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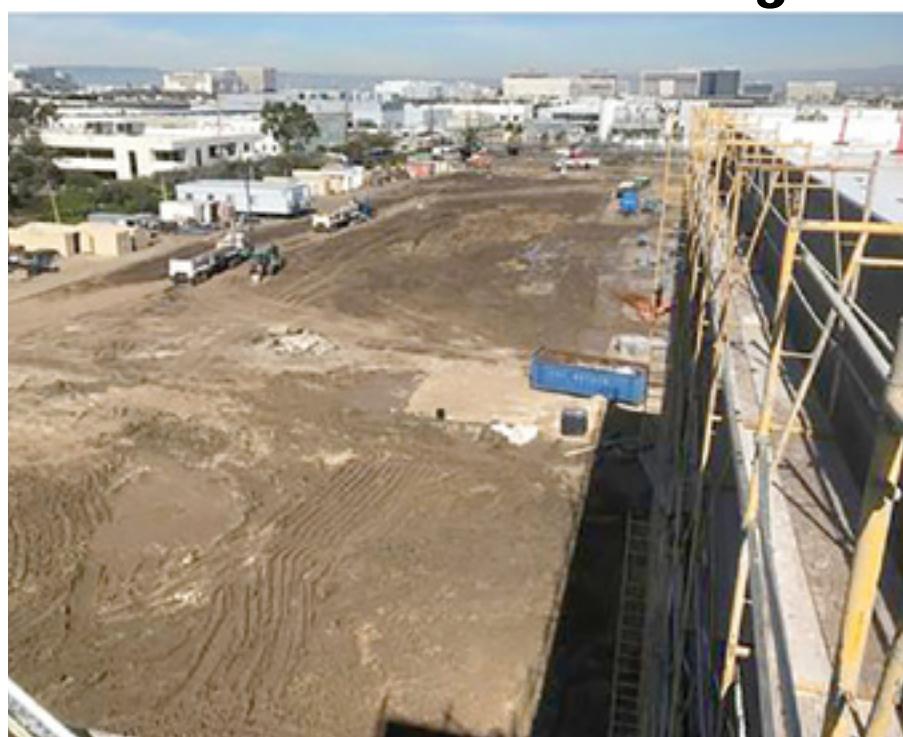
In early February the District was informed that Margaret Lynch has been selected as the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region XIV

Elementary Principal of the Year for 2017. This is a tremendous honor for both Margaret and all of the Cabrillo and Wiseburn staff. Region XIV consists of 23 school districts in Western Los Angeles County, with 250 elementary schools and over 328,000 students. With Mrs. Lynch's leadership and the outstanding efforts of every single Cabrillo staff member, Cabrillo has been able to stack up some amazing accomplishments, including California Distinguished School (2012), Title I Achieving School (2012), Gold Ribbon School (2015), Growth in API of 100 points over two years between 2009 and 2011, a tremendously successful English Language Development Program and the prestigious COTSEN Foundation Grant to provide professional development in Cognitively Guided Instruction (math).

Mrs. Lynch joins Jane Comitz, who also earned the ACSA Region XIV Elementary Principal of the Year honor in 2008. Cabrillo is very likely the only school in California to receive this honor two times in one decade! Mrs. Lynch will be honored by ACSA at a dinner reception on April 26, 2017 in Long Beach! Congratulations Mrs. Lynch

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Site Excavation for the Swimming Pool, Gym, and Soccer Fields on the west side of the high school campus

Wiseburn: Building Community

By Dr. Tom Johnstone, Superintendent

Like no other community in our area, the Wiseburn community has embraced its role as a true partner in providing an excellent education for all of our students, pre-kindergarten through twelve grade. This is a long-term tradition in Wiseburn that is widely recognized and admired. Nowhere was this sense of community greater than on Saturday, January 21 when well over 1,000 Wiseburn residents turned out to see the progress on our new high school. We are proud to share that despite the wet weather, we are on schedule to open in August 2017.

The theme for this edition of School News is Wiseburn: Building Community. In Wiseburn, building community has many meanings, from the literal building of the new Wiseburn High School facility, where

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Dr. Chris Jones
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Building Community with Wiseburn-Da Vinci Athletics

For the past two years, the Wiseburn-Da Vinci Athletics program has been building a foundation for the future by competing at the varsity level in a variety of high school sports in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). The program currently fields CIF teams in soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball, cross-country, track and also non-CIF archery. Students from Da Vinci Design, Da Vinci Communications and Da Vinci Science all play for the same team: Wiseburn-Da Vinci Wolves. Athletic Director Michael Prendergast explains "We are seeking to build traditions and set a positive course for our athletic future. Our goal is to provide for our students the opportunities for personal growth that come with participation on a high school athletic team." Mr. Prendergast is an art teacher at Da Vinci Science and has taken on the responsibilities of building the budding sports program for Wiseburn-Da Vinci Athletics. He is supported in this work by Korey Hlaudy, a math teacher at Da Vinci Design, and Jamie Larson, a Physics teacher at Da Vinci Science. Both Hlaudy and Larson also coach the boys and girls volleyball teams. These teachers have been working to organize the

systems for scheduling practices, games, team banquets, referees, transportation, as well as ordering uniforms and equipment. "We are working to build a high quality and competitive program while limiting impacts on academics. We are focused on supporting student athletes – with an emphasis on "student", said Hlaudy. "We are also excited about the future and moving into the great facilities that we will have on the new campus!" As facilities become available, future sports would include swimming, water polo and baseball.

Winter Sports Season Update - During the winter, the Wiseburn-Da Vinci Wolves compete in soccer and basketball for both boys and girls. Oscar Dominguez coached the varsity boys soccer team to a 10-6-1 season with hard fought matches throughout. The girls soccer program followed suit with a winning season (10-6) under coach Alexandra Martinez. The girls basketball team (9-7) coached by Ivan Villanueva made tremendous growth from the start of the season and earned many victories down the stretch. Coach Kevin Rudd led the boys basketball team through an ambitious schedule (9-12) against some tough local teams. A highlight for the boys basketball team was a winning performance against Pulteney High School visiting from Australia. As evidenced by the growing success of each team, winter sports are progressing right on track!

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all three Da Vinci high schools will be united again under one roof in August, to the careful building of district school community cultures at each of our schools. At all of our schools, the broader community has made very significant, positive contributions to educating our students.

For the past two years, Anza, Burnett, Cabrillo and Dana have been “reinventing” their school cultures to take steps in eliminating bullying and creating more meaningful engagement of every student in the school community. At Anza, our staff and students S.O.A.R. like Anza Eagles (Scholars, Outstanding Citizens, Accountable, and Respectful). At Peter Burnett our staff and students are their Bulldog B.E.S.T. (Be Responsible, Effort all the Way, Safety First, and Treat all with Respect). Our Cabrillo Cubs practices the 3 Bs (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe!). Dana Middle School has a fine-tuned C.O.R.E. philosophy (Community Of Respect and Empathy). Across the District positive behavior is on the rise and negative behaviors are on a steep decline.

Our PTAs and Wiseburn Education Foundation support our students in a million and one ways with field trips, technology, assemblies, supports to ensure that the Arts continue to thrive and so much more!

Community is all of us and the relationships with the local business community continue to make a tremendous and powerful impact in our students. Continental Development Corporation and South Bay Sports and Recreation donated \$4.5 million to the Wiseburn El Segundo Aquatics Center at the Wiseburn High School facility. Chevron has generously provided over \$100,000 a year for the past several years, to support Project Lead the Way (engineering) and other math and science related activities in Wiseburn



**Tom Cox, Da Vinci CBO; Vince Madsen, Wiseburn Director of Facilities Planning;
Dr. Bruce McDaniel, Construction Consultant; and
Dr. Tom Johnstone, Wiseburn Superintendent
inspecting the progress of construction on February 15.**

on a daily basis. What we are doing in Wiseburn has never been done before — the effective and highly positive linking of the school district and charter school worlds — all keenly focused on what is in the best interests of all of our students. The positive results are highly evident at every level — academic, social-cultural and physical (sports). Our students are matriculating through our schools and going on to excel in both college and careers.

The Wiseburn Community is all of us and every time we expend the time and effort to develop new and stronger relationships, we are building a stronger community. We thank you for all of your support that allows us to continue to do the work that we all love so much — providing an excellent education for the children in our schools! Thanks!

Unified School District and Da Vinci schools. Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Space X, Belkin International, Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, The Ahmanson Foundation, and Project Lead the Way have all made tremendous contributions of funding and individual talent to enhance the education of all Wiseburn and Da Vinci students in countless ways.

Perhaps the greatest form of community building in Wiseburn is the great work and connections that are constantly being strengthened between Wiseburn Unified School District and Da Vinci schools,



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Externships Transform WUSD Teaching Practice



Dr. Aileen Harbeck
Director

The prospect of working with engineers at a major corporation isn't something most science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) teachers typically envision. Still, in 2016, two outstanding WUSD teachers were selected for the very first Northrop Grumman Teachers Academy embracing this very opportunity.

This 'externship' awarded to Andy DeSeriere, Dana Middle School, and Candyse Crow, Anza Elementary, included the chance work closely with a variety of local STEM professionals.

To kick off the program, both teachers met with National Science Teacher Association (NSTA) staff members to plan for a week long experience at the Northrop Grumman headquarters. During this intensive week, both teachers spent time investigating professional learning tools and teaching resources. This was followed by two additional weeks at local NG offices partnering with mentors in observing project meetings, interviewing staff, understanding hiring practices and job requirements, editing science papers and more. Working with STEM



Wiseburn Teachers Mr. Andy DeSeriere and Mrs. Candyse Crow.

professionals both teachers observed first-hand how engineers utilize critical thinking skills in real-world scenarios every hour, every day.

For Mr. DeSeriere and Mrs. Crow, this combination of experiences allowed for increased partnerships with local STEM professionals and the advantage of bringing back real world knowledge regarding careers in STEM fields.

As Mr. DeSeriere shared, "Our experience in the world of working engineers made us better teachers in ways we could not have imagined. We finished the experience with a strong desire to give students the experiences and education that will prepare them to work at STEM companies. We now know how important communication and collaboration are as key skills to

success in creative fields like engineering and computer science."

In the Wiseburn Unified School District, collaborative partnerships between outstanding teachers and local aerospace professionals continue to increase the connection between student learning and future career goals.

Wiseburn Education Foundation

Wiseburn: Building a Community!

By Debbie Felt, President

A year ago the Wiseburn Education Foundation Board Members sat down for 2 days' worth of strategic planning meetings. What came out of those meetings was our new mission statement: The Wiseburn Education Foundation exists to enhance student learning, to provide supplemental funding and to unify the schools and community of the Wiseburn Unified School District. It is so important to us to help build a strong community. We have been working hard to raise awareness of who we are and what WE can do, to truly uphold our slogan "Where Everyone Flourishes." We believe in our educators, our leaders, our community, and especially our kids! We appreciate the support from all our families who have already donated to our Annual Giving Campaign. To date, we have raised over \$14,000 and are anxiously awaiting to double it before the end of the school year! We want to continue to paint our "Together We Can Make a Difference" tree hanging up at the Wiseburn Unified District offices (on Aviation Blvd). Please help us by donating on our website www.wiseburnedfoundation.org!

You might be asking yourself how does my donation help? This year we have already given \$45,000 back into our children. This was our 2nd year of offering all Wiseburn teachers the opportunity to apply for a grant (up to \$1200 each) that would enhance the education of students in their school or classroom. The Wiseburn Education Foundation purchased several interactive document cameras, Stride Track (which helps track laps during PE), additional stationary bikes for PE Classes, several new iPads to help harness technology to visualize



student thinking in math, Sea Perch ROVs, and that is just a few. At the Holiday Music Program in December, we donated \$20,000 to the Wiseburn Unified School District to use for music and art enhancement in the district.

THANK YOU for all who came out for our very first 80's Night Parent Party! It was such a fun night and parents you rocked the outfits! We want to thank the Wiseburn School Board and Dana Middle School for allowing us to have the party!

It's that time of year again! Our 14th annual ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK FAMILY FUN DAY! If you haven't already, please mark your calendars for Saturday April 1st, at R.H. Dana Middle School

at 5504 W. 135th Street. Several hundred students, parents, residents and community leaders will be in attendance to support our mission and enjoy a fun filled day! Our festivities begin with our annual walk (Around the Block), games, rides, crafts, food booths, silent auction and performances by our own Wiseburn school bands and choirs and many other fun filled activities. This annual event is our largest fundraiser for the Wiseburn Education Foundation and we hope to surpass our numbers again this year! If you have items/services to donate for the silent auction, please contact Felicia Villarreal at feliciav@ca.rr.com.

As the Wiseburn Education Foundation continues to grow, we are always in need of volunteers. There are many opportunities to lend a hand – from maintaining our website, volunteering at Rock Around the Block Family Fun Day, or donating services to our foundation. For more information, you can contact us at board@wiseburnedfoundation.org or visit our website.

Building Community

By Harley Hoff, Co-Founder/President

This issue's theme Building Community is right up our alley! Spring is just around the corner and so is the opening of the Wiseburn Walking Path! You have probably noticed the solar walking path lights have been installed. The type of lighting was voted upon at the planning meetings. It will provide much needed lighting along La Cienega Boulevard in the evening hours. The white wrap will not be removed until opening. They will also be installing illuminated bollards which will provide more safety and lighting at the corners. We have had some delays that could not be prevented. A new water main needed to be installed at the corner of 135th Street and La Cienega Boulevard so that the County and the Caltrans water meters were separated; this has been a major delay. A request was submitted last April and we are promised by the time you're reading this the new water main should be installed. Once that is complete the planting will begin.

There will be an additional crosswalk installed on the western portion of 135th Street and La Cienega Boulevard so that pedestrians may cross the street to/from the northern to southern half of the walkway and vice versa. We are hoping this will open the dialog between the county and city to address the issue of the tunnel and morning traffic.

Once everything is planted there will be a 90 day period for letting things settle and grow. What this means is that the blue fence will remain up even though the park is completed for 90 days. This is so that things don't get trampled and ruined - give the plants a chance to grow. The walking path should be open either in April or May. There will be some form of groundbreaking/celebration when the path officially opens. Information on this project can be found at <http://wiseburnwatch.com/wiseburn-watch/community-projects/>. Thank you to those watch members who gave their time and energy for this very long quest for green space in our community!

Choice Blocks

For more than 30 years, families in the Choice/Orphan Blocks (139th -142nd Streets) have been required to obtain a permit to attend Wiseburn Schools, even though friends they went to preschool with and play ball with lived only a block or two away. In June 2014, the Wiseburn Residents for Wiseburn Schools, aka W4W, started a petition to transfer the Choice/Orphan Blocks from the Lawndale School District (K-8) and Centinela Valley High School District (9-12) to the Wiseburn Unified School District. Chief Petitioners, Bill Magoon and Shavonda Webber-Christmas, spent many hours collecting signatures,

educating and organizing the community, and testifying before the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (aka County Committee). It has been a tumultuous run, but with many children's futures hanging in the balance, the Chief Petitioners, Choice/Orphan Block residents, and many other community supporters persevered. This community's hard work and dedication paid off, and on September 7, 2016, the County Committee approved the Choice/Orphan Blocks Transfer of Territory Petition! The County Committee's decision proved that the W4W petition sufficiently met the required conditions for school district reorganization. Nevertheless, the Lawndale School District made this victory short-lived by appealing the County Committee's 8-2 vote of approval to the State Board of Education in Sacramento. As of now, families in these blocks will continue as Orphan Blocks until the State Board of Education hears the Choice/Orphan Block petition, hopefully sometime in 2017. We are counting on our tenacious community to endure this last hurdle. And if the State Board values how much this community contributes to children's educational achievement, the Choice/Orphan Blocks will become a full-fledged part of the Wiseburn family!

National Night Out

Once again with summer rapidly approaching we are starting to plan our annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 1st. National Night out is held the 1st Tuesday in August across the country to promote community and law enforcement partnerships. This will be our 10th year hosting this event! The event has grown a little more each year. We really hope to do something extra special for this 10th celebration. In the past we have held this event at the church at 134th Place and Ocean Gate Avenue. This year we HOPE to hold the event on our new walking path! Anyone wishing to donate their services, sponsor, or volunteer please contact us at wiseburnwatch@aol.com.

Join Us

In closing, Wiseburn Watch cordially invites any homeowner, property owner, and/or renter residing within the L. A. County unincorporated community of Wiseburn (properties located east of the 405 Freeway, west of Inglewood Avenue, south of El Segundo Boulevard and north of Rosecrans Avenue) to join us by attending a Watch Meeting. Our next two meetings are March 15, 2017 and May 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To join and get on our email list now or for more information please contact us at wiseburnwatch.com. Wiseburn Watch does not charge any dues or fees to members.

Cabrillo PTA

Laura Heredia, President

Building Community

Over the past months, Cabrillo has continued to stay involved in many community activities. Cabrillo PTA donated the candy canes to the Wiseburn Watch Santa parade. Hundreds of community members and their families came out to greet one another, tell Santa what they want for Christmas, and just be together. It was a lot of fun to see neighbors, classmates and friends.

Cabrillo PTA, along with the help, support and donations from all the Cabrillo Cub families, was able to collect enough nonperishable items to stock the shelves of St. Margaret's Center. St. Margaret's Center is a community center that helps families of neighboring cities that are in need of food and special services.

We also hosted our annual Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Dads and Donuts breakfast. We had over 100 Cabrillo dads and their students coming together and sharing in the excitement of participating and helping our amazing school. Watch D.O.G.S. is a program we started last year. It is one of many ways our Cub dads can spend a day at school with their children and help in different areas on the campus.

Our annual PTA membership Spaghetti Dinner was a hit. We tied in the

same theme as our coin drive. It was fun to play bingo and have dinner with family and friends.

Join Our Team!

We were able to slate and vote for our next year's executive board members. Thank you to all the wonderful and talented parents that are willing to keep valuable assemblies, field trips, family fun nights, community support and much more going while continuing to support our teachers and help purchase classroom equipment and supplies. There are still more board and chair positions that need to be filled. PTA is a great way to get involved, help make decisions, and give back to the community.

Our Spring Read-a-thon is right around the corner. We are looking forward to support from family, friends and community to encourage our Cubs to keep reading and be the best they can be.

Cabrillo PTA is donating and staffing the Hair-Painting booth at the annual Wiseburn Education Foundation's Walk Around the Block. Being part of the community and keeping it strong is important!

Anza PTA

Maria Ferrante, President

Watch Us SOAR!

As we continue into the middle of the school year, we are seeing our Anza Elementary School Eagles soar. Our Eagles are Scholars, Outstanding citizens, Accountable, and Responsible (SOAR), so SOAR in the Anza community relates to more than just our Eagle Mascot. It stands for the values our students are striving for.

Our school counselor, Mr. Jorge Paz, recently introduced the Great Kindness Program at Anza. The program included various activities students could do to be kind to each other and to teachers and staff, such as saying hello, smiling, helping someone on the playground, writing a thank you note, or reading a book to a younger student. Students are seeing that being kind has a domino effect on the playground, in the classroom, in our homes, and out in the community.

This year Anza families have come out in droves to support the PTA. We enjoyed our yearly family restaurant night in October. In January, the PTA witnessed a tremendous turnout for our annual Ice Skating Night. Joining our Anza Eagles on the rink was a group of Da Vinci Academy high school students. We want to send a big thank you to them for attending and their great show of community support. On February 24, the Anza PTA hosted our Annual Craft Night, which was filled with families, fun crafts, snacks, and lots of laughter and smiles.

This year Anza was fortunate and grateful to receive a Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF) grant to further expand the Stride Track running program. The Stride Track program was spearheaded last year for first- and second-graders by second-grade teacher and Anza PTA treasurer Mrs. Ruby del Rio. With the grant, we were able to roll this program out to all Anza students. Stride Track is a digital tracking system for running during physical education time. Each student holds a barcoded card. Every time the runner completes a lap, a teacher or coach uses a scanner to track the lap. After physical education is completed for the day, the scanners are downloaded onto the website. Stride Track accumulates the laps and turns them into completed miles. Anza students are working progressively throughout the year towards reaching race goals of 5K, 10K, 13-mile half marathon, 26-mile marathon, and 50-mile ultramarathon. They receive color-coded awards for their levels and color-coded plastic shoes to add to their collection on their backpacks.

We thank WEF and the community that supports WEF for helping to build a community of runners at Anza!

Burnett PTA

Liza Somilleda, President • lasomilleda@aol.com

Greetings from the PTA

It's appropriate that the theme of this edition has to do with building community, because community is at the heart of PTA's success. The National PTA mission is "to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." With nearly 85 percent of Burnett's families and nearly every Burnett teacher belonging to the PTA, we can truly say that we have a connected network of families, educators, and community members engaged in the advocacy of our students.

Everyone knows that the PTA fund-raises throughout the year in order to pay for enhancements to school programming, such as field trips, technology, and classroom necessities. Our fall Jog-a-thon was one of our biggest community successes ever, raising over \$21,000, of which a large portion will fund STEAM enhancements school-wide before the end of the school year. It was wonderful to see parents and friends cheer on the students while they ran, and it was great to watch them fund-raise through physical activity this year.

In December, Burnett hosted its Family Craft Night, where 150 students and their families created holiday crafts led by 20 parent volunteers. The night was wonderful for the children, and also for the parents, who got to make new connections with the community and the parents of their children's friends.

December also allowed us to connect with community members in need. Our school nurse helped the PTA identify needy families within our Burnett

community, and the PTA organized holiday gift baskets for six of them. The baskets were filled with donations of food, toys, personal care items donated by Burnett students, as well as gift cards provided by the PTA to help ensure a happy holiday for the children of those families.

In February, we held our annual talent show. Over 300 people joined together in the Brann Center to celebrate the brave and entertaining performances of 60 Burnett students. The joy and support was infectious. Watching the children cheer for each other and supporting one another was amazing. The sense of community was palpable. February also brought another opportunity for joy and connections: the Father-Daughter Dance! The Brann Center was filled with dads, uncles, and grandpas dancing with a room full of amazing young ladies. It was a treat to see those proud dads escorting these beautiful girls for a special night out, and also creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Spring will bring many more memory making PTA activities, including the Mother/Son Event, spring field trips, engineering night, and the Fifth-Grade Picnic/Yearbook Day. We hope that all of our Burnett families and interested community members will attend at least one event!

Please support our PTA by becoming a member, and by giving of your time this year. Whether you can give 15 minutes or 50 hours, we are grateful for your help. Our PTA is made up entirely of volunteers, and we always need more!

Dana PTA

Jamie Delgado, President

Invitation to Support!

There are so many wonderful things happening within the Wiseburn Community! We are so fortunate to live, work, and to go to school in a community where everyone belongs. As a Wiseburn residence, I am so excited about the new Wiseburn High School and the new Wiseburn Walking Path. These two community improvements will bring tremendous value to our schools, our students and our neighborhood.

There has never been a better time to get involved and be a part of this wonderful community at Wiseburn. Volunteer at school, join the PTA, coach a team, show our children how important it is to give back and get involved. These children are the future, and they deserve our best.

During the holiday season, Dana students participated in three

community-outreach programs. The students collected food for the food drive, toys for the less-fortunate children, and spare change for Pasta for Pennies, which helps children with leukemia and lymphoma. Thank you for supporting these programs!

The Dana Middle School PTA is currently looking for people who are interested in joining the Dana Middle School PTA Board for the 2017–18 school year. We will have many open positions available. The Dana Middle School PTA is proud to support the students, teachers, staff and programs at Dana Middle School. We will be having our first Literacy Week from April 3 through April 7. Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 1 through 5. We will need help with both of these events. We are always accepting new memberships. Thank you for supporting the Dana Middle School PTA!

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Reimagining 21st Century Learning

Community is at the forefront of 21st century education. At Da Vinci Schools, we rely upon our students, families, staff, board members, industry and higher education partners, community members, funders, and friends to ensure our students graduate college-ready, career-prepared, and community-minded.

As part of our effort to prepare students for 21st century jobs, Da Vinci recently welcomed professional partners from Belkin, Gensler, Microsoft, Kinecta Federal Credit Union, and 72andSunny to offer feedback on teachers' upcoming projects, an event known as Da Vinci Project Pitch Panel. Da Vinci relies on its professional partners to help define the knowledge and skill sets students need to know for future jobs.

More than 100 teachers from four Da Vinci schools shared their project ideas



for the spring semester. The partners listened attentively, then provided valuable feedback and suggestions for software and other resources to make the projects more real world and relevant to their professional workplaces. An 11th grade Da Vinci Design teacher shared that she loved having someone from Gensler to bounce ideas off. "The Gensler team was very collaborative. It is essential for us to make these connections for students in our architecture pathway."

A few notable connections were established as a result of the event: Gensler, 72andSunny, and Belkin will be hosting tours of their facilities to kick off the 11th grade Da Vinci Design project on intentional architectural design. Gensler will be sharing client Requests for Proposals (RFPs) so that students can design spaces for real architecture projects, and consulting with students along the way. Belkin International's marketing team will be collaborating with students in Da Vinci Communications' strategic communications pathway to create a marketing plan for existing Belkin projects.

Da Vinci Extension Students Learn from the Best at Onsite Boot Camps

Deutsch advertising agency and Kinecta Federal Credit Union recently hosted boot camps for Da Vinci Extension (DVX) students who are beginning paid internships as part of their college and career-ready curriculum. The boot camps, held at our professional partners' workplaces, were designed to prepare students for a real-world work environment.

At Deutsch, the Director of Communications, Director of Design, Director of Creative, and Director of Accounts offered tips about networking and making a good first impression. Topics such as "how to be professional in an unprofessional environment", "making connections, not friendships", and "how to craft a personal elevator pitch" were covered. Arianna Cooke, a 13th year DVX student now interning at 72andSunny, shared that it was "nice to know that not everyone (at 72andSunny) knew what they wanted to do in life and went on a path to search for something that matched their interests." DVX 13th

year student Jacob Victorica shared that he appreciated "how the employees gave real insight about their industry and past work experiences. The Design Director's perspective was interesting because of how he got to the position he is in by just connecting with other people."

At Kinecta Federal Credit Union, students learned concrete financial literacy skills needed such as how to complete the first-day forms necessary to get hired, how to calculate taxes and exemptions, utilize credit responsibly, and basic budgeting. Students heard great advice from Kinecta employees in the areas of HR, Credit and Collections, Innovation and Application Delivery, and Community Relations.

We are deeply grateful to all our industry partners for investing their time and talent in our students. We look forward to many more opportunities to collaborate so our students are prepared for college and 21st century jobs.

School and Family Collaborative Education at Da Vinci Innovation Academy

At Da Vinci Innovation Academy, teachers collaborate with families to develop field trips and integrate guest speakers to help engage and contextualize learning around projects and workshop themes. Teachers join their students and families in places around L.A. (and beyond!) and bring professional partners into the classrooms to connect their learning to the real world. These include trips to local museums, historical sites, and nature preserves as well as guest speakers who are politicians, musicians, artists, and so much more!



DVIA students explore the connection between creativity and science, through photographs of Nobel Prize winners by noted photographer Peter Badge

Recently, students in the DVIA homeschool collaborative program explored the connection between creativity and science at El Segundo Museum of Art (ESMoA)'s Experience 25: BRAIN exhibit.

Our Alumni Network Continues to Grow

By Katie Kondo and Russell Stoll

This past summer, we worked on providing transitional support for alumni from the Class of 2016. This included working on any issues that came up as they move on to college, following up on any enrollment issues students were facing, and providing general encouragement throughout this big change.

We are continuing our work with our Kayne Scholars, and recording and tracking enrollment data as we graduate more and more Da Vinci alumni. We are exploring a multitude of ways that alumni data can help inform both the support we provide to alumni and the feedback this gives to our programs at Da Vinci Schools. For example, we are working on ways to share persistence data and college reflections/advice from alumni with many of our seniors in College Writing, helping them to decide which schools to apply to or attend.

Another major element of our work has been in organizing alumni panels with our seniors in several ways. While bringing alumni in to talk with students in person has gone really well, we also started to bring in alumni through online video chat sessions with groups of seniors to cast a wider net of contact

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and connection. This has allowed alumni who are attending colleges outside the Los Angeles area to interact with our students in addition to our local students, giving them advice and opinions on their college and the college-going process. It is our goal this year to increase interaction between alumni and current seniors at every step of the way on their journey to college; from the college



DV Science Teacher Gerard Besina with Richard Palacios and Bert Holguin, both Class of 2013

selection and application process, all the way to transitioning in the spring. We look forward to bringing in alumni to share tips with the Class of 2017 for transitioning to college in the spring, since feedback from the Class of 2016 was that these alumni tips were helpful in their own matriculation experiences.

Lastly, we are looking forward to the second annual Alumni Summer Gathering at both campuses, and hope to introduce our alumni to the new campus that is a part of the Da Vinci legacy they helped to build. This provides an opportunity for alumni to return "home", stay connected with the teachers and friends they knew from Da Vinci, and remind them that we still want to stay in touch. These have been fun, successful events in the past and we can't wait for the next one!

Alumni — Stay Connected!

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In the News

Students in the journalism pathway at Da Vinci Communications are running their own online news publication called The Vitruvian Post (www.vitruvianpost.com). Every three weeks they publish a new edition. A few recent articles included: "DVC's First App Showcase" by Riley Arnold; "DVC's Pathway to Success: Journalism" by Samirah Alam; "Da Vinci Helping Hands" by Brianna Willis and Chase Butler; "We Talk to Strangers, Do You?" by Riley Arnold and Milan Washington; "One Semester to Make A Change" by Ally Simmons; and many more.

According to the student journalists, The Vitruvian Post aims to integrate a blend of design and communication, while incorporating the Habits of Mind and 21st century skills of collaboration, evidence, accountability, quality, and use of technology, all skills promoted by the ideologies of Leonardo da Vinci, from which our schools derive their philosophy. The Vitruvian Post will expand its coverage next year to include news and events of all three Da Vinci high schools when they are housed in the same location at the new campus.

Da Vinci Design alum Jonathan Kidd '16 is featured in UCLA Academics on the Hill video. To view the video, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/academicsonthehill/videos/1806643702932041/>.

Keely Gwynne re-imagined a Belkin commercial by mixing and mashing up Belkin media and adding original music to "hipify" it for a teenage audience. This project was part of the Music and Media pathway at Da Vinci Communications. To view the video, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/zznnga8q>.

Enrollment Update

Wiseburn residents always have top priority and a guaranteed spot at the Da Vinci high schools. Offer letters for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent to residents via email during the first week of March provided an application was completed to reserve a spot by the Priority Application Deadline of Feb. 28. We request that all registration paperwork be uploaded via SchoolMint, our online enrollment system. If families need help uploading documents or have questions about our online enrollment process, we welcome you to come in and meet with our high school enrollment team at the Enrollment Office located at Da Vinci Communications, 12495 Isis Avenue, Hawthorne, CA 90250, during these times:

March 27-31, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

April 3-7, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All high school enrollment paperwork must be submitted electronically by April 7, 2017.

Late applicants to the high schools may not receive their first choice of school. Wiseburn residents receive priority to attend Da Vinci Innovation Academy, but are not guaranteed a spot due to the limited number of openings.

For more information, please contact our enrollment team at (310) 331-8097 or at enrollment@davincischools.org.

Apply online at: <https://davincischools.schoolmint.net/signup>.

Mark your calendars: the first day of high school for 2017-2018 at the new Wiseburn campus will be Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Upcoming Exhibition Nights – Join Us!

We encourage community members and others to visit and see first-hand Da Vinci's passionate students and teachers, and our rigorous, relevant and engaging curriculum. Each Da Vinci school hosts Exhibition Nights each semester during which students present their major projects from the semester to families, community, and industry professionals.

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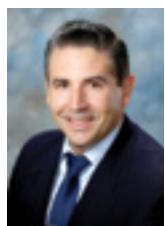
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Juan de Anza Elementary (K-5)

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Building Community

We at Anza believe that everyone is someone special. We provide a safe, supportive and enriching environment where our students can develop a positive self-image, achieve academic excellence, and become responsible citizens.

At Anza, we are very proud to create and maintain high expectations for student learning and behavior. We are also extremely happy to be a part of the community and continue our tradition of working closely with all of you. Because of the strong relationship with our community, we have been able to host



Having a great time at the Anza Ice-Skating Night.

We help our community members have better holidays! Our teachers, staff, parents, students and community come together annually to collect clothing, toys and multiple food items. These items are then evenly distributed and shared with multiple families.

"Every year, students and parents eagerly make donations and it always makes me smile," Mrs. Chiyo said. The food drive is a tradition that was started over 25 years ago, and it is one that we plan on keeping.

many events that bring us together. Included in the events are our Annual Pizza Picnic, Family Art Night and Anza Ice-Skating Night. Additionally, we were able to get our mural project started, and we will begin the final phase this spring. We still have many events to come. Please visit our website regularly to learn about our upcoming community events.

Our Community is Global, Too

Anza Student Council members are reaching out to our global community. Over the past several years, Anza has taken time out during the month of March to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others. In the past, we have raised money for cancer patients, for a former student struggling with an illness, and disaster relief. This year, we will partner with Heifer International to raise funds and be a part of a positive change in our world. Helping our students to see that they can make a difference in the world around them is a powerful lesson.

The Anza Student Council chose to partner up with Heifer International because it empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity. Heifer International links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals that we can help provide to these communities include goats, cows, water buffalos, llamas, sheep, pigs, rabbits, honeybees, ducks, chickens and geese.



Every year Mia Bella and her family go door to door collecting donations. Mr. Paredes (right) and Mia Bella (left).

The animals provide families with both food and reliable income, and agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings, and funding small businesses. For each animal received, families agree to pass on the offspring of that animal to another person in need. In that act, families become the cycle of positive change.



Anza Student Council members meet regularly to help lead school spirit.

Peter Burnett Elementary School (3-5)

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Building Community

The students and staff members at Peter Burnett Elementary School welcome community participation. Our students have been adjusting to the rigors of a new grade level this year, and are welcoming the opportunity to invite the Wiseburn community in to experience our planned events. Our Student Council officers and representatives have also been elected and are now in the process of planning activities for everyone to enjoy.

STAR Resource Station, one of our community partners, offers a wide range of project-based activities to support curricular needs.

Family GATE Night was recently provided by STAR with the goal of engaging both students and adults in hands-on learning. The evening was filled with challenges for families from both Burnett and Anza, and our Wiseburn families persevered in solving puzzles and cracking codes to find treasures! This fun-filled family activity emphasized team building, community, and critical thinking. Family GATE Night also provided a preview into the activities that our boys and girls will see in the future during their GATE classes. As a result, everyone is looking forward to attending GATE classes.



Developing a Community Garden

Burnett students take pride in maintaining their school garden, funded by the Kitchen Community Center. The students are learning to care for a real garden and plant seeds. Nurturing plants is allowing them to learn the benefits of a vegetable garden.

The Cotsen Foundation became partners with Burnett this year. This partnership allows our boys and girls to express how they think mathematically. Cognitively Guided Instruction is changing the way our students view math.



Community Participate in Family GATE Night.

They are learning with more understanding, and are excited to share what they know about the subject. They are also finding ways to collaborate with each other and explain their thinking. It is wonderful to see inquisitive minds working together.

We believe the arts are a good way to support the whole child. The PTA and Wiseburn Education Foundation are enabling our Burnett students to receive music and art classes during the school year. Burnett students will be showcasing their talents in the spring with a school-wide concert. Both music and art will be featured during the event, and the community will be invited to see the progress our students have been making over time.



Using CGI Strategies to Solve a Problem



Building Community Relationships

Juan Cabrillo Elementary (K-2)

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Building Community

Recently, retired Wiseburn teacher and committed Cabrillo volunteer Brian Jaffe sent an email expressing that "there are happy children at Cabrillo. Their home life is an important factor, but also important is the school climate. Students feel like they are liked by the teachers and the administration." At Cabrillo, we know that for children to be happy at school, they need to feel they are cared for and that adults are happy to be with them. A positive school climate is the foundation for building our productive learning community at Cabrillo, and we are grateful for the staff that creates a Cabrillo family feeling and our home-school relationships that further strengthen our learning community.

In this issue, we highlight a few of our many relationships with those in our broader community that support and strengthen our learning community, such as Read to A Child, university placements for student teachers, and the Enrich L.A. Garden Program. We also recognize the commitment we've made as a school community to give back to our neighbors through supporting the food pantry at St. Margaret's Center.

Read to a Child

For 10 years, the L.A. branch of the national organization of Read to a Child has helped bring local businesses and Vista Mar High School students to our school at lunchtime to read with first- and second-graders. This year, Cabrillo has 45 Vista Mar students who board a bus at lunch on Tuesdays and come to Cabrillo to have lunch and read to their first- or second-grade buddy. Cabrillo students are motivated to have this special time with "the big kids," who help them see reading as fun. In addition, 30 adult readers from Wpromote, an online ad agency and Mattel, the toy company, come to Cabrillo on Wednesdays to read with another group of first- and second-graders. Students bring in their lunch, choose books, and are read to by adults, with one-to-one attention. Teachers note that students involved in the program are very motivated to meet with their readers and have an increased positive attitude toward reading. We are very grateful for this circle of reading support created by the Read to a Child organization and Vista Mar, Wpromote and Mattel.



Readers Are Leaders site coordinator, Brianna Marshall, with Readers Are Leaders program manager for L.A., Maricor Garaniel, observe adult readers from Mattel and Wpromote reading with Cabrillo students Matthew Picazo and Abraham Castro.

University Partners

Our Cabrillo community is the proud sponsor of student teachers from Loyola Marymount University, UCLA, USC, Pepperdine and California State University, Dominguez Hills. Student teachers are assigned to a master teacher for 12 weeks. Student teachers move from observing lessons to co-planning lessons to planning and delivering lessons as the master teacher provides guidance and feedback. Cabrillo master teachers comment that the experience of nurturing future teachers keeps teaching fresh for them and their students. Student teachers comment on how much they learn not only from the classroom they are assigned to but also from the entire faculty who open their doors for observations.



Pepperdine student teacher, Katie Grosskopf, finishes a cooking (math) lesson with students in Transitional Kindergarten.

Enrich L.A. Garden

Cabrillo continues our relationship with Enrich L.A. through their Garden Ranger program. Garden Ranger Hope Cox is in her second year with us at Cabrillo, along with Enrich L.A. volunteer Frank Wuts. Together, they provide weekly hands-on gardening lessons in our Cabrillo garden. The garden program extends from our TEDDE kindergarten classes through second grade, giving students a deep understanding of science standards of the water cycle and life cycle that are part of the elementary curriculum. Our Garden Rangers turn the garden into an outdoor classroom. Cabrillo students even join them during their recess, where they delight in discovering what is sprouting or a monarch butterfly that is visiting.

Local Food Pantry

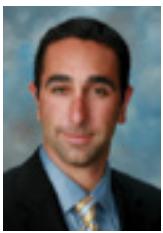
Thanks to our Cabrillo families, Cabrillo is able to support other families in Hawthorne, Inglewood and Lennox through supplementing the food pantry at St. Margaret's Center in the month of January. In addition to the food pantry, St. Margaret's Center provides information and referrals to free or low-cost medical, housing, employment and government services; utility assistance; vision screening; GED classes; ESL classes; and educational workshops.



St. Margaret Center worker, Mr. Williams (left) helps Cabrillo PTA Board Members Tiffany Kemppainen and George Gonzalez unload food collected by Cabrillo families to support the food pantry for the month of January.

Richard Henry Dana Middle School (6–8)

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Community-Building Events

On the heels of a very productive and exciting first semester, the entire Dana Middle School community gears up for what promises to be a fantastic jaunt to the end of the year. So far, the 2016–2017 school year has been one framed in building connections, both within our school and with the greater community.

Dr. Blake Silvers
Principal

Within the Dana community, our eighth-grade Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) leaders have flourished as mentors for our newest Dolphins—the sixth-graders. Our leaders have shared their middle school expertise by spending WEB Week with our sixth-graders, eating lunch with them, teaching them the value of good decision making, and simply being positive role models and friendly faces on campus.

This year, the eighth-grade WEB Leaders planned a Glow-in-the-Dark Party to support our sixth-graders' social growth and transition to middle school. The event was filled with glow bracelets, paint, stickers, and, most importantly, innumerable smiles. Our school continues to thrive, which is evident in the relationships that are forged between our eighth-grade leaders and their sixth-grade mentees.



WEB leaders Tiffany Brown and Scott Felt leading a 6th grade class.

Outside groups continue to flock to Dana Middle School as well. Project Lead the Way, spearheaded by teacher Andy DeSeriere and our Northrop Grumman fellow, shines brightly in our community and has helped strengthen our partnerships with local corporations. Students collaborate with their classmates and with students from other schools as they embark on projects that follow the engineering design process. Most recently, our very own Dana students traveled to Manhattan Beach Middle School to participate in a hackathon event. This cross-district program challenges students to work through an engineering task, and the Dana Dolphins always perform in an exemplary fashion.



Emma Martin and Tyler Malak at Hackathon.



Julia Jaregui and Elani Cardoza sharing their work at Winterim.



Leilani Dexter and Aleksia Tajimaroa at Winterim 2017.

Dana's second annual Winterim Open House capped off an action-packed first semester. Classrooms were abuzz with examples of student work, both on paper and in digital form. Current students, future students, and other Dana families and friends filled our campus with energy and enthusiasm as they explored student work across all grade levels and in all content areas and previewed what is to come in the future.

We are continually impressed and thankful to our dedicated teaching staff, support staff, students, and families for their commitment to our school and for their efforts to facilitate all that happens on a daily basis at Dana. Wonderful events allow Dana Middle School to open its doors to our community and demonstrate the teaching and learning that permeates the campus!

AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne

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By Danny Juarez, Community Relations Director

The theme of this edition of School News is "Wiseburn: Building Community". This theme describes the journey the leadership of the Wiseburn Unified School District has undertaken to forge the future of our unique community. Unifying the schools in the school district, building new state-of-the-art elementary schools and a high school, recruiting top-notch administrators and teachers, providing students with the required resources to prepare them for the coming years ahead and partnering with youth groups embodies the building blocks of the community. As this edition's theme relates to our youth group, the Wiseburn Unified School District-AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne partnership has endured over three decades.

There is a need for school policy planners to understand the role of youth sports in the community development process. Equally important, a need exists to recognize the benefits and opportunities presented through the involvement of youth sports in community development activities. Extracurricular activities play a vital role in engaging youth through interactions with the local community. Youth can actively contribute to a variety of activities that enhance local life. If youth are included in programs to meet needs and empower communities, they can become lifelong participants and take on a sense of ownership in development efforts.

Make no mistake; soccer also helps you get along socially. If you're someone that struggles with social grace, soccer can help teach you about interacting with other people. You'll learn to take the spotlight without arrogance when you win like a champ, and handle losses with humility. As you and your teammates play, you'll understand the benefits of giving other people the chance to shine. All of this is invaluable when it comes to [making lifelong connections and assists in building a community](#).

The Los Angeles Galaxy failed to make the playoffs in 2016 in their quest for a sixth championship finishing a distant third in the Western Conference. Our home grown Hawthorne player Gyasi Zardes who played in AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne was a starter for the Galaxy and played on the U.S. Men's National Team (USMNT). In 2016, Gyasi Zardes was able to tally six goals and five assists in 19 appearances for the Los Angeles Galaxy. He was twice selected for MLS Team of the Week. Unfortunately, a season-ending foot injury in August kept him from more appearances in his fourth season with Los Angeles Galaxy. Earlier this year, Zardes was sent back home to his MLS team from the USMNT due to a recurring injury where he was scheduled to start against Serbia. Teammates and fans alike are looking forward to a quick recovery and to retake his role as a starter for the 2017 season.

And speaking of the Major League Soccer, the new Los Angeles Football Club is an expansion franchise in Los Angeles that plans to begin play starting in 2018. The team was announced in October 2014. The ownership group and investors are varied and include legendary sports stars Magic Johnson, Nomar and Mia Hamm-Garciaaparra to mention a few. The site of the former Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena will be replaced by a 22,000-seat soccer-specific open-air stadium called the Banc of California Stadium. Soccer fans will have another choice from which to spend their sporting dollars.

For two weeks in February, players and coaches of the U.S. Women's National Team gathered in Southern California to train for a busy 2017 calendar year beginning with the SheBelieves Cup in March. The road to the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup starts now.

After five years in charge of the USMNT, Jurgen Klinsmann was fired as head coach in late 2016. The announcement came less than a week after a historically bad 4-0 loss in Costa Rica for World Cup qualifying. That loss contributed to the USMNT's worst ever start in the round of World Cup qualifying. LA Galaxy Coach Bruce Arena was named coach.

AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne completed the 2016 Fall Season. Boy's and girl's teams from the Under-10 through Under-19 divisions who won their respective titles went on to compete in the next stage of competition and beyond. All Hawthorne teams played with heart and enthusiasm.

We had only two teams participate in the Area Cup medal round.

Congratulations to Boys U-16 Coach Lopez for capturing 1st Place in the Area



Cup and 2nd Place in the Southern California Section 1 League Playoffs. Congratulations Girls U-16 Coaches Torrey and Hiney who finished in 8th Place in pool play but the young ladies showed their resiliency in the playoffs playing with a lot of tenacity to capture 1st Place in Area play. Unfortunately, due to injuries the team was unable to field a full team to compete in the Section 1 League Playoffs in Chino.

In the Area League Championship, Girls U-12 Coach Kirk experienced the wrath of Mother Nature with rain only allowing play of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the championship match. The match has been rescheduled but regardless of the outcome this team will be the only Hawthorne team moving onto compete in the Section 1 League Playoffs in Riverside at the end of February.

The Area All-Star Championship continues to operate under a new format to allow more players to participate in this higher level of play. Regions form All-Star Premier and All-Star Select teams. All-Star Premier will consist of the All-Star teams from regions that want to compete at the highest level, and the winning team(s) are eligible for a Section 1 berth. All-Star Select will consist of teams formed by a region and are ineligible to move to the Section 1 Playoffs. As of this writing, all All-Star Premier teams from Hawthorne have completed pool play and will soon start the competition for the Area All-Star Championship medal round. Good luck to our Hawthorne teams.

The Region is very fortunate in that members of our coaching staff who also participated in our program as players are back serving as coaches giving back to AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne. These individuals include Daysee Gudino, Chevy Medrano and Luis Oliva.

AYSO Region 21 Hawthorne hosted the 17th Annual VIP Friendship Festival for mentally and physically challenged players. We had the largest group of handicap players from all over Southern California to participate in the history of our event. These players converged on the Dana playfields to participate in this all day event. The feedback from the parents was they can't wait until next year to come back to Dana and expose their kids to this experience. We want to thank all the sponsors who provided goods and services to make the event a huge success. Superintendent Dr. Tom Johnstone made an appearance showing his support for youth with special needs.

The 2016 fall season competed under the leadership of Regional Commissioner Darryl Letchworth. He continues to perform an outstanding job since taking the reins of the organization. Serving in his second three-year term, Commissioner Letchworth goes out of his way to enhance programs for the benefit of the youth of the community. The role of Regional Commissioner carries with it a large responsibility and is thankless volunteer job. The next time you see Darryl on the pitch, give a high five and thank him for all he does for the players in the region.

We once again want to thank the Wiseburn Unified School District for the use of all soccer fields. We are especially excited about the new artificial turf field at Juan de Anza Elementary School. The fields were put to full use as the Region hosted the Holiday Smash Tournament under the direct leadership of Tournament Director Rudy Heredia. This was a tremendous undertaking with many volunteers stepping up to the plate to insure a successful event. Please keep in mind that this tournament and another one planned for late summer are much needed to partially defray the yearly cost of \$45K for the annual maintenance fee and field replacement cost paid to the school district for the artificial turf field at Juan de Anza Elementary School. As other artificial turf fields (Richard Henry Dana Middle School and Wiseburn High School) come online, the region is planning to expand the number of teams in the future participating in our soccer tournaments.

The region appreciates the support from the community for the tournament. Hawthorne made up 33% of the teams participating in the Holiday Smash Tournament. Region 21 coaches carried away the championship in all but one division - Girls U-12 Coach Kirk, U-14 Coach Perez and Boys U-10 Coach Byrne, U-12 Segura, U-14 Coach Amezcuia. It was nice to see WUSD School Board Member Nelson Martinez on the pitch supporting his son Colin who was part of a championship team.

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Wiseburn Little League

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Wiseburn Little League Opening Day

By DeVincey Mouring, President

Join Wiseburn Little League for Opening Day festivities on Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9 AM, Dana Middle School Fields.

Wiseburn Little League has been offering a healthy balance of community-based activities through youth baseball and softball for ages 4-16. Wiseburn

Little League has been providing guidance and exemplary leadership to our local youth for over 60 years. We strive to develop the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. We work to instill the values of character, courage and loyalty in the youth that we serve.

Join us beginning on Saturday, February 25, 2017 as we kick off our baseball/softball season. There will be food, fun activities, and of course....baseball and softball!

If you cannot make Opening Day, join us every Saturday and Sunday from March through May on the Dana Fields to enjoy one of the oldest Wiseburn traditions of Little League Baseball.



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With so much success in 2016, the Region is gearing up for the upcoming 2017 Fall Season. Please watch out for registration flyers to be sent home to all eligible players who played during the 2016 fall season and banners advertising our 2017-18 fall sign-up as follows: April 22nd at the Dana MPR, May 20th at the Cabrillo MPR and June 10th at the Dana MPR. Only online eAYSO registration will be accepted. The doors will open at 9:00 AM and promptly close at 3:00 PM. Sign-up through eAYSO at www.eayso.org. You MUST print out and bring one (1) copy of the eAYSO form with you to registration. If you are new to Region 21 you will need to bring the child's original birth certificate.



The success of Region 21 Hawthorne is due in part to all the volunteers who give unselfishly of their time. This group of individuals includes but is not limited to board members, coaches, assistant coaches, team moms, team dads, and referees. Thanks to all for your support. If interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about our program, please contact Darryl Letchworth at dletch38@yahoo.com or call (310) 739-3933.

See you all on the pitch (soccer field)!!!

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Keep On



Kate Karp

Keep On is a collaborative work by veteran children's music artist Little Miss Ann and newcomer Amy D. Both have Filipino backgrounds, both have experience as family workers—Ann as a public school teacher and Amy as a social worker, and both are accomplished artists



who know how to produce and perform a group of songs that will leave listeners of any age with the desire to hit replay. Children's-music pioneer Ella Jenkins would be proud.

Keep On opens with "Ube," an original song about a traditional Filipino delight—the purple yam. Miss Ann gives it the pop ukulele treatment that has appealed to listeners ever since Israel Kamakawiwo ole picked up the instrument and sang "Over the Rainbow." "Tiptoe Through the Tulips," on the other hand, scotches quirky music legend Tiny Tim's ukulele for a mandolin, a toy piano and an earthy, wholehearted delivery. Other traditional favorites given a new, bright treatment are "Hill and Gully Rider" and "Where Is Thumbkin?," and Froggie Went A-Courtin" provides the melody for the final song, "Keep On Keepin' On."

"606" was written by Amy and Ann about a long, meandering park in Chicago. Violins, as only violins can, paint the song with an air of mystery and a feel for the park's climate. The feel of that song and Amy D's "The Senses Song" are the vehicles for the spirit and tone of *Keep On*: a sixth sense that rises slightly above this world but can still be perceived and touched.

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Musical String Instruments Word Search Contest

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Congratulations to Brigitte Drahonovsky
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Just a few of the many restaurants & businesses to discover in Downtown El Segundo...

Andiamo! Pizzeria
Beach Mex
Big Mike's Philly Steaks & Subs
Blue Butterfly Coffee Co
Britt's BBQ
Burgers Etc.
Canton Low Restaurant
Chef Hannes
Chicken Dijon
Cold Stone Creamery
Deluca Trattoria
Domino's Pizza
The Donut
El Segundo Brewing Company
El Segundo Fish Company
Fantastic Café
Farm Stand
Good Stuff Restaurant
Hana Naru
Hanabi Japanese Grill
Harry O's
Havana Sandwich Co
The Hummus Factory
I Love Teriyaki
Indian Summer
Little Gourmet
Main St. Café
Mandy's Family Restaurant
The Office Downtown
Old Town Patio
O-Shun
Our Daily Grind
Playa Blanca
Purple Orchid
Richmond Bar & Grill
Rinaldi's
Rock & Brews
Second City Bistro
Siam Bay Thai Cuisine
Starbucks Coffee
Steve's Burgers
Stix & Straws
Stuff Pizza
Taco Mex
The Soup Bar
The Tavern on Main
Vinny's Pizza
Wendy's Place Café

For a complete listing of Downtown Restaurants, Shopping & Services, Downtown El Segundo Guides are available at the Wiseburn School District Offices!



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