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In Touch with TUSD–

The Tustin Unified School District continues to shine with academic excellence due to its hard-working teachers, administrators, staff members and students.

Good news abounds throughout the District...

State of the Schools Breakfast

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation and Tustin Unified School District held the second annual State of the Schools Breakfast on September 23 at Beckman High School. Nearly 300 people – administrators, staff, parents, city officials, business leaders and community members – attended the event, which celebrated the accomplishments of TUSD and raised funds for the Foundation.

The breakfast included the superintendent's address about Tustin Unified's exciting technology and learning initiatives, student performances by Beckman's Chamber Orchestra and Beckman Madrigals, and the video debut of "TUSD Connect: 21st Century Teaching and Learning." The new video can be seen on the District web site's Home Page at www.tustin.k12.ca.us.

SAT Scores Higher than State and Nation

Tustin Unified's Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores continue to be higher than California and national scores.

High school students throughout the nation take the SAT each year. The test consists of math, critical reading and writing sections. The results are published by the College

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T-Tech Academy: Driving Innovation

By Mark Eliot
Director of Communications

Tustin High School's T-Tech Academy was named a finalist in the Innovation in Education Awards category at the Orange County Technology Alliance's 20th annual High-Tech Innovation Awards Dinner in October. The T-Tech Academy was one of four high school programs throughout the county recognized at the event. T-Tech was awarded \$500 for their efforts in innovation in education technology. Principal Jonathan Blackmore and T-Tech Academy coordinator and math/engineering teacher Ed Hernandez accepted for the school. The award recognizes outstanding education leaders and students for their innovative uses of science, math and technology. Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit organization based in Irvine, and O.C. Technology Alliance, a nonprofit trade association committed to fast-forwarding the local innovation economy, sponsored the awards program.

In a grueling three-day event, students from Tustin High School's T-Tech Motorsports won second place overall in UC Irvine's Energy Invitational, part of the California Challenge at the Department of



Tustin High T-Tech team includes, from left, Christian Salisbury, Jake Smit, Sean McMillin, Edward Carrillo, teacher Ed Hernandez and Kristina Barrett.

Energy and City of Irvine's Solar Decathlon and Expo at the Orange County Great Park on October 5-6.

The team consisted of students from T-Tech's capstone course Engineering Design & Development. In addition to driving the vehicle, students became involved in every aspect of the vehicle including suspension, steering, chassis, safety, electric drivetrains and more. The whole process also included

modeling the entire vehicle in a 3D software program, printing 3D prototypes, developing project timelines and meeting deadlines.

Colleges and high schools converged at the UCI event with the goal of driving their own student-built vehicle as far as possible on one dollar's worth of energy. After logging nearly 30 miles on the track

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TUSD Connect: Transitioning to Common Core

By Kathie Nielsen
Chief Academic Officer

The Tustin Unified School District's transition to the Common Core is well underway. The focus for all teachers has been on how instruction is delivered in the classroom. Aligning with the shifts in the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS), we are beginning to see more non-fiction reading and writing and students using evidence from the texts to support thinking in all classrooms.

Wider use of academic vocabulary is also more visible in the way students respond both verbally and in writing. We



are starting to see teachers require more of students in the way they share the thinking behind their answers, not only to the answers that students share. Students are being asked to explain their thinking and find evidence in text to support their ideas. It is exciting to see collaboration between students and teachers, with a focus on real life application of the things they are learning. Most importantly, we see teachers engaging students in a more relevant and rigorous curriculum.

As a District, we understand the importance of focusing on the "how" in our teaching and raising the levels of rigor and relevance in our classrooms, as we prepare students for college and careers in the 21st century.

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Happy Thanksgiving! The holidays are quickly approaching and the weather reminds us summer doesn't last forever even in Southern CA.

In her article, Adele Heuer, Principal of Beckman High School says, "Our students are involved, productive citizens who play on athletic teams, act in performing-arts groups, fund-raise for various causes, organize blood drives, and work hard at everything." That is an excellent summary for all of the students in TUSD. They seem to be motivated to succeed by the example set by the administration.

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Dino Dash Raises Funds for Schools



Carol Burby Garrett
Executive Director

Thank you to everyone who supported the 23rd Annual Dino Dash, Run, Walk and Ride for Education! We appreciate all of our volunteers and the students, parents, teachers, administrators, staff members and community participants who came out to support our schools. The funds raised from the Dino Dash support Tustin Unified schools to enhance the classroom and school-wide learning experience.

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation Grant Program is now open for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are reviewed monthly through April 1st in the areas of classroom and school grants, Old Town Tustin field trips, music grants and Go Green Grants. For further information, go to www.tpsf.net, and click on the 'what we do' tab.



Utt Middle School staff members getting ready for the Dino Dash.

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Maggie Villegas
Principal

Arroyo Students Make a Difference

The Arroyo Student Council is definitely in agreement with Margaret Mead's famous quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Over 100 Arroyo upper-graders submitted their candidacy statements and prepared slogans and posters to announce their desire to participate in student council. Our students have the option to run for president, class representative, Ripple Kid Coordinator, recycling crew, Health and Fitness Fanatics, Spirit Team, the Campus Pride Team, and the Communications Crew.

Most positions will be led by five students who work as a committee, together with a teacher-advisor to help them tackle various goals to improve our campus this year.



Fourth-grade students running for office eagerly awaiting election results.

This is the first year that our students will have the opportunity to vote electronically in Haiku. We are excited to have so many students at our school eager to help make a difference this year.

Arnold O. Beckman *High School*

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Adele Heuer
Principal

Come See the Patriots in Action!

Local public high schools are exciting places and are often viewed as the center of a community. On any day or night, there are activities taking place at Beckman High School. Teenagers are regularly maligned in the media, but the young people who attend Beckman are proof that the media is wrong. Our students are involved, productive citizens who play on athletic teams, act in performing-arts groups, fund-raise for various causes, organize blood drives, and work hard at everything.



Beckman football in action

Please visit our website and come out to one of our activities. We play football on Friday nights at Northrup Stadium in Tustin, but all other activities are on campus. Upcoming are concerts by the award-winning orchestra, band and choir groups as well as the production of *The Miracle Worker*.

You will be pleased to see so many wonderful young people at Beckman High School.

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Deena Vela
Principal

Beyond the Books

Benson Elementary School not only focuses on academic rigor and excellence, it also encourages daily physical activity.

The girls' volleyball team is currently playing intramural sports against other TUSD elementary sites. The PTO hosted the big Fall Fun Run on Halloween, which the entire community came out to support as a fundraiser. And our students were running laps every day to prepare for both the Fall Fun Run and the Tustin Public Schools Foundation Dino Dash.

Benson students also have a lot of physical activities to look forward to during the year. Boys' volleyball approaches in early spring, and we also have a new basketball program courtesy of our dedicated Benson teachers!

They believe that success comes from teaching students to do their very best in everything they do. As Coach John Wooden said, "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."



Benson volleyball girls
Mia Spears and Destiny Warren.

Benjamin Beswick *Elementary School*

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Erick Fineberg
Principal

Students Love Their High School Bigs

Beswick Elementary School has partnered with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County for our fifth year together to bring a mentoring program to our students. In this school-based program, carefully screened and trained high school students (Bigs) act as mentors to elementary school students (Littles). The Bigs come from local high schools and provide mentoring/tutoring after school once a week at Beswick. Many of the partnerships have been together for a number of years and allow the students to grow together. This year, the partnership looks to expand to more than 60 students.



Beswick Students Evelyn Rivera and Andrea Guerrero show off the marshmallow tower they built together with their Bigs.

These weekly meetings are a highlight for all the students. Beswick students who have participated in the program have shown improved grades and attendance. The program has been a tremendous success and one that has been a tremendous benefit to both Bigs and Littles.

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Dean Crow
Principal

Columbus Tustin Welcomes New Teachers

We have a number of exciting new additions to the Columbus Tustin Middle School teaching staff for the 2013–2014 school year.

Brooke Brown was student-taught on our campus during the 2011–2012 school year, and is a graduate of Tustin High School. Ms. Brown is teaching physical education.

Mario Cortez joins the Bulldog staff from Long Beach Unified. He has significant experience in teaching math and working with focused instructional programs. Mr. Cortez is teaching pre-algebra at Columbus Tustin Middle School.

Christen Lagergren came from Estock Elementary School, where she did excellent work with many future Bulldog students at the elementary level. Ms. Lagergren is teaching seventh-grade Core at Columbus Tustin Middle School for the 2013–2014 school year.

Christy Prendergast previously worked at Guin Foss Elementary School, where she taught the fourth grade. She has had a longstanding goal of moving to the secondary level, and is a great addition to the Columbus Tustin sixth-grade team. For 2013–2014 she is teaching a self-contained, sixth-grade class.

Each of these individuals was carefully selected from a vast pool of applicants. They will bring a wealth of knowledge and educational experience to our Columbus Tustin Middle School youth. Our school community is privileged to have such an esteemed group of individuals join us all in the same year.

Helen Estock *Elementary School*

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Beth Rabel Blackman
Principal

Soaring with the Common Core

The Estock Elementary School Eagles are soaring to new heights with the Common Core State Standards. Our students and staff are focusing on how we use critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication to become 21st-century learners. Part of the Common Core is a shift to at least 50 percent of writing and reading being nonfiction-related. Students are connecting the novels and fictional stories they typically read to nonfiction articles and books. This makes their learning deeper and rich in vocabulary and ideas.

At Estock, our teachers are using the Common Core to focus on writing across the curriculum. Students write each day as part of our school-wide Writer's Workshop, an interdisciplinary approach to writing, focused on building fluency and offering student choice. Our Estock Eagles are writing every day and demonstrating excellence with the new Common Core State Standards.



Students in teacher Wanda Nelson's class are using nonfiction resources to refine their writing in Writer's Workshop.

A.G. Currie *Middle School*

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Christine Matos
Principal

English Language Advisory Council Gets Connected

In preparation for Tustin Unified School District's launch of iPad distribution to all students in grades five through eight, the Currie and Thorman English Language Advisory Council invited Tustin's own technology teachers on special assignment, Jessica Bodas and Omar Olmedo, to present to parents about iPad usage. The bilingual presentation included basic usage and standard netiquette procedures for students and parents. Some helpful tips were shared to ease parents' minds regarding the use of an iPad in the home.

One tip was *establish home rules*. Parents were advised to keep technology in common areas and engage in conversations about technology usage. Cyberbullying was also addressed in the presentation.



TUUSD Tech TOSAs present to Currie/Thorman Parents.

Parents were thrilled to have an opportunity to see and hear how they can support their child as they begin to utilize new technology for 21st Century Learning. The Currie and Thorman communities continue to grow "Stronger Together" through collaboration and parent education.

Foothill *High School*

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Nick Stephany
Principal

The World of STEM

The Foothill Engineering and Technology program (FEAT) continues to meet the growing needs of our students by expanding and changing. Formerly known as the Green Power Academy, the name was changed to fully incorporate the new classes being offered. Currently we have 180 students enrolled in FEAT.

One new class this year in media, arts and technology gives students an opportunity to explore four different strands: computer hardware and operating systems, 3D-modeling and rapid prototyping, robotics and computer programming, and digital video and broadcasting. From this class, students can branch into introduction to engineering design, principles of engineering, engineering design and development, digital video and broadcasting, or Advanced Placement computer science.

Major changes to the engineering lab now enable students to work with state-of-the-art Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machines. A mill, lathe and plasma arc-cutter allows students to design and manufacture almost any part they can imagine.

Our senior capstone projects this year include a conveyor/sorting system for the Student Recycling Center, a solar-powered tool shed for the Sustainable Garden Project, a redesign of two electric race cars for the UCI Energy Invitational, a custom built 1929 Model 'A' Roadster, and the VEX Robotics competition team. These projects give students hands-on experience in the design, building and performance aspects of engineering.

Three additional classes are being considered for next year: engineering manufacturing technology, advanced digital video and broadcasting, and computer science engineering. These classes will add to the expansion of the program as more students explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Guin Foss *Elementary School*

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Kelly Fresch
Principal

The Right Way to Start the Day

Guin Foss participated in the National Walk to School Day on October 9. Student council members and parent volunteers gave out an estimated 158 stickers and candy bars to those children who walked or biked to school on this special day.

Educating families to choose the safest walking route, while also making a healthy choice, was reinforced in parent newsletters and at recent student assemblies. Signage provided by our local police agencies was hung on trees and power poles throughout the neighborhood. It urged local drivers to be cautious when driving near schools, and to be aware of children walking and biking.



Student council members and walkers:
Morgan Saavedra, Luke Sanchez, Jeffrey Fujimoto,
Kamryn Phillips, Lyzette Guzman, and Jordan Phillips

Moms and dads were seen walking their little ones to school as they greeted Mrs. Fresch and our student officers. Luckily, the rain held off that morning, which allowed more people to participate than anticipated. It was a great way to start the day!

Robert Heideman *Elementary School*

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Eric Kilian
Principal

Roadrunnin' to the Dino Dash

Heideman Elementary School students have been getting increasingly excited to show both their school spirit and work on their fitness at this year's Dinosaur Dash, sponsored by the Tustin Public Schools Foundation. Over the past three years, Heideman has seen our participation grow from eight runners to over 90 that signed up to run this year. In addition, we have seen our number of parent participants grow dramatically as well. On race day, Heideman students and parents will fill two busses to get to the event.

Also, to boost participation, student who run in the event also are automatically entered for a free, Surf 'n' Turf Luncheon with Principal Eric Kilian. It is certain to be a day to show Heideman's school spirit and to promote fitness!

Let's go, Roadrunners!



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Hewes *Middle School*

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Michele Boudreaux
Principal

Highlanders Keep on Running

At Hewes Middle School, the students and teachers have always had the tradition of honoring fitness. This is exemplified particularly through the Hewes running programs.

Annually, over 100 Highlanders participate in Hewes Cross Country and the Kids Run at the Orange County Marathon. Tustin Mayor Al Murray takes time to annually recognize the success of the Hewes runners and shares his pride in our Tustin Unified athletes.

On both of our Hewes running teams, all participants have the opportunity to grow as athletes and as people, and they have a chance to represent Hewes. The eighth-grade runners practice their leadership skills while mentoring new sixth-grade runners, and all athletes have a chance to make new friends throughout the season.

The teams are led by Hewes teachers Julie Amster and Katy Roper, who both strongly support fitness and are passionate about helping students to be healthy and stay fit.



Cross Country and Kids Run the OC Marathon teams

Hicks Canyon *Elementary School*

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Cindy Agopian
Principal

On a Windy Day

Hicks Canyon Elementary School is working with the City of Irvine to promote "RIDE, PEDAL, WALK," the City of Irvine's Safe Routes to School program.

The goal of our own Walk to School Wednesday is to increase the number of walking or biking trips to school, and decrease the frequency of vehicular trips. The benefits of achieving this goal will be realized in the improved health of students and the cleaner air.

Mrs. Cooperrider's third-grade class is currently being highlighted, with 15 students in her classroom walking or riding to school! This is 50 percent participation from just one class. All of our classrooms are in competition with each other and tracked quarterly by staff from the City of Irvine.

At Hicks Canyon, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students who are walking to school. Our traffic has improved tremendously, and the school parking lot is less congested on Wednesdays.



Principal Cindy Agopian and Hicks Canyon students get ready to walk and roll.

Hillview *High School*

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Tim O'Donoghue
Principal

Our Helpers Program

Volunteering in the community is beneficial for all participants. It not only services those in need but also gives the volunteers a sense of pride and accomplishment. With this in mind, Hillview started a schoolwide volunteer program called Hillview Helpers. Students who wish to participate apply each month, and small groups are selected to volunteer at Lambert Elementary School.

For the past four years, Hillview's junior and senior students have worked in classrooms around the Lambert campus. The Hillview students worked one-on-one or in small groups with Lambert Lions to strengthen reading and math skills. In addition, they assisted in science experiments, organized center activities, played four-square with children at recess, and danced with the students during a physical-education activity.

The experience was best summed up by one Hillview student who said, "I loved working with the kids. It was the best day ever!"



Hillview Helpers (Front) Estrella Carrillo, Briana Bravo, Katia Valencia, Deserie Villarreal and English teacher/senior advisor Heather Combest (Back) Raul Macias, Joseph Avila, Victor Madrid, Thomas Gonzalez.

Ladera *Elementary School*

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Derek Pinto
Principal

Focusing on Common Core and Technology

Ladera is focusing on the delivery of the Common Core Standards and the implementation of new technology into our lesson delivery.

Common Core: Our teachers have been working hard to prepare lessons designed to deliver the new standards to our students. The standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn and are designed to be relevant to the real world. This work will provide foundation for our students to succeed in college and careers, prepare for the future, and compete in the global economy.



Teacher Jay Warren in action with his microphone and interactive board.

Technology: We'll have a one-to-one tablet program for fifth grade, and grades K-4 will share carts of tablets. Each classroom has received an updated interactive board, a new projector, a sound system and a document camera. Teachers are expected to use these daily and incorporate a new web-based learning management system to serve as a communication tool for teachers and a virtual extension of their classrooms.

C.C. Lambert *Elementary School*

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Deanna Parks
Principal

Technology Extending the Classroom

Haiku is being used by every teacher at Lambert to improve and expand their classrooms. Haiku is a learning-management system on which teachers put blocks of content, videos, screencasts, website links, assignments, documents, maps and much more. Haiku allows teachers to create a one-stop shop for learning. Students can access content in class and at home. Students can take polls, create WikiProjects, and take part in discussions. This 21st-century tool helps us fuse critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication, and we are very excited about it!



Lucerito Perez and Nahomi Orozco
take a look at Mr. Madueno's Haiku site.

Another 21st-century tool we are using at Lambert is Facebook to communicate with our families. Research indicates that Facebook pages are accessed to a much greater degree than webpages. With this tool, parents can be informed of upcoming events, see what's happening at school on daily basis, and ask questions. This tool also helps expand our campus right into our community.

Loma Vista *Elementary School*

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Katy Sheyka
Principal

Parent Involvement is Key to Student Success

The incredible parent involvement and tremendous efforts from the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Loma Vista Elementary School are what make our school such a special place to be. Our community understands that any kind of connection between school and parent is beneficial for students. Research tells us that parental effort is consistently associated with higher levels of student achievement. On a regular basis, our PTO organizes and facilitates exciting opportunities for increased community involvement.



First and second grade cougars
begin the Cougar Trek with enthusiasm.

Recently, thanks to the support of our PTO, the Cougars collected over 3,000 pairs of shoes for others in need while raising funds for our school. In October, our Loma Vista Dads group went above and beyond to make our annual Cougar Trek a huge success. Fund-raising goals were surpassed, and parent participation and presence during the event was amazing!

Hats off to our Loma Vista parents!

Myford *Elementary School*

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Amy Fedderly
Principal

A 21st-Century Learning Environment

We have had a wonderful opening to another school year, and we look forward to our Mountain Lions learning and growing with us this year.

With the passage of Measure S came the upgrades to our classroom technology. Teachers have been working on learning new ways to use this technology to transform instruction. Our digital learning coach has been instrumental in helping teachers with our new operating system, as well as providing us with professional development on electronic tablet applications for the classroom.



Sophie Reynolds and Karene see first grade collaborators!

With the implementation of the new Common Core State Standards, it is important that we focus on 21st-century learning skills: collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking. By focusing on the 4 Cs, students will have opportunities to participate in learning tasks that are relevant to their own lives. This helps to increase student engagement, which is crucial to increasing student achievement.

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Kate Karp

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The CD welcomes in listeners with “Fanga Alafia,” a traditional Nigerian morning song, and closes with a Zulu marching song, “Siyahamba.” In between is a world of good. “Grateful” sums up childhood joy and invites a celebration of life and our planet, “Mother Nature’s Spirit” is an

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obvious choice for a group performance, and “Che Che Cole” and “Copy Cat Scat” are spirited activity/movement numbers. The standouts, however, are the treatments of songs familiar to anyone who’s listened to pop radio in the past few decades: “Banana Boat Song,” which has all the spirit and soul of the original, and then some; a goose-bump-raising version of Jewel’s “Hands”; and a marvelous version of Bob Dylan’s “Man Gave Names to All the Animals.” I’m a Dylanophile from way back, and I can tell you that that number should have always been a children’s song. With a change in lyrics approved by the Great Man himself and an added rap bridge, it now is.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of the CD will help build a music program at the Cura orphanage.

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

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Jodie Lynn

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From Jodie: When our teenagers got their license, we had already let them drive around our neighborhood high school parking lot when there were no other cars. We practiced parallel parking, backing up, going around soccer cones, and in and out of them, while they were still new drivers. However, when it came time for driving in real traffic, even though they knew most of the traffic signs and procedures, it was clear that they simply needed more experience with real-life driving situations. They needed to understand what was required of them while driving in rain, sleet, snow and ice. They also needed to become comfortable with busy streets, highways, overpasses, etc. Driving schools, pretty much meet the requirements needed to give them the confidence that they lacked in these specific areas. The one-on-one attention with an adult who wasn't going to be grading or nagging them was exactly what was missing. Of course, in today's society, making sure that teens do not text and drive, is also one of the missing elements. SnapSecure created an infographic to illustrate the dangers of texting and driving and offer a driver's safety app which disables texting, calling and internet functions of a phone when you are driving over 15mph. Helpful for parents who are worried about the safety of their teens, the motion activated technology also alerts parents if the block is removed. See more information at <http://www.snapone.com/our-products>.

Jodie Lynn is an award winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best selling author including *Mom CEO (Chief Everything Officer)*, *Having Doing, and Surviving it All!* and *Syndication Secret—What No One Will Tell You!* Check www.ParentToParent.com



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Remember When?

A Season of Sports - It Must Be Fall



Charlene Ashendorf

I was an only child and I was Daddy's girl. My father was the youngest of nine. I grew up with loads of uncles and lots of cousins, male (mostly). So my bonding experiences with Dad and the relatives were spent in Wrigley Field, Soldiers Field and the Chicago Stadium.

For a Chicago sports fan, memories of playoffs and championships are more often bitter than sweet, with the exception of "da" Bulls. Growing up in Chi-town it wasn't a matter of whether you followed sports or not, you just chose your alliance to the north or south side as is the case with baseball. And, if like me, you recall seasons as a Cubs fan, those were years of frustrations.

When we moved to the left coast I realized all too soon my biggest loss would be sports. California had far too many baseball and basketball teams and what could the land of fruit and nuts know about the only real sport, hockey? Now it's true there was this team called the Kings, but imagine what a silly name for a team in a land where hockey would never rule.

For me, nothing could compare to the excitement of taking the bus and heading to Wrigley Field seeing apartments rise up from the pavement on Sheffield Avenue while sitting in the bleachers. There were vines that were planted in the '30s and then there was—the wall...and peanuts, hot dogs and cokes. Oh, and that "Take me out to the ballgame" organ. It was simple and so sweet. I grew up knowing the name of Ron Santo, Billy Williams, Joe Pepitone and Ernie Banks as well as I knew those of my neighbors. Even though there was never a post season appearance by my Cubbies in the 50s, or 60s or 70s... they were a fans team.

And then there was the only true sport, the game of hockey. How lucky I was to be able to tag along with Dad and his band of brothers to the Chicago Stadium. This place was huge. (You know how sometimes your memory plays tricks on you and things aren't really as big as you remember?) Actually it was the largest indoor sporting arena in the world. And if you thought the organ at Wrigley Field was something...As I remember the story my Dad told, this organ



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was built in the late '20s in Wisconsin and was so big, it took 24 railroad cars to transport it to the stadium. When my dad said we were going to the "Madhouse on Madison Avenue" my face would light up like the stars in the heavens! The Blackhawk's were known to have kept the fans on their feet with fights on the ice and in the stands.

1960 was a turning point in my life. The family relocated to Florida and the Blackhawk's would win the Stanley Cup without me. I never recovered from that season. Until Wednesday, June 6, 2007 when the Anaheim Ducks (first known as MIGHTY) would become the first team in west coast history to raise the Stanley Cup across the ice at the Honda (once upon an Anaheim) Pond.

It's fall, that season of sports is in the air and I will be watching my favorite teams on the sidelines while my dad will be looking down from that big arena in the sky.

Remembering when...

Charlene remembers growing up in Chicago with hot and humid summers, leaves that turned colors in the fall and endless winters. She is the executive director of Laurel House, a shelter for at-risk teen girls. She is active in her church and community. Her hobbies include reading, writing and visiting art galleries. Charlene resides in Costa Mesa with her husband, Dennis who is a teacher in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. <http://about.me/cmash>

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Things to Consider



Susan D. Marshall

Saving for college can be an overwhelming thought for young families that are just starting out and are trying to buy a first home or saving for retirement, the cost of college can be paralyzing.

The changes in governmental rules also provide challenges. For example, 529 Plans originally were not considered in the financial aid calculation but now are. Here are four suggestions that can smooth your way.

1) Make sure you contribute to your retirement plan before you contribute to a college savings plan. Most advisors recommend contributing the largest affordable percentage that your employer will match. If you are a stay at home spouse, set up an IRA or a Roth IRA. Just be aware that these plans typically are invested in stocks, bonds and mutual funds that carry greater risk. The good news is that currently, retirement accounts are generally not considered in the financial aid calculation at most schools.

2) Buying your own home should be a top priority as soon as it makes financial and practical sense. It will serve as a future investment. You will build equity over time and it may provide you with collateral that may be used in the future to help pay for college.

3) Make sure your income is protected. What does that mean? Should you lose your job, become disabled or not make it home; will your family be able to have the resources to go on? Make sure you have the life and disability insurance to protect your family's future.

4) Have an accessible and safe emergency fund. The accounts that provide savings and liquidity are Long Term CD's, Fixed Annuities, Indexed Annuities and Cash Value Life Insurance. Many times working with a trusted advisor will help you find money you don't realize you have. When you do begin saving for college, plan and save to maximize your funds and minimize any penalties.

Susan both educator and advisor specializes in college planning. She helps families save for and pay for college. If you have questions you would like answered in a future article contact her at Susan@College4Less.com or on her Web site at www.college4less.com



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Students Set Sail to the Ocean Institute

For the eighth year in a row, our fifth-graders were invited to participate in the Ocean Institute's Kids' Conference on Watersheds held annually in Dana Point. The program involves two field trips to the Ocean Institute, both funded by local corporations. During the first trip, students learn about pollution's effect on our local oceans and how the watersheds in the area all lead to the ocean. They go out beyond the Dana Harbor jetty on the Ocean Institute's Sea Explorer to take water samples. This is the first time on a boat in the open ocean for many of our students.

Students then spend time in the Institute's lab dissecting fish. Students learn that by preventing pollution in the watersheds, they are preserving our oceans for future generations. They return to Nelson and develop a research project designed to reduce pollution in their watershed.

In January, classes return to the Ocean Institute to attend the Kids' Conference on Watersheds to present their findings. The entire experience of working collaboratively toward a common goal and presenting their findings together perfectly aligns with the new Common Core Standards. This experience has proven to be unequalled in educational value and a highlight in fifth grade, along with outdoor science school.

Speaking of outdoor science school, Nelson fifth-graders are looking forward to heading to High Trails Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains the week we return from winter break. Students are fund-raising to raise money for camp. Needless to say, we're hoping for snow!

Peters Canyon *Elementary School*

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Molly Murphy
Principal

Art is in the Air

Our art program is underway at Peters Canyon, with a focus on both art history assemblies and in-school and after-school art classes.

The Fibo Kids Art Academy offers art history assemblies that are based on famous artists, including their biographies and art works. Each high-tech assembly features young and energetic hosts who the children can relate to, plus Hollywood actors as the artists, animation, pop music, interactive games, and prizes.

Professional art instructors follow up by teaching a one-hour fundamental drawing lesson inspired by the art history assembly. These in-school classes are full service, with no volunteers needed, and all of the supplies are prepped and provided. The classes are taught the week after each art history assembly.



Two scholars from Mrs. Pinedo's classroom proudly display their Fibo artwork.

This year we are studying three different artists: Disney, Cezanne, and Wyland. Thanks to the sponsorship of our amazing PTO, which is paying for the Art Academy, we are looking forward to seeing our students' luminous masterpieces.

Orchard Hills *School*

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Rich Montgomery
Principal

Katherine Wong Performs at Carnegie Hall

We are excited to announce Katherine Wong, a 5th grade student at Orchard Hills, recently performed in a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York. Built in 1891, by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, this building serves as one of the most prestigious venues in the world for both classical music and popular music.

Katherine was a winner in the 2012 American Fine Arts Festival International Competition celebrating the golden era of romantic music. She was invited to perform her winning piano piece, Franz Schubert's Impromptu Opus 90, in June at the Lincoln Center in New York City. Her performance won acclaim and the organizer invited her back to perform at Carnegie Hall this month.



Katherine's achievement was written up in the World Journal, the largest Chinese language newspaper in North America. We are very excited to celebrate Katherine's accomplishment and recognize the discovering of her Element. Keep up the great work, Katherine!

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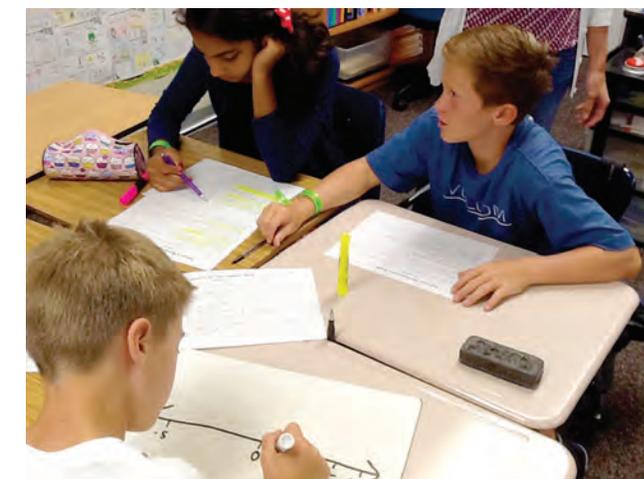


Tracey Vander Hayden
Principal

Cente Stage in the Nation

Pioneer Middle School ranks in the top three percent of all middle schools across the nation! Pioneer was one of 70 secondary schools to be given a national designation as a Schools to Watch—Taking Center Stage School in Washington D.C. Over three days, 115 nationally recognized secondary schools, whose success is the result of effective and innovative practices that motivate students to learn and excel, shared replicable practices that help close achievement gaps.

Pioneer's passion for student achievement, along with collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking, is consistently practiced for our Wildcats! The 2013–2014 school year brings many exciting changes to our campus with the implementation of Common Core State



Pioneer students collaborating on a performance task.

Standards, Measure S's new classroom technology, one-to-one iPads for students, "flipping" classroom instruction, and Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum (ERWC).

We are proud of our community of learners and excited to see the results of the combined work of our students, staff, and parents!

Jeane Thorman *Elementary School*

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Christine Matos
Principal

Thorman Improves Attendance

Students at Thorman Elementary School have been working very hard the first trimester of the school year to demonstrate how Panthers are Attentive, Likeable, Eager, Reliable, and Thoughtful (ALERT).

Panthers have been encouraged to demonstrate an eagerness to learn and reliability by arriving to school on time each day. Students, teachers, and site administration have rewarded students and classes that have improved overall on time attendance. As a result, Thorman's tardies have dropped by over 100 students in the first months of school. This is exciting news, as on-time arrival to school each day increases instructional minutes and opportunities to learn.



Thorman students are ALERT and on time.

Thorman is proud of the efforts families and students have taken to improve overall attendance. When asked why it is important to arrive to school on time every day, one third-grader stated, "We need to come to school every day to learn and to be responsible."

Panthers are ALERT!

Tustin High School

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Jonathan Blackmore
Principal

State of the Art

Tustin High School has added another high-interest career education course to its educational offerings. This year, we have started video production classes!

The classes are taught by David Waldram. Along with being the director of the Model United Nations program, Mr. Waldram also majored in film and television production at Chapman University. The courses in media arts and technology, media arts and technology (advanced), and digital video production are all UC/CSU a-g approved classes. The courses will teach students the basics of photography, camera functions, video editing, media analysis and filmmaking.

The students will work in groups to write, shoot and edit their own projects. Student projects during the year will include PSAs (video announcements), commercials, short films, documentaries and music videos. Throughout the year, selected projects will be screened during class to showcase in a student-run film festival. The students will work with state-of-the-art hardware and software.

To support this class, Tustin High School has built a state-of-the-art video production studio. The THS students will also have the privilege of editing the digital video masters of the TUSD Board of Education meetings in preparation for public viewing.

These classes promise to provide an amazing academic and creative outlet for our talented students. It truly is a great time to be a Tustin Tiller!

Red Hill *Elementary School*

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Will Neddersen
Principal

Arts Everywhere!

Red Hill staff and our PTA are committed to providing opportunities for students to participate in or experience the arts. In our Art Masters program, students are introduced six times during the year to different artists. They attend an assembly to learn techniques the artists used in their pieces and then create their own art in the classroom.

The Red Hill PTA also supports arts by sponsoring Bus in Field Trips, in which students attend theater performances at a local performance arts center. Our PTA also encourages students to enter personal art pieces in the PTA Reflections program and the Imagination Celebration. Last year, Reon Burton entered a photo in the Imagination Celebration program. The photograph was titled "My Sister by the Magic Blue Door." His piece was selected for entry into the Laguna Beach Art Festival, where it was judged and awarded the grand prize for Photography—Lower Grades.



Red Hill student Reon Burton standing by his winning photo entry.

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Technology is Transforming Teaching

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Both teachers report that the constant student engagement harnesses attention and creates more on-task behavior. The students report that they love it!



Teacher Karen Heilig prepares to teach an interactive iPad lesson to her fourth-graders.

C.E. Utt *Middle School*

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Dean Jennings
Principal

Positive Behavior is Reinforced at Utt!

The Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system is alive and well at Utt Middle School. Our core values of Attitude, Commitment, and Achievement (ACA) set the tone for our campus culture. From the first day, students learn about the core values from all of their teachers and the beginning-of-the-year Positive Behavior Assembly.

Each month, every teacher recognizes three students from each class who embody the core values. This past September, over 100 students were recognized for their outstanding display of the core values.

Students wear their ACA bracelets with pride around campus, and many students can be seen with multiple ACA bracelets already. As an additional reward, ACA winners are invited to participate in activity days, enjoying fun during lunchtime.

Way to go, Utt Falcons! Wear those ACA bracelets with pride!



Utt student Hailey Adams wears her ACA Bracelets with pride!

Tustin Ranch *Elementary School*

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Tracy Barquer
Principal

Off and Running!

Over 150 "Cool Coyotes" at Tustin Ranch Elementary School spend their Wednesday afternoons after school in a parent-sponsored and supported running club.

There are two overarching themes to this program: showing up and being excellent! Over 30 parent volunteers set up stations each week to develop core strength, balance and stamina. Stations such as bean bag toss, obstacle course, relay race and Healthy Challenge are great ways to work out and have fun with friends.



Cool Coyote Running Pack

The Healthy Challenge changes from week to week, but this week's challenge was to eat something green every day. The students had a chance to try sugar snap peas along with fresh water during their cool-down station. Students in the first through fifth grades are encouraged to participate. Each week these young athletes are recognized for their efforts towards excellence.

Marjorie Veeh *Elementary School*

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Ryan Bollenbach
Principal

Walk to School Day

Veeh Elementary School students, parents, and staff participated in International Walk to School Day on October 9. In collaboration with the Tustin Police Department, Veeh families met at four locations in the community and walked to school together. International Walk to School Day promotes: safety on and around school campuses; physical activity; reducing traffic congestion, pollution, and speed near schools; community awareness; and sharing time with community leaders, parents, and children.



Veeh students get ready to walk to school with a police escort.

Once the student and parents arrived on campus, they were treated to a demonstration by four Tustin Police Department motorcycle officers and were also reminded to be safe while walking or riding their bikes to school. The Kiwanis Club generously donated backpacks to the class that had the most walkers. Many thanks to Tustin Police Services Officers Megan Evans and Adriana Tokar for their hard work in organizing this great event!

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Construction in Full Swing



Anthony Soria
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Construction of the Tustin High School all-weather track, Northrup Stadium upgrades, Beckman High School portable classroom relocation, and Foothill High School all-weather track projects are officially complete. The stadium has been the host site for our high school football games this fall, and it will also be utilized for soccer, lacrosse, band, track and field, and graduation ceremonies going forward. The Tustin High cafeteria remodel is well underway and scheduled for completion this winter.

Our team of architects is also working on securing state approvals for proposed two-story classroom additions at Beckman and Tustin High Schools, as well as the Hewes Middle School science lab modernization project, all of which are on track to break ground in 2014.



Tustin High cafeteria project is underway.

In addition to the noted projects, we completed several maintenance repairs across 16 sites under the Deferred Maintenance Program this summer. These capital improvements include but are not limited to asphalt, flooring, painting, and mechanical and roofing upgrades at various sites.

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Healthier Choices



Teresa Squibb
Director

Every year the district's Wellness Committee sponsors our Healthy Meal contest. Students from all grade levels submit their favorite healthy lunch, and the winning menus are served in the school cafeteria for all to enjoy.

Last year, Peters Canyon students enjoyed Jaya Athuluru's winning menu, which featured yellow chicken curry. This curry dish

was so popular that it has become a permanent menu item served to all students in grades K–12. Look for more information on this year's Healthy Meal contest in the coming months.

September was a busy month. We served 145,080 lunches, 69,382 breakfasts and over 17,000 suppers to our hungry students. Students are enjoying their healthier food choices too, such as roasted chicken, whole-grain bread items, brown rice, fresh fruit and vegetables, tofu, and much more.

A complete meal includes an entrée, fruit and/or vegetable, and nonfat or 1 percent milk.



**Peters Canyon Wellness winner
Jaya Athuluru and her parents.**

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October 20 – 26, 2013 was America's Safe Schools Week and a time to reflect on the essential component of safety in the daily operation of schools. Students, families, and school staff have a right to expect their schools to be safe havens. In response to the Sandy Hook tragedy and other incidents of violence in the nation, there has been a renewed call to protect children and create safer school climates. Proposed solutions include, hiring additional school resource officers, counselors, and mental health professionals, and promoting collaboration between schools and law enforcement in developing comprehensive emergency plans, which include hands-on training.

A shining example of making school safety a priority in our county is the School Assessment Project, which is a partnership between the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). This united effort, which is unprecedented in our state, will focus on collecting data from all schools, including emergency plans, evacuation routes, maps, and other details that will be provided to first responders during school emergencies. The Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, a division of the Sheriff's Department, will work closely with local law enforcement agencies and OCDE to collect the data and provide feedback to schools regarding their emergency plans. This collaboration between school officials and local police will strengthen protocols for school safety across the county.

The California State Board of Education recognizes that a beginning step toward safer schools is the development of a comprehensive plan for school safety by every public school and district in the state. This plan includes making schools safer not only by enhancing their physical security and making sure they are prepared to respond to emergencies, but also by creating safer and more nurturing school climates that help prevent school violence.

According to the California Department of Education (CDE) publication, *Safe Schools: A Planning Guide for Action*, school safety encompasses two components, school climate, and physical environment. CDE developed a Seven-Step Planning Process for Safe and Effective Schools, which intertwine the requirements into a complete plan for school wide safety and effectiveness.

Seven-Step Planning Process for Safe and Effective Schools

1. Include school staff, parents, students, and the community on the planning committee.
2. Create a vision of your school as a place where students are safe to learn. Integrate the safe school vision with the mission statement for the school.
3. Gather and analyze data (examples include: California Healthy Kids survey, suspension data, police reports, and surveys conducted with students, staff, and parents focusing on issues related to safety).
4. Identify areas of desired change and assess resources available to attain goals.
5. Promote strategies and identify activities and programs to implement (examples of programs: drug and alcohol abuse prevention, gang risk intervention, and bullying prevention).
6. Communicate the safety plan to parents, students, staff, and community members.
7. Evaluate progress and revise the plan as needed to ensure that goals are achieved.

The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) offers several programs to improve school safety, culture, and climate, and to assist in developing and maintaining Safe School Plans. Programs include Safe from the Start, Conflict Resolution, Gang Prevention, Peer Assistance Leadership, Friday Night Live, and Mental Health Services. Through the CDE School Law Enforcement Partnership Grant, administered through Kern County Office of Education, OCDE offers no cost workshops on Bullying Prevention, Crisis Response training, and Safe School Planning.

For more information on Safe Schools, contact Christine Laehle, Program Specialist, at claehle@ocde.us or 714-327-1067. For information on the CDE planning guide, visit www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/vp/safeschlplanning.asp

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Board as part of the criteria used for admission to colleges and universities.

For 2013, Tustin Unified students outperformed students in the nation by 38 points in critical reading and 38 points in math. District students averaged 49 points over the state average and 60 points over the national average in writing.

TUSD's total mean score (math, critical reading and writing) of 1630 significantly exceeded the state mean score of 1505 and the national mean score of 1498.

During the 2013-14 school year, Tustin Unified will target instruction to meet the rigorous demands of the California Common Core Standards and encourage more student participation in higher level courses.

National Merit Semifinalists

Seventeen seniors from Beckman High School and four seniors from Foothill High School have been selected as 2014 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Over 1.5 million juniors in nearly 22,000 U.S. high schools entered the National Merit Program by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last year.

The Tustin Unified students are among 16,000 high school seniors who will compete for approximately 8,000 Merit Scholarship awards worth about \$35 million. They were selected based on their scores in the SAT/NMSQT. The top scorers in each state, representing less than one percent of those competing, are selected as semifinalists.

Merit Scholarship finalists, based on high academic standards, personal activities, a student essay, school and community recommendations, and SAT scores, will be announced next spring.

Teachers of the Year

Tustin Unified's 2013 Teachers of the Year – Cindy Ellis, first-grade teacher at Tustin Ranch Elementary School; Jennifer Kang-Rodriguez, eighth-grade Core Honors teacher at Currie Middle School; and Jeff Farr, math/engineering teacher at Foothill High School, were honored by the Orange County Department of Education at its annual Orange County Teachers of the Year Dinner on October 25 at the Disneyland Hotel. All three teachers represented the District in the 2013-14 Orange County Teachers of the Year program.

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over three days, T-Tech's #33 electric vehicle was in the lead for most of the competition but was overtaken by UC Irvine's CNG car on the last heat of the event. Tustin High ran a nearly flawless race and won best finish by a high school team and best finish by an electric vehicle (beating out UC Irvine's electric vehicle). Their vehicle had the equivalent fuel efficiency of nearly 200 miles per gallon using less than 80 cents' worth of electricity.

"The UCI invitational provided project-based learning at its best, combining hands-on Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) concepts into a fun, engaging and rewarding experience," said T-Tech Academy coordinator and math/engineering teacher Ed Hernandez. "The students learned a lot from the experience and the T-Tech program has convinced many of them to pursue a career in engineering."



Tustin High student Kristina Barrett drives the T-Tech kart.

This past summer, several students in the T-Tech Engineering Academy were accepted into Boeing's prestigious internship program where 50 of Orange County's top high school juniors from 10 high schools were chosen to work alongside high-tech professionals. The students worked as interns at Boeing Corporation in Huntington Beach on a variety of projects ranging from aerospace composites to chemistry and electronics.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students to be involved in a real-world, high-tech environment of the highest caliber," said Hernandez.

Most recently, Hernandez received an ING Unsung Heroes Award. The ING Unsung Heroes Awards program annually recognizes K-12 educators in the United States for their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects and ability to positively influence the students they teach. Educators are invited to submit grant applications describing class projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. Each year, 100 educators from around the country are selected to receive awards of \$2,000 each to help fund their innovative class projects. Hernandez will use his award money to support the T-Tech program.

For more information about the T-Tech Academy, visit www.tustinengineering.com.

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Our Digital Learning Coaches make the difference! Picture in your mind you or your child's best teacher. Now, imagine having 13 teachers who are just that and more, and have been named as new Digital Learning Coaches (DLCs) for TUSD.

The 13 DLCs are an integral part of the TUSD Connect movement. These phenomenal teachers have left their full-time classroom positions and will be working with our regular TUSD teachers during the course of the year. Each DLC will be a mentor to the 105 teachers who have been selected as a "fellow" for this year.

The DLCs will help teachers learn how to integrate technology into their daily curriculum, either through one-on-one coaching or a professional development session. Principals are able to request site, department or grade-level specific professional development from these DLCs. The Coaches will support the district by helping to develop the Common Core curriculum and gather related resources.

The TUSD is profoundly lucky to have such dedicated and talented teachers!



Digital Learning Coaches: (front) Cari Williams, Susan Moffat, Kristy Andre, Amanda Johnson; (center) Brandee Ramirez, Jessica Look, Emily Cruz, Roland Jones, Educational Technology Coordinator Garrett Kerr; (back) Rich Avellana, Omar Olmedo, Dustin O'Malley, Jessica Bodas and Lauren Steinmann.

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Full STE(A)M Ahead!



Kathie Nielsen
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The 2013–2014 school year has yielded significant signs of growth in Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts), and Math (STE(A)M) for Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) schools. Our capstone programs, including teacher Jeff Farr's Foothill High School Engineering and Technology Academy and teacher Ed Hernandez's T-Tech Academy from Tustin High School, competed well alongside collegiate teams in the recent California Challenge and Solar Decathlon at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine. These two programs continue to grow due to the outstanding effort of teachers and the high interest, real-world, hands-on topics they utilize to engage students.

Additionally, this year each middle school in TUSD has added to or begun their own Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) feeder program through Project Lead The Way. These classes give students practical experience with robotics, basic computer programming, and engineering. This increased exposure to critical thinking, problem solving, and ability to work in groups to solve problems will pay dividends in the future for all students.



Teacher Jeff Farr, middle, and his students have a lot of drive to succeed in the Foothill High Engineering and Technology Academy.

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