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Skylar Hoang celebrated completing her first week of preschool at Myford Elementary School. Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

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In Touch with TUSD

What an unusual and challenging way to start a school year! Yet, even in the face of these challenges, TUSD students, staff and parents are finding ways to adapt, persevere and overcome. Educational Services staff continue to provide online platforms and teachers are delivering instruction through distance learning. The IT Department and school staff provided thousands of students with devices and internet connections.

Nutrition Services served thousands of student meals per week at Grab-and-Go locations in the summer and continues to serve meals to students during the new school year. Maintenance and Operations staff cleaned and sanitized facilities, and have maintained campus security. Finally, parents – who are every child’s first and most important teachers – are doing an incredible job of helping students learn from home. Thanks to everyone who have learned how to work differently, focused on students and are doing their best.

Tustin Unified started the 2020-21 year on August 13 with distance learning for all students in grades TK-12. However, based on the current downward trend of COVID-19 cases, Orange County is coming off the state monitoring list, and if the trend continues, TUSD schools will begin a hybrid combination of in-person schooling and online instruction.

Teachers, administrators and staff are working diligently preparing schools, reviewing the District’s health and safety guidelines to protect against the spread of COVID-19 when classes resume. This includes enforcing mask wearing, daily screening of staff and students, physical distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, and cleaning

protocols. In preparation for the return of students, classrooms are being set up to meet physical-distancing protocols and the following equipment and supplies will be available at all schools:

- Cloth face masks for students and staff
- Disposable facemasks
- Disposable gloves
- Hand sanitizer for every classroom and workspace
- Student desk shields
- Touchless thermometers in every classroom
- Touchless water filling stations and/or bottled water
- Ion disinfecting machines for every campus
- Plexiglass barriers in high traffic areas

The Tustin Unified School District’s complete School Opening and Safety Plan is on the District’s website at www.tustin.k12.ca.us.

Tustin Unified is committed to the health, safety and education of our students. The safe reopening of schools for in-person instruction presents many challenges, but it also represents great opportunities to better meet the educational and developmental needs of our students. We look forward to opening TUSD schools and welcoming our students for in-person classes very soon.

The Tustin Unified School District has successfully faced difficult times in the past by working together. The same will be true as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to working with our teachers, administrators and staff as we muster our creativity, compassion and commitment in meeting the challenges ahead. Our goal is that students and staff are safe, and that students are learning.

Go TUSD!



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TUSD News and Announcements

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Beckman Graduate Kellie Yada Wins New Car in Drive for Perfect Attendance Program

Beckman High School graduate Kellie Yada won a new 2020 Toyota Corolla donated by Tustin Toyota as part of the “Drive for Perfect Attendance” Program.

“I was shocked and excited,” said Yada, who was surprised as the winner of the new car in the courtyard at Beckman High on July 29.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Tustin Unified School District partnered with Tustin auto dealership to increase overall student attendance throughout the District by highlighting seniors who model exemplary attendance and achievement.

Approximately 191 students from more than 1,866 seniors representing four TUSD high schools – Beckman, Foothill, Hillview and Tustin – were successful at maintaining perfect attendance during the course of the school year.



Beckman 2020 graduate Kellie Yada jumps for joy as she won a new car in the annual “Drive for Perfect Attendance” Program for high school seniors.

All students who maintained perfect daily attendance within Tustin Unified’s high schools were eligible for entrance into a lottery for a new car. Numbers identifying eligible students were placed into a tumbler and the winning number was drawn at the TUSD Board meeting in July.

Normally, the winning student is announced at a high school graduation ceremony, but due to the coronavirus pandemic, all TUSD high school ceremonies were virtual this year. The surprise announcement was shown during Beckman’s virtual graduation ceremony.

Kellie Yada did not miss a day of school during all four years at Beckman. She only missed three days as a student at Myford Elementary School, Tustin Memorial Academy and Pioneer Middle School. Yada is attending California State University, Long Beach, as a graphic design major.

“Drive for Perfect Attendance” continues to be successful and the dealership is sponsoring the program again in the 2020-21 school year.

Utt Middle School Named AVID National Demonstration School

C.E. Utt Middle School has been selected as an AVID National Demonstration School, a recognition for becoming a premier Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) schoolwide implementation site.

AVID is a nonprofit organization that provides educators with proven, real-world strategies to accelerate the performance of college-bound students. AVID National Demonstration Schools provide schoolwide student support towards success in college, career, and life.

“It is an honor to achieve AVID demonstration school status because it affirms our efforts to create a college-going culture,” Utt Principal Heather Bojorquez said.

The Tustin Unified School District provides the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at nine schools, including Columbus Tustin, A.G. Currie, Hewes, and Pioneer middle schools; Orchard Hills School; and Beckman, Foothill and Tustin high schools.



Utt Middle School staff participates in College-wear Day at the school.

“As Tustin Unified’s third AVID National Demonstration School, joining Columbus Tustin School and Tustin High, Utt will serve as a model for area schools and districts interested in implementing or improving their program,” said TUSD AVID teacher on special assignment Laurie Jimenez, who coordinates the program.

Michael-Ann Pevehouse Selected as TUSD Classified Employees of the Year

Michael-Ann Pevehouse, health clerk at Arroyo Elementary School, has been selected as the 2020 Classified Employee of the Year by the Tustin Unified School District. Pevehouse was chosen based on her significant contributions to the District and community.

The 23rd annual awards program recognizes classified or support services employees whose contributions to TUSD have proven to be outstanding. The award is given to a classified employee who provides valuable services to their school and contributes to a positive instructional environment.

Pevehouse, also known as the “Aunt Bee of Arroyo,” is being recognized for going “above and beyond” for the students and staff at the school, and her community work, such as the Tustin Public School Foundation’s Dinosaur Dash and Summer Academy.

Pevehouse has worked in TUSD for 10 years. She is outstanding at serving in the health office and working with the Arroyo community, helping students with their health needs and is a lead member of the Arroyo School Safety Committee. According to Principal Katy Sheyka, “Michael-Ann is literally the frontline care provider to children having cultivated trusting, strong relationships with their parents, which has meant the world to Arroyo families.”

“It is a wonderful honor to be chosen as the District’s Classified Employee of the Year,” Pevehouse said. “I feel very fortunate to work in a school district that appreciates and recognizes its employees in such a special way. It’s truly a privilege to represent all the amazing health clerks and classified staff in the District and go on to the Orange County Classified Employees of the Year program.”



Arroyo Elementary School health clerk Michael-Ann Pevehouse is all smiles as TUSD’s 2020 Classified Employee of the Year and will represent the District in the Orange County Classified School Employees of the Year Program.

Tustin Unified’s other 2020 School/work Site Classified Employees of the Year include:

District Administration Center:

Jan Moe, secretary, Educational Services Department.

Maintenance and Operations:

Eddie Cruz, groundskeeper.

Elementary Schools: Giselle Dunn, community liaison, Benson; Jocelyn Teo, paraeducator, Beswick; Marisol Flores, community liaison, Estock; Michele Macduff, paraeducator, Guin Foss; Sergio Perez, head custodian, Heideman; Joaquin Cabrera, head custodian, Heritage; Kari Knodle, behavior interventionist, Hicks Canyon; Arfa De La Vega, head custodian, Ladera; Frank Matijevec, paraeducator, Loma Vista; Catherine Avila, library media technician, Myford; Beverly Gilbert, paraeducator, Nelson; Denise Fear, school secretary, Peters Canyon; Carrie Stahovich, technologist, Red

Hill; Melissa Guzman, paraeducator, Thorman; Naomi Dei Rossi, paraeducator, Tustin Memorial Academy; and Peggy Shen, Nutrition Services assistant, Tustin Ranch.

Orchard Hills School: Jackie Finazzo, office assistant.

Middle Schools: Rosa Ford, community liaison, Columbus Tustin; Gretchen Truebe, cafeteria manager, Currie; Julie Gullion, school secretary, Hewes; Martha Cronin, campus supervisor, Pioneer; and Alicia Smalley, paraeducator, Utt.

High Schools: Elizabeth Calleros, campus supervisor, Beckman; Jeremy Ruiz, custodian, Foothill; Joseph Arballo, custodian, Hillview; and Myra Rivera-Smith, data processing technician, Tustin.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and safety protocols, Pevehouse and all school/work site nominees will be honored at next year’s “Classified Celebration at the Courtyard” ceremony at the District Administration Center. Pevehouse will also represent the District in the Orange County Classified School Employees of the Year Program, sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education.



Congratulations to TUSD’s 2020 School/Site Classified Employees of the Year!

A promotional graphic for Tustin Awards. It features a large gold star at the top, with a trophy figure below it. The background is dark blue. Text is in yellow and white. An American flag is on the right side.

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Welcome back to another school year. There have been many changes throughout the years; however, I think we all agree this is the most challenging. Americans are innovative and educators are at the top of the list. Zoom has taken on a whole new meaning to this generation of students. Fortunately, students and educators were proficient with technology to help with the seamless transition to distance learning. Families stepped up to the challenge.

In this issue you will read articles about distance learning, school's health/safety protocols, the SKIP Program, new principals and staff members and so much more.

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 26.

Our next issue is November 4, 2020. Until then have a Happy Halloween!



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Fast Forward Class was a Virtual Treat

Tustin Unified student Clint Kim and his virtual classmates in Mary Wigley's Fast Forward Kindergarten Class will be off to a strong start this school year thanks to the Summer Academy. The Foundation reimagined the annual program to meet the needs of families during the pandemic. Classrooms went virtual and offered continued favorites as well as new offerings

for the online format. Incoming kindergarten students enjoyed their first classes and soon-to-be high school seniors prepared for college. In between, it was a mix of learning and fun with robotics planning, cooking lessons, sewing projects, "Dude Perfect" experiments, and much more.

The Foundation continues to work to meet the needs of all local students and community support is key to ensuring the best education. For the latest programs and events, visit our website at www.tpsf.net.



Fast Forward kindergarten student Clint Kim found the Tustin Public Schools Foundation Summer Academy to be a wonderful summer treat.

Orange County Department of Education



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

The Federal Census Bureau

Orange County residents are being asked to participate in one of democracy's most considerable responsibilities — and it shouldn't take more than a few minutes of your time.

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the federal Census Bureau conducts a nationwide population count once every 10 years. This is one of the few national activities the

American public does together. It's also easy, confidential and critically important to our students and their communities.

Along with establishing the number of congressional seats and electoral votes for each state, census data serves as the basis for deciding how approximately \$900 billion in federal funds are spent annually, impacting education, housing, public safety and other vital services.

These anonymous statistics also enable local governments to make highly consequential decisions about public safety, including staffing police and fire stations, and they help school districts plan for enrollment shifts.

Meanwhile, businesses rely on census data to open stores, offices and factories that generate new jobs. Real estate developers use these figures to construct new houses and revitalize aging neighborhoods. Residents use the census to support community initiatives.

Despite all that's at stake, our state is expected to lose about \$1,950 per person in annual federal funding as a result of undercounting. But a number of organizations have been working to offset those losses by generating awareness of the 2020 count. OCDE is among them, offering resources for educators along with a social media campaign to help drive home some important points.

For example, we're spreading the word that the 2020 census is easier than ever. Orange County families were asked to respond starting in March, and the process takes about 10 minutes. In-person visits are only made to households that don't respond online, by phone or by mail.

Another point worth noting is that any information collected by census-takers is confidential and can only be used for anonymous statistical purposes. In fact, every census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

Completing the census is easy, it's confidential and it's mandatory. But it's more than that. It's a way for all of us to participate in our democracy, ensuring that Congressional representation and taxpayer-funded resources are distributed equitably over the next decade.

Orange County students and families count. Now let's make sure they're counted.

Arroyo Elementary School

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Katy Sheyka
Principal

Magical Mrs. Pevehouse Making a Difference

Arroyo Elementary School's classified employees have a tremendous impact on our school. Whether it is our library media technician, custodians, student support team, or our incredible office staff, each one of these wonderful employees makes a difference in the daily operations of the school and in the lives of our Mustangs. This year, we have the distinguished honor of recognizing Michael-Ann Pevehouse as both the Arroyo Elementary School and Tustin Unified School District's 2020 Classified Employee of the Year! Mrs. Pevehouse is our magical Arroyo health clerk who turns tears into laughter and bug bites into mini-Matterhorns, with nothing but a speck of wet baking soda and a popsicle stick. She goes to great lengths to make sure



Arroyo Elementary School health clerk Michael-Ann Pevehouse (far left), school secretary Arlene Lopez and office assistant Tracey Batchelor work together to make the school a special place for students.

that everyone she meets has the best day ever. She never runs out of smiles or band-aids, and she scatters kindness like confetti. Arroyo is a better place because of Michael-Ann Pevehouse. Congratulations, MAP!

Arnold O. Beckman High School

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Dr. Donnie Rafter
Principal

A Positive Presence on Campus

In the midst of the statewide stay-at-home orders issued in March, Beckman High School recognized campus supervisor Elizabeth Calleros as our 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. Elizabeth "Liz" has worked in the Tustin Unified School District for five years. She is a positive, consistent, and calming presence on our campus. Her interactions with students, staff and parents are always professional and polite and are guaranteed to come with a smile. In times of crisis, she is calm, cool, and collected and always responds using the proper protocol. To quote a fellow staff member "She is so reliable, and you can just count on her. It doesn't matter what it is, she is always ready to help!" Outside of Beckman, Liz enjoys volunteering at a local food bank and spends time with her family. To celebrate Liz, Beckman Staff staged a drive-by car parade in March.



Campus supervisor Elizabeth "Liz" Calleros patrols the campus during the COVID-19 closure in March.

Barbara Benson *Elementary School*

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Jackie Christy
Principal

Enriching the Lives of Students

Giselle Dunn is our Benson Elementary Classified Employee of the Year for 2020. Mrs. Dunn is a connection between Benson Elementary and our school community. She provides translation for our Spanish speaking families and serves as our McKinney Vento representative. Mrs. Dunn organizes our parent oversight meetings such as English Language

Advisory Committee (ELAC) and School Site Council (SSC). She also coordinates education opportunities for our families to support wellness and parenting strategies. Mrs. Dunn not only facilitates parent outreach; she oversees our student English Language testing. But the favorite activity that Mrs. Dunn organizes is our Supervised Kindergarten Integrated Play (SKIP) program for enrichment play opportunities for our youngest students. Mrs. Dunn works her heart out and cares so much about all our students and staff. She is always willing to go above and beyond to help our school be the best it can be. Benson Bears are so lucky to have Mrs. Dunn as our community liaison!



Benson Elementary School community liaison Giselle Dunn organizes the SKIP program.

Benjamin Beswick *Elementary School*

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Ashly McNamara
Principal

Going Digital and Going Strong

This year has begun like no other, Beswick Elementary School has gone digital! We have successfully distributed iPads and hotspots to all students in need of technology at Beswick. Our students are able to connect to their teacher, classmates and curriculum due to the tremendous

work of our office staff, librarian, and IT support who were working tirelessly to get our students up and running so they could be connected to school. The teachers and staff have been working hard to troubleshoot with parents and help navigate our new learning platform to help make the transition smooth for all of our students. We had a successful first week of school and students and teachers are learning class procedures and are falling into routines. I am so grateful for the hard work of my dedicated staff to get this year off to a great start!



Beswick library media technician Ziggy McBride prepares to check out iPads to students at the school.

Columbus Tustin *Middle School*

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Maggie Burdette
Principal

A New Bulldog Welcomed

Columbus Tustin Middle School is excited to announce that Jonny Parker has joined the Bulldog family as the new Assistant Principal. Mr. Parker started his career in the Tustin Unified School District in 2014 as a teacher at Heideman Elementary School. His passion for technology and project-based

learning led him to become a Teacher on Special Assignment supporting STEAM challenges in grades kindergarten through fifth, developing a digital storytelling curriculum for kindergarten through eighth, and has assisted with vertical articulation between middle and high schools CTE pathways. This past year he served as an interim assistant principal at Hewes Middle School and interim principal at Red Hill Elementary School. Mr. Parker's positive energy is truly contagious and he will be an incredible addition to the Columbus Tustin Family.



Jonny Parker has joined Columbus Tustin has its new assistant principal.

Helen Estock *Elementary School*

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Dr. Amanda Heineman
Principal

Soaring into Distance Learning

Estock Eagles soar into a new school year! It has been wonderful to see smiling faces during Google Meets. Throughout distance learning, teachers and staff are committed to providing a rigorous, standards-based curricular program for our students. Students continue to feel valued each day as they are personally greeted by teachers online and engage in social emotional activities to build classroom community.

The home-school partnership is essential now, more than ever, and we appreciate the hard work from our families in getting students ready for school each day. We are also fortunate for the community partnerships, especially the Exchange Club of Tustin, who have generously donated school supplies and books for our students.



Estock teachers Wendy McCracken, Cindy Herrell, Becky Gipson, and Kendra Foster disinfect and organize books for students.

“Showing up” each day, Estock staff is ready to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of each child. Together with our families, we look forward to a successful year. Go Eagles!

Foothill High School

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Michelle England
Principal

New Year, New Look!

Starting the 2020-21 school year through distance learning has certainly been a unique experience for our Knights. This school year, students are participating in classes through Zoom and Google Meets as well as their Schoology class pages. Even our Freshman Orientation took place in small

Google Meets led by teaching staff including a virtual campus tour led by our ASB president. While the transition to Schoology and virtual class meetings has been new for everyone, we have gotten to see many of our families during the process of troubleshooting technology. Our office staff and campus supervisors have stepped into new roles as they help get all families online. Early next month, we will host our first-ever virtual Back-to-School Night where families will have the chance to hear teachers speak and experience some of the environment their children use daily for distance learning!



Foothill photo design teacher Russ Caldwell conducts a lesson with his students through distance learning.

Guin Foss Elementary School

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Ray Hernandez
Principal

Serving Beyond the Call of Duty

Guin Foss Elementary School paraeducator Michele Macduff on learning of her nomination for Classified Employee of the Year stated, "Thank you, so much! I feel truly honored. I really enjoy and care for all these kiddos and I can't think of a better school to be a part of, as a parent, staff member, and volunteer. That list contained names of all very deserving people; blessed to be amongst them. Thank you, again."

Michele Macduff is Guin Foss' 2020 Classified Employee of the Year for more reasons than we here have the space to share. She transcends her role of kindergarten paraeducator and serves beyond the call of duty. She has contributed as a Parent Teacher Organization board member and is always looking for ways to contribute to making Guin Foss a better school. Go Dolphins!



Guin Foss Classified Employee of the Year Michele MacDuff and her son, Bode, are all smiles about the special honor.

Robert Heideman *Elementary School*

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Deanna Parks
Principal

A New Year, A New Beginning

We all know this year is filled with changes at Heideman Elementary School and you can add a new principal to that! Deanna Parks is proud to be joining the Heideman community and continuing with the incredible work this staff is doing with curriculum and connecting with students. Mrs. Parks comes to Heideman in her 26th year of education with 19 years in Tustin Unified. Obviously, this is a unique year, and the well-being of students has never been more important. From making learning visible to Disney productions, Heideman teachers go above and beyond and have created a thriving environment for students. "This is an incredible staff truly dedicated to what is best for each student and that aligns completely to my guiding principles!" shared Mrs. Parks, who is very excited to meet all the Heideman students and parents and move forward with the year in a physically, but NOT socially distant way.



Principal Deanna Parks welcomes all to Heideman Elementary School.

Heritage *Elementary STEAM Magnet School*

15400 Lansdowne Rd, Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7339



Beth Rabel Blackman
Principal

Supporting a Wonderful Place to Learn

Heritage Elementary School is proud to announce head custodian Joaquin Cabrerra as our Classified Employee of the Year for 2020. As the head custodian Mr. Cabrerra is responsible for all aspects of maintaining our campus, from deep cleaning, to setting up for special events and meetings, to campus security. Mr. Cabrerra is humble, reliable and trustworthy, always has a smile on his face, and believes wholeheartedly in providing a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff, and community who utilize the campus. He is unique in his passion for being a contributor to the betterment of our students' lives, his ability to communicate, and his pursuit of continuous improvement as a professional. Mr. Cabrerra takes care of others with a humble heart. He does it because making the lives of our students, the experiences of our faculty, and our school a wonderful place to learn.



Heritage Classified Employee of the Year Joaquin Cabrerra has served as head custodian since the school opened in 2016.

Hewes *Middle School*

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Eric Kilian
Principal

Getting It Done with Style

Congratulations to Julie Gullion, who was named Hewes Middle School's 2020 Classified Employee of the Year.

Our school secretary extraordinaire gracefully handles the multitude of demands in her role with exemplary efficiency and a friendly smile. Working very closely with the principal, and supporting all Hewes staff, Julie complements the vision of a welcoming and effective front office atmosphere at Hewes. Creative



School secretary Julie Gullion was named Hewes 2020 Classified Employee of the Year.

in nature, yet meticulous in handling budgets, purchasing, and logistics across campus, she enthusiastically shares and develops ideas for student incentives, school and staff pride, and campus beautification projects, just to name a few. Her "get it done" attitude is matched by her "let's have some fun doing it" mentality. As an example, Julie was recently featured in our site created "Guardians of the Galaxy" video welcoming students on the first day of school. She is appreciated by students, staff, and parents for her friendly support and excellence. Congrats again, Julie!

Hicks Canyon *Elementary School*

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Deena Vela
Principal

A Gentle Heart for Students

Hicks Canyon Elementary School has many classified employees who go above and beyond to make Hicks Canyon an amazing place to work and learn. This year we are proud to announce the

2020 Classified Employee of the Year is Kari Knodle. Kari is an incredible special education paraeducator who works in various classrooms to support our special education students every day. She has served the students of Hicks Canyon for years with a positive attitude in our school community. Currently, Kari works closely with students with special needs who she challenges every day to do their personal best, both socially and academically. She encourages these student to step out of her comfort zone to try new things. Kari's priority is to help all students recognize differences in each other and celebrate those differences by providing a safe, inclusive learning environment. Thank you Kari for your kind, gentle heart in working with the children at Hicks.



Hicks Canyon Classified Employee of the Year Kari Knodle is honored by the staff during a drive-by celebration in front of her home.

Hillview High School

1701 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7544



Tim O'Donoghue
Principal

Going Above and Beyond for the School

Hillview High School is proud to recognize Joseph Arballo as our 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. If ever there is a person who deserves to be honored for his hard work it is Joseph.

For the past six years Joseph has worked as the night custodian at Hillview and Tustin Adult Education. Joseph is responsible for nightly cleaning and upkeep of the campus. He takes great pride in his work and is especially helpful and friendly to the adult ESL students.



Hillview Classified Employee of the Year Joseph Arballo takes great pride in his work.

“Above and Beyond” describes Joseph perfectly. Joseph is a work horse who never slows down. Joseph is well respected by the staff. He is polite and always asking them how he can help.

As principal for over 20 years, Joseph has been one of my top employees. Joseph likes physical fitness training and participates in MMA fighting. Hillview is lucky to have Joseph Arballo as part of our team!

Ladera Elementary School

2515 Rawlings Way, Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7505



Dr. Dustin O'Malley
Principal

New Staff Members are Up to the Task

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year at Ladera Elementary School!

Whether students are online or in-person, our caring and diligent staff members are dedicated to helping build our students' academic, social, and emotional skills. This new school year we have some wonderful additions to our Ladera staff to help support our students and school community.

In our front office, Tricia Grosch or “Ms. Trish” has joined us as our new school secretary. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our front office, and we are fortunate to have her join our team.

Ladera has one of the most beautiful campuses around, and it is one of our highest priorities to keep it beautiful and safe. Frank Rivas, our new head custodian, is more



Ladera head custodian Frank Rivas and secretary Tricia Grosch pose in front of the school marquee.

than up to the task to maintain a clean, beautiful, and safe school campus.

We warmly and enthusiastically welcome these excellent new staff members. Go Leopards!

Legacy Magnet Academy

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Dr. Jennifer Harrison
Principal

Let the TIDE Roll In!

With a start unlike any other, Legacy Magnet Academy has officially opened its doors to our inaugural class of 6th through 9th grade students. Legacy is Tustin Unified School District's newest magnet school aimed at 6th-12th students who wish to pursue their interests in Technology, Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (TIDE).

At the end of the first day of school, the Legacy staff welcomed more than 430 students with a festive "Welcome to Legacy Parade!" Teachers and staff members, music, balloons and a giant "Welcome to Legacy Magnet" sign lined the drop-off loop. Students and parents drove through with their decorated cars and welcome signs of their own, honking and cheering. The energy and excitement of a new school, a new staff and a new student body and community was infectious. It is evident that our students have caught the wave of innovation, and there is no stopping our TIDE!



Incoming seventh-grade students Alethia Duggan and Rebecca Casillas make a splash at the "Welcome to Legacy Parade."

Loma Vista *Elementary School*

13822 Prospect Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7528



Dr. Lauren Steinmann
Principal

Going Strong No Matter the Distance!

In the spring of 2020, the world and our Cougar community was rocked by COVID-19 school closure and the start of a new adventure: Distance Learning! Students, staff and families rallied in creative and new ways to continue to stay connected and learning as a school family. While many school events

had to be cancelled or changed, we found new ways to be together, including Google Meets, service projects, drive-through parades, virtual lunches and more. We also bid farewell to our 2020 fifth graders who were promoted to middle school. While we had hoped that we could open the new school year in person, we continue to work hard to stay safe and healthy for the community. We have launched the 2020-21 school year in Distance Learning 2.0, complete with new curriculum and schedules. Much has changed, but one thing remains: our Cougar community is resilient and #LomaVistaSTRONG!



Teachers Lisa Ebel, Jennifer Thompson and Jillian Rose show their Loma Vista pride during a drive-through car parade."

Myford *Elementary School*

3181 Trevino Dr., Irvine, CA 92602 • 714/734-1875



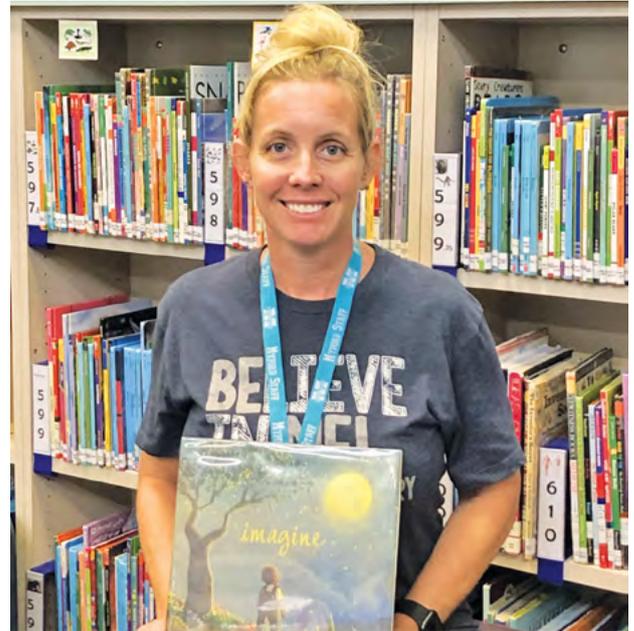
Rena Fairchild
Principal

Catherine Avila Honored

Myford Elementary School is so proud to recognize and honor Catherine Avila as our 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. While Catherine is technically our library media technician, she is so much more! Beyond her assigned daily job duties, Catherine believes her job is making sure everyone has an incredible educational experience. She completely transformed our library into a

beautiful and inviting place for all. Her own children attend Myford so she often volunteers above and beyond her work hours – she loves jumping in to help answer phones, help parents, man the car line, and anything else that would benefit Myford students.

With Distance Learning, Catherine continues to go above and beyond. She joined Google Meets to read to students and assisted families with getting devices. As we kicked off the 2020-21 school year, Catherine launched all families successfully! We are so grateful for Catherine and all that she does for Myford.



Myford's Classified Employee of the Year, Catherine Avila, shares one of her favorite books.

W.R. Nelson *Elementary School*

14392 Browning Ave., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7536



Shannon James
Principal

Connection, Compassion, and Caring - Our Classified Employee of the Year

Beverly (Bev) Gilbert has been named Nelson Elementary School's 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. Since coming to Nelson three years ago, Bev has dedicated herself to building relationships with all of our students and families and is a positive influence all across campus. She currently is a paraeducator and supports the students

in teacher Jamie Gust's kindergarten class. While we were in school, Ms. Bev pulled small groups, supported individual students, supervised nutrition and recess breaks, and facilitated collaboration with the other kindergarten para-educators. Now, in our virtual environment, Ms. Bev continues to support students by connecting with families that need extra support, pulling small groups, and working with students one on one.

Ms. Bev is always patient, positive, and caring! When not helping in the classroom, you might find Ms. Bev teaching an art lesson or facilitating a campus beautification project. We are extremely fortunate to have her as a part of our Nelson family. Congratulations, Bev!



Nelson Classified Employee of the Year Bev Gilbert is recognized by the school staff during a drive-by celebration in front of her home.

Orchard Hills School

11555 Culver Dr., Irvine, CA 92602 • 714/730-2078



Melinda Smith
Principal

A Shining Star in the School Community

Congratulations to Jackie Finazzo on being recognized as the 2020 Classified Employee of the Year for Orchard Hills School. Jackie Finazzo has been an Office Assistant at Orchard Hills School since 2012. Mrs. Finazzo has participated on the School Site Council, Superintendent Employee Council and Parent Council. She has been very active as a volunteer at Orchard Hills, Hicks Canyon Elementary School, Pioneer Middle School and Beckman High School while her two daughters were attending TUSD. Mrs. Finazzo has been honored as Volunteer of the Year at Hicks Canyon and Orchard Hills. Mrs. Finazzo is a lover of art, music, animals, and people. She states "I really appreciate my Orchard Hills and TUSD community. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by the absolute best. It is my honor to work with the brightest and most caring individuals I have ever met."



Amidst a pandemic and a storm, Orchard Hills Administration and Office Staff surprised Jackie Finazzo at her home last spring in order to announce she was selected as the school's Classified Employee of the Year.

Peters Canyon Elementary School

26900 Peters Canyon Rd., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7540



Dr. Kristy Andre
Principal

New Trailblazer

Dr. Kristy Andre is the new principal of Peters Canyon Elementary School. Dr. Andre has worked in education for over 15 years – all in Tustin Unified. She has taught at Tustin Ranch and C.C. Lambert elementary schools, and helped open Tustin Connect K-12 School. Dr. Andre served as a Digital Learning Coach, Connect Coach, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Teacher on Special Assignment for the District. Most recently, Dr. Andre was Assistant Principal for Hicks Canyon. Dr. Andre is a published author of "Evolving Learner: Shifting from Professional Development to Professional Learning from Kids, Peers, and the World." Dr. Andre also served as an adjunct professor at Concordia University, Irvine, in the Masters of Education Technology program.

"My heart has always been in education. I am first and foremost a learner, and I love igniting teachers and students in their learning journey," Dr. Andre said. "It has been great coming alongside the Peters Canyon staff and community to support students with high quality, rigorous instruction, infused with Social-Emotional learning to support academic and emotional needs."



Peters Canyon principal Dr. Kristy Andre plans for distance learning with first-grade teacher Leslie Martin and kindergarten teacher Claudia Battle.

Pioneer *Middle School*

2700 Pioneer Rd., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7534



Tracey Vander Hayden
Principal

Connecting with the Students

It is with great honor and pleasure that Pioneer Middle School recognizes campus supervisor Martha Cronic as Pioneer's 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. Mrs. Cronic's greatest attribute is her ability to positively connect with middle school students. Pioneer students see Mrs. Cronic as a welcoming and trusting adult who is genuinely interested in their academic success as well as their personal achievements outside of school. Students routinely seek out Mrs. Cronic for support and truly enjoy her company. Mrs. Cronic is a valued Wildcat and team member. She is reliable and always willing to volunteer and help wherever needed on campus. Pioneer can always count on Mrs. Cronic! It is with great pleasure that we honor Mrs. Martha Cronic for her abundant contributions to the Pioneer community of learners.



Martha Cronic is honored as Pioneer's Classified Employee of the Year.

Red Hill *Elementary School*

11911 Red Hill Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7543



Sean Lindsay
Principal

Curiosity and Joy

I am so grateful and proud to be the new principal serving the students and families of Red Hill Elementary School. I begin my tenure here at a historically unique time. Despite the challenges that our community and world is facing, TUSD and Red Hill Elementary School will continue to pursue excellence.

To this end, Red Hill educators are thinking a great deal about two important words as the ideal way to start off this school year: curiosity and joy. Our goal with these important qualities is two-fold: to express our curiosity and joy as educators, while also seeding and nurturing it in our students.

When there is much that is changing or new, we turn to each other for strength and guidance. We are confident that curiosity and joy can help us transcend the obstacles in front of us and lift us together to a meaningful 2020-21 school year.



Red Hill School's new principal, Sean Lindsay, is proud to be a Rocket!

Sycamore Magnet Academy

1402 Sycamore Ave., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7360



Rafael Plascencia
Principal

Project Based Learning (PBL)

Sycamore Magnet Academy students will be actively engaged in Project Based Learning (PBL) focused on global awareness, media arts, and communication through a Spanish dual immersion or an English only approach.

As a school focused on Social, Emotional, and Academic learning, students exposed to curriculum celebrating language and global cultures while learning skills in media arts and communication. Throughout elementary and middle school, through the MUN program, students will actively engage in an instructional program that honors cultures and human connectedness while emphasizing international practices and perspectives.

SMA students will develop an authentic communication skill set focused on information

communication technology, cross-culture communication, and debate and negotiation. Visual and performing arts such as media arts, digital technology & storytelling, and photography will be integrated throughout the school day. Middle school students will also have the opportunity to take visual and performing art electives such as drama, visual imagery, graphic design, and art.



Sycamore Magnet Academy Assistant Principal Yaneli Rivera, Principal Rafael Plascencia, center, and Assistant Principal Garrett Kerr display the school's new banner. Joining them are teachers Jeanine Dibley, Laura Horstmann and Katie Correia; Plant Supervisor Jose Barron, teachers Thuy Huynh, Danielle Aguilar, Janet Hertogh and Sean Gallagher, school secretary Elisa Padilla, teachers Cheryl Fischel and Alida Labiosa; paraeducator Melissa Guzman and teacher Elena Guevara.

Tustin Adult School

1151 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7395



Will Neddersen
Coordinator

Fall 2020-21 Classes Online

Tustin Adult School's mission is to provide relevant education and career training to meet and enrich students' goals. This will always be the focus

of our staff along with everyone's safety during these current times. For fall 2020, all of Tustin Adult School's classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship Preparation, Adult Basic Education in Reading, Writing and Math, and High School Diploma/Equivalency Preparatory in GED will be offered online. Online learning will be through a combination of live sessions using Google Meet and independent study time for students with assigned homework. Classes will be offered during the morning and night. We are excited to see our adult students succeed in



Tustin Adult School ESL students studying online with teacher Lisa Wilke.

the 2020-21 school year as we celebrated 79 high school graduates, 81 new United States citizens, and 350 ESL students who saw language levels increase during last school year. Adults wanting to achieve in one of our classes are encouraged to register online.

Tustin Connect *Online School*

14741 North B St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/430-2052



Erick Fineberg
Principal

Tustin Connect Keeps It Going for 2020-21

With the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, Tustin Connect is continuing where we left off. With five years of online blended learning experience, we are looking forward to a great year.

We have retooled and added three elementary, one middle school and two additional high school teachers to meet the demand. Tustin Connect is proud of our proven track record while adding additional resources including a new Learning Management System in Schoology to streamline our content delivery system. We kicked off the year with a first day school wide high school meeting where our very own Brian David started things off with a read-aloud. That's right, our high schoolers were treated to a welcome read-aloud. It was a great first day treat for everyone. Not to be outdone, our elementary and middle school classes had a great first day as well with lots of smiles, virtual hugs, and fun.



Tustin Connect High School teacher Brian David shares a read-along with all of the high school students to kick off the 2020-21 school year.

Tustin *High School*

1171 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7414



Dr. Jon Tuin
Principal

Tustin High Shines With Pride

Tustin High School is thrilled to announce, Myra Rivera-Smith as its 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. She has worked for the Tustin Unified School District for 14 years. As Tustin

High's Data Processing Technician, she assists the administration with complex data output procedures, reports and student data information. She also maintains accurate input of our student's database including record keeping of class rosters, grade reports and class schedules.



Tustin High's Myra Rivera-Smith shines with Tiller pride!

Beyond her regular duties Mrs. Rivera-Smith is an involved Tustin High parent of two High School young ladies. She actively volunteers for the girls' basketball program. She has helped with wardrobes for our theater and drama productions. She is involved with the choir program assisting with their performances and has herself, performed the National Anthem at various Tustin events. She truly shines with Tustin Tiller spirit!

Tustin Memorial *Academy*

12712 Browning Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/730-7546



Brooke Carreras
Principal

The Kinder Whisperer

Tustin Memorial Academy is honored to recognize Naomi Dei Rossi as our 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. Naomi has worked as a kindergarten paraeducator at TMA for the last six years. She looks for ways to be of service, often taking projects home to prepare for the upcoming week. Naomi is playful with her students and from time to time, can even be found on the playground riding tricycles along with them. If you are on campus during lunch, you may even find Naomi holding a banana to her ear, pretending to talk on the phone with a group of students. Carrie Pedersen, her classroom teacher, describes Naomi as, “a calming presence that really listens and relates to her students. Naomi helps them feel seen and heard.” Naomi lives in Tustin with her husband and two sons, both of whom attended Tustin Memorial Academy for elementary school.



Tustin Memorial Academy paraeducator Naomi Dei Rossi was recognized as the school's Classified Employee of the Year.

Tustin Ranch *Elementary School*

12950 Robinson Dr., Tustin, CA 92782 • 714/730-7580



Kathi Denny
Principal

Feeding Hearts and Stomachs

Tustin Ranch Elementary School is proud to celebrate Nutrition Services assistant Peggy Shen as our 2020 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Peggy holistically nourishes our students by feeding their stomachs and their hearts with her kind and giving nature.

Ms. Peggy is an example of positivity and happiness, and is an active part of our community. She is always ready to take part in our spirit days and volunteers and organizes events at her daughter's school for Chinese New Year.

During the COVID-19 closure of schools, Ms. Peggy worked incredibly hard, serving our community with Grab-and-Go lunches at Pioneer Middle School.

Ms. Peggy is very conscientious about everything she does, she works hard to provide the students with nutritious food in a clean and welcoming atmosphere. She feeds all of our Cool Coyotes lunch quickly and efficiently every single day. She truly is an asset to our Tustin Ranch Ohana!



Tustin Ranch Classified Employee of the Year Peggy Shen shines in her work serving meals to students.



Heather Bojorquez
Principal

Paraeducator Retires with Falcon Pride

Utt Middle School Falcons were both elated and saddened when paraeducator Alicia Smalley was recognized as their Classified Employee of the Year, shortly before learning she was retiring after

the 2019-20 school year. With her calm, kind and joyful demeanor, Mrs. Smalley worked as a paraeducator for a total of twenty-two years, supporting Special Education students. One of Alicia's colleagues describes her influence saying, "Witnessing her work with our special education students was a daily inspiration." From attending evening concerts to support her students, to generously providing materials for the students to create their own stockings during the holidays- Mrs. Smalley showed both extreme dedication and a giving heart on a daily basis. A



Warming everyone's hearts for the last time, Alicia Smalley surprised Falcon staff during the eighth-grade iPad collection, driving through with celebratory signs.

staff member shares Mrs. Smalley's impact adding, "She leaves a legacy to us and her students to continue with a joy for learning." Happy retirement, Alicia Smalley; your dedication and kind spirit will forever be remembered by our community.

Kindergarten Readiness

1701 San Juan St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7592



Lauralee Cabibi
Principal

Preschoolers Follow New Protocols

The first day of school is always exciting but this year we were thrilled to open the District's second full-day preschool classroom at Myford Elementary School. Together with Hicks Canyon Elementary School, preschool teachers at the full-day sites were overjoyed to welcome our youngest learners to school on August 17. The full-day preschool programs were open for in-person instruction for children of

essential workers. Preschoolers and their parents did a great job following new protocols of social distancing and the use of face masks that were put into place this year.

The half-day preschool classes, located at Beswick, Estock, Heideman, Heritage, Guin Foss, Nelson and Tustin Ranch elementary schools, and Sycamore Magnet School, opened by providing preschoolers with virtual classes online. Google Meets paved the way for teachers and students to get to know each other.

When it was all said and done, students, teachers and parents worked together to make this year's preschool opening a success!



Skylar Hoang celebrates completing the first week of preschool at Myford Elementary School.

Business Services

Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7301 Ext. 302



Anthony Soria
Chief Financial Officer

Preparing for a Unique School Year

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Tustin Unified School District Business Services and Maintenance and Operations departments have been working diligently and tirelessly to prepare for a safe and productive return of in-person instruction.

The TUSD Purchasing Department began securing orders for personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety supplies well in advance of schools returning to in-person instruction to ensure adequate supplies were available, including face masks (cloth and disposable), face shields, gloves, disinfecting supplies, bottled hand sanitizer dispensers for all classrooms and workspaces, portable handwashing stations, wall-mounted thermometers for each classroom, student desk partitions and signage for social distancing. In addition to these items, the M&O Department is in the process of installing touchless water

bottle filling stations to offer a safe solution for drinking water. In the meantime, bottled water will be made available to students.

The District's Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Department was tasked with preparing offices and classrooms for in-person instruction. In order to implement thorough cleaning and disinfecting protocols, all M&O staff completed required COVID-19 training and will continue to follow all guidance from state and federal health agencies. As part of the disinfecting process, custodians are using electrostatic sprayers daily. Furthermore, various projects were completed over the summer including building plexiglass partitions for all high traffic areas at the schools, organizing classroom furniture to allow for social distancing, and performing maintenance and disinfecting to all heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units. Tustin Unified will continue to move forward with the safety of the students and staff as its top priority.

Educational Services

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Dr. Maggie Villegas
Assistant Superintendent

TUSD Teachers Engage in New Learning

On August 6 and 7 over 900 TUSD teachers attended a virtual two-day Summer Institute to receive training on the Schoology and Florida Virtual curriculum platforms. Over 100 TUSD teacher leaders served as trainers for the individual sessions that were organized by grade level and

content area. After viewing a welcome back video message from Dr. Franklin, teachers learned how to navigate and set-up their classrooms in the new Schoology Learning management system and get access to their Florida Virtual online curriculum for the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, over 100 substitute teachers, MTSS teachers, and all library media technicians were also trained to provide support throughout the school year to teachers and students. Follow up training will continue to be offered to teachers virtually before and after school as the new school year begins. We are proud of the work our teachers have done preparing themselves to provide instruction virtually.



TUSD secondary teachers on special assignment (TOSA's) Crystal Kirch, Jamie Joyce, Kayla Fowler, Michelle Ciecek, and Alison Bruner present trainings for teachers during the Summer Institute.

Nutrition Services

Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7301 Ext. 342



Teresa Squibb
Director

Summer Meals Program Success

Through all the COVID-19 challenges thrown our way, Nutrition Services continued to serve summer meals to Tustin Unified families. We provided meals at the Boys and Girls Club of Tustin, Heideman Elementary School, Columbus Tustin Middle School, Sycamore Magnet Academy, and Tustin High School. We also served breakfast and lunch every day to an average of 1,700 students.

Seamless Summer meals helped ensure all children were nourished and engaged during the summer months.

Face Mask Contest Winner

The School Nutrition Association of Southern California hosted a Face Mask Contest. TUSD's very own Nutrition Services assistant Erik Sierra Orejel won first place! Not only is Erik a dedicated nutrition assistant, he is a talented artist. He hand-painted his creation of the Fruit & Veggie Monster. The face mask shows the monster enjoying fresh broccoli, bananas, and grapes.



Nutrition Services assistant Vanessa Santos communicates with parents for meal pick-up during the successful Grab-and-Go meals summer program.

Technology in TUSD Schools

Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C St., Tustin, CA 92780 • 714/730-7301 Ext. 306



Dr. Grant Litfin
*Assistant
Superintendent,
Administrative
Services*

Providing Support for Distance Learning

The Tustin Unified School District is in a great place to handle the technical elements of distance learning. Not only does the District own the most powerful internal network around, but the staff has supported each element involved with deploying mobile devices and executing distance learning for over eight years. While there certainly are hiccups involved with getting

23,000 students online at the same time, there are also many things to be proud of surrounding TUSD's distance learning program. Instruction comes first. TUSD Teachers have learned new curriculum, new classroom technology, a new learning management platform and new state requirements in a short amount of time. In addition, during the month of August, TUSD staff deployed over 4,300 additional student devices and an additional 800 hot spots. This moves the District closer to 1:1 and 100% connectivity for students than ever before. It is a great time to be in TUSD!



Myford Elementary library media technician Catherine Avila organizes iPads for distribution prior to the start of distance learning.

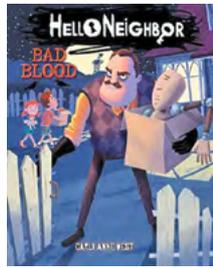
Sean's Book Review



Sean

Crazy Neighbor

Have you ever heard of a horror game called Hello Neighbor? If you have, and are interested in the backstory, *Hello Neighbor: Bad Blood* by Carly Anne West is the book for you. The main



character is a kid named Aaron. He moved to a new place and discovered that his grandparents are very famous. But while he's there, he gets asked questions, which stresses him out, so as a choice, he goes places he should not have. Throughout the book, there is a lot of mystery, action, and suspense that will have you hooked. Want to start off right? Then read the other 3 books in the series before this one. But if you want to jump right in, read this one as all of them make you understand their world more than ever. Overall, this is a really fun book and I would rate this a 10/10 on the 'Awesome Book Scale'!

Sean Cheng is a 6th grader and enjoys speed cubing, playing basketball, and performing tricks on his scooter. His favorite subjects at school are math and PE. He loves teaching tricks to his new puppy and taking care of his 3 guinea pigs. He looks forward to boogie boarding at the beach!

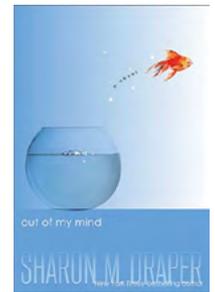
Tyson's Book Review



Tyson

Be Yourself

Imagine being a kid who cannot move, talk, or write. Wouldn't that be a hard, sad, and crazy life? Well, *Out Of My Mind* by Sharon Draper, is a book about a girl who has to live like that every



day, and her name is Melody Brooks. She's really smart, but there is one thing that prevents her from sharing it with the world. That is her cerebral palsy. This disease makes her unable to share her feelings, which makes Melody stuck in her head and drives her nuts! She has to go to school, perform in front of people, and even go through some tragedies. There are people and things that try to prevent her from achieving her goals, but will they stop her? Journey through this amazing book and you will see Melody push through her hard, but entertaining life and sometimes, she goes a little out of her mind!

Tyson is an athletic 7th grader who loves basketball and volleyball. His favorite subjects are PE and math. He is a gentle pet owner and loves taking care of new puppy, Chewie, and 3 guinea pigs. He enjoys spending time with his family.

Milestones and Firsts—Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com Please put TUSTIN in the subject line.

Entries must be received by **October 31, 2020**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

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