.



Torrance *High School*

2200 W. Carson St., Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/533-4396 • ths.tusd.org



Karim Girgis
Principal

Spring Achievements

On February 27th, our Project Lead the Way program was recognized as a National Distinguished School in engineering. Project Lead The Way (PLTW) encourages students to develop skills in engineering, computer, and biomedical science that are highly sought after and transferable to the job market.

More than 10,500 schools in all 50 states participate in PLTW. Torrance High is one of 340 schools to receive this recognition nationally, and one of fewer than ten high schools in California to be so acknowledged for its STEM-based program. We are very proud of our educators Mr. Dana Hagen and Ms. Nazia Rasid.

Outside the classroom, our Academic Decathlon team experienced a successful season, bringing home several medals. Our Speech and Debate Team has two state qualifiers. Sajan Sudwal qualified in three categories, and Jonay Andre qualified in Oratorical Interpretation. We wish them the best heading into the state tournament.

The winter sports season was a successful one. Our boys basketball team was the Pioneer League Champion for the second time in three years. It brought the students together through our spirited Maroon Monsoon student section. Tony DaCosta was also the CIF Master's Heavy Weight Champion. Tony is our first Masters champion since the early 1990's.

If you are looking for some good entertainment this spring, our fantastic theater department will be producing *Shrek the Musical*. It will run from April 21 to April 24. Showtime is 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Saturday. Please come out and watch our students perform.

Towers *Elementary*

5600 Towers St., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4535 • towers.tusd.org



Sandy Skora
Principal

Incredible Spellers

Towers is so lucky to have such an involved PTA on campus. Annually, our PTA holds a spelling bee contest for our 3rd-5th graders. This spelling bee begins with high frequency words and advances to more difficult leveled words for our students to pronounce and spell. Each 3rd-5th grade classroom run their own competitions to see which students will represent their classroom at the school competition. During a schoolwide assembly, the student representatives from each class compete in front of their peers. It's very exciting to see such incredible

spellers in action and watch the audience gasp as their peers show their spelling expertise. The final two spellers pictured here were our winners for the spelling bee competition this year and will compete at the District Spelling Bee on Thursday, March 1st.



Torrance *Adult School*

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Dr. Wayne Diulio
Director

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Our school is preparing for a Visiting Committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on Tuesday March 13th. Accreditation centers upon three beliefs: a school's goal is successful student learning; each school has a clear purpose and schoolwide student goals; and a school engages in external and internal evaluations as part of continued school improvement. Accreditation supports our school's accomplishments by

- 1) assuring that the school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable education program,
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TAS staff hard at work preparing for the WASC Visiting Committee school visit

Victor *Elementary*

4820 Spencer St., Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4542 • victor.tusd.org



Bill Baker
Principal

A Supplement to the Classroom

Victor Elementary School has an amazing science lab program funded by the PTA.

Every class in the school gets to attend science lab every two weeks. The lessons teach hands-on science enrichment strategies focused on STEM. All activities are based on the Next Generation Science Standards for each grade level so that the students' learning can expand upon what they are learning in their classrooms.

Some of the activities we have performed this year include making a rain cloud, making cast and mold fossils, using a DIY seismograph, working with earthworms, and creating a gas with yeast, to name just a few. We have also accomplished many engineering activities, such as building a dam to change the flow of water, designing and building a roller coaster out of paper, making a 20-foot cup wall, and making a newspaper structure large enough for students to fit inside.

Our Victor students really enjoy and appreciate attending their science lab throughout the school year.



Walteria *Elementary*

24456 Madison St., Torrance, CA 90505 • 310/533-4487 • www.walteriaelementary.org



Efren Ponce
Principal

Garden-Fresh Learning

Here at Walteria, finding ways to enrich the learning experience of our young Wildcats is fundamental. Recently, our PTA funded a pilot program in partnership with PV School Gardens. This program, according to the school gardens website, “seeks to encourage students and teachers to consider the school garden as an extension of the traditional classroom rather than an extracurricular activity.”

Students, teachers and parent volunteers work hand in hand with a master gardener as they learn about the environmental and nutritional benefits of gardening. As part of the learning experience, pvschoolgardens.org says, “students have opportunity to collaborate with their peers, write and draw what they experience in their garden journals,

taste seasonal and local produce, plant and tend to their school garden beds and develop an understanding of what is needed to become environmental stewards of the future.”

Our Wildcats are enjoying the experience and learning that food is more than something that comes from our local supermarket.



West *High School*

20401 Victor, Torrance, CA 90503 • 310/533-4299 • www.whs.tusd.org



Kara Heinrich
Principal

Bond Measures “T” and “U”

Excitement is in the air as West nears the opening of its new state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. This facility will enrich our performing arts programs across several departments on campus, while also providing a means for articulation among our K–8 schools.

Additionally, the Center will support the development and success of our Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway of “Performing Arts Professional Theater.” One major proponent of this CTE pathway is that the students are able to work in a professional setting, which allows them to analyze and create professional productions.

The industry-standard equipment and infrastructure will provide students with the professional setting they need for the production of one-acts, and engagement with modern lighting and sound equipment. It will also provide the opportunity to gain industry entry level competencies.



WHS Auditorium Planning Concept

West has a grand history of performing arts excellence; opening this facility, while expanding this CTE pathway, will undeniably heighten our tradition of excellence.

Wood *Elementary*

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Dr. Shawn Johnson
Principal

Students Pair Up

Each Friday at Wood Elementary, Mrs. Morimoto’s Kindergarten class teams up with their third and fourth grade buddies in Miss Tyler’s class to participate in various STEM activities. Students learn the basics of coding through DASH robots and Ozobots using iPads the students bring in from home. The TORC Grant has allowed the students to gain experiences in technology, math and robotics, but also allowed them to build cross age friendships. Students pair up with a big buddy as they walk them through the basics of coding and robotics. Students learn computer code through puzzles and patterns, making each

robot come to life!



Yukon *Elementary*

17815 Yukon Ave., Torrance, CA 90504 • 310/533-4477 • yukon.tusd.org



Elaine Wassil
Principal

Oh, What A Night!

During this year, Yukon has hosted some very special family nights. Whether learning math in a hands-on, engaging way; reading the latest literature in our pajamas with a cup of hot chocolate for a wonderful community “story time before bed”; or enjoying and rewarding the many talents of our students, we have gathered together in the evenings to celebrate and learn from one another.

In the fall, every grade level had a night set aside just for them, where parents and children learned math games that sharpened their math skills and hopefully provided many more fun evenings at home. The parents and children gathered together again in a celebration of Dr. Seuss, where Mrs. Sniegowski read to the children for an hour that flew by! This was followed by family visits to the Yukon Bookstore, where students purchased many more books for more family reading nights at home.



We also hosted Family Movie Nights, an amazing Talent Show, and a Reflections Award Night/ where many of our students were recognized for their unique contributions and talents.



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Finding out that your kid has been cyberbullied is emotional for parents. You or your kid might want to retaliate, but it's best to help your kid defuse the situation, protect himself, and make rational efforts to put a stop to the bullying. Here are the immediate steps we recommend for parents:

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- If you can identify the bully, consider talking with the parents.
- Consider contacting your kid's school. If bullying is happening online, it might be happening offline, too.
- Empower your kid with specific steps he or she can take.

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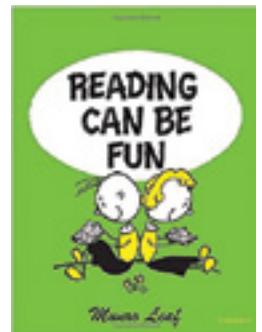
Reading Can Be Fun



Katie C.

By Munro Leaf

This book is for anyone, old or young. This book is about why reading can be fun! It talks about how many of you may think that reading is boring. But then this book talks about without reading, your mind won't grow. Reading can take you places that you've never been in before—for example, an exotic jungle! More so, however, reading will teach you how to WRITE. To become a good writer, you need to read, so you can see how authors write and try it out in your own writing. So, the next time someone asks you to read, say yes. It will not only be a lot of fun, but it will also give you the experience of learning. *Reading Can Be Fun* is an amazing book that made me read more. I rate this book a five out of five stars. Go on, read it! It will be a lot of fun.



Katie is a 8th grader that loves to read and write. Fictional books are her favorite. Besides writing and reading, she loves soccer, acting, dancing, and playing the violin. She hopes to publish her own book someday.

Jenna's Review

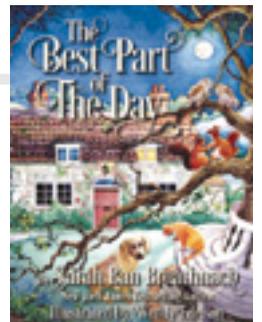
The Best Part of the Day



Jenna C.

By Sarah Ban Breathnach

This book talks about the best part of the day by season. What is the best part of the day in fall? Was it picking the apples or raking the leaves? What about winter? Was it building a snowman or staying near the fireplace with marshmallows and cocoa? Now spring has arrived with fresh air and plenty of flowers. What is the best part of the day in spring? Was it taking care of the garden or cuddling lambs? Finally, the summer. Lemonade and a jump into the pool. What is the best part of the summer? Was it the fireflies flickering all the way home or was it our picnic together with friends? Lastly, this book concludes with one best part of the day in all the seasons. I really liked this book because it is like a poem story and the pictures are so beautiful and detailed.



Jenna is a second grader. She likes reading books and her parents reading books to her. Besides reading, she also likes art, dance and soccer.



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PTA Events

By Nannette Nolan, President

The Torrance Council of PTAs (TCPTA) is organized under the authority of the California State PTA to provide our units with information and instruction and leadership development and to coordinate the efforts of our units. In Torrance, we oversee the PTA units at all 30 schools in the school district.

Torrance Council of PTAs recently honored 26 students as council-level winners in the Reflections Contest, a National PTA arts recognition and achievement program. Four students were honored with honorable mentions and recognition from the 33rd District PTA. Four students went on to receive first place at the next level of judging by 33rd District PTA, and their entries have been forwarded to California State PTA for judging.

On February 24, the 37th Annual College Fair, hosted by TCPTA, the high school PTSAs, and Torrance Unified School District, was held at Torrance High School. More than 800 students and parents attended and were able to visit with 109 representatives from colleges, trade schools, and the military. We also offered 18 informative workshops to help students and parents understand what is involved in preparing for college.

Elementary schools are busy hosting bike rodeos at their schools. Students participate in a variety of bike skill events and a written safety test. The winners from each school will participate in the TCPTA district-wide bike rodeo on April 14. The Torrance Fire Department will be there to help run the obstacle courses and award the top riders.

PTA is proud to be a powerful advocate for education and child welfare issues. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. All schools continue to grow their membership and are paying special attention to attracting male members and all teachers.

Christina's Book Review

Interesting Problematic Cycle



Christina J.

*The Secrets to Ruling School
(Without Even Trying)*

by Neil Swaab

The story is written in third person, and plays out as smoothly as a movie. You are a new student at William H. Taft Middle School and are approached by Max Corrigan, your life coach, who will help you to become popular among the cliques at school, so you start by trying to join into the Class Clown table that won't let you in, unless you can get them a good artists for their comics, so you go to a good artist who agrees to help you, only if you get the Band geeks away from their table at the cafeteria, so she can display her graffiti on that wall, they agree to leave, but only if you help them raise money to save their Music program, so you ask a rich girl for money, she agrees to help, but only if you rig the football team to lose, so she could win a bet... and this interestingly problematic cycle continues on and on, until you reach your goal.

I really liked reading this book, so I will give it 5 out of 5 stars.



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

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Alana's Book Review

Consumed by Deception?



Alana F.

In a world divided by power and status, it takes everything that Mare Barrow's got to stay alive. But when she discovers a strange, otherworldly power she never knew she had, her chances of survival suddenly seem much slimmer. Battling

heated emotions, twisted morals, and chaos, Mare fights to save herself and her people in an uphill battle. Will she stand against injustice, or will she be consumed by deception?

Although I loved this book, I'd have to give it only four out of eight triforce shards.

The excitement, when present, was hardly noticeable- all of the politics and social

issues were generic and dull. However, I'd attribute most of my disappointment to a low amount of challenges for Mare and an unnecessarily slow pace.

Throughout the book, Mare tends to use deception as a first resort for solving problems, therefore not making herself seem like a strong female lead.

Alana is a student columnist and a self-proclaimed "huge nerd". When she doesn't have a book in her hands, she loves to play video games and write fiction. She rates books on a scale of 1-8 triforce shards with 8 being the highest



Yummy Food - Word Search Contest

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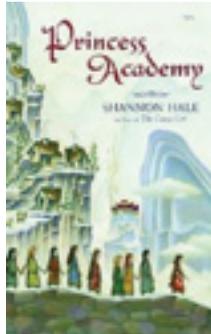
Bailey

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale left me craving for more. It's the perfect combination of adventure, princesses, friendship, and even a little romance!

When the people of Mount Eskel receive message from the lowlanders saying their prince is looking for a princess and all young girls will be sent to an academy, everyone is in shock, especially Miri. Without a choice, Miri,

her friends, and a strange lowlander girl named Britta, set off to the academy, only to find themselves with a horrible tutor and homesick. Now, the pressure is on to be the best of the academy and marry the prince. Will Miri find out that even though she's small for her age, her voice is big? Will she stand up for what's right?

I couldn't put this book down! Shannon Hale always describes the moment just right and the twists were surprising! I give this book 5 out of 5 stars. Don't forget to read the rest of the series!



Bailey is a 6th grader that likes to read fantasy and daydream about adventure when she isn't dancing ballet or playing with her friends and siblings.

In 27 Days



Lucy Davis

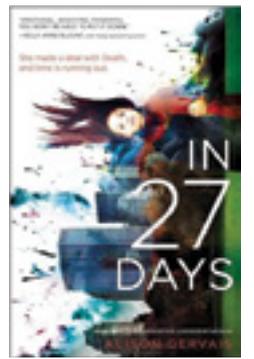
Author: Alison Gervias

Twenty-seven days is a very specific amount of time, but if you're trying to prevent a suicide it's nothing short of a race against the force itself.

Hadley Jamison never really knew Archer Morales, but she made a deal with Death that if he gave her twenty-seven days, she could stop Archer from taking his own life. So, she tries her best to befriend the closed off, quiet kid from freshman English. He doesn't seem to want her help, but their jobs at a coffeehouse and tutoring sessions bring them closer together, and soon they're becoming quite the pair.

Problem is, chaos wants to pull them apart. With events endangering the people that she loves, will Hadley succeed in keeping Archer alive? Or will she run out of time?

I enjoyed this book immensely for many reasons. It's funny, suspenseful, thoughtful, and all around a great read. Five out of five bookworms.



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

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