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# SUPERINTENDENT

## The Fall Season is Fantastic!



**Dr. Katherine Stopp**  
Superintendent

One would think that at this point in my life, as a long-time educator and parent, I would remember that when the fall season comes...it's game on! Everything starts up again in fall: sports, scouts, clubs, music, extracurricular classes, coughs, colds, volunteering, and of course school. Accompanying all that... forms, fees, and (on some days) a little bit of frenetic energy.

This fall was no different. Within the last 34 school days, FVSD hosted Back to School Nights across all ten campuses, PTA/PTO meetings, School Board Meetings, assemblies, spirit rallies, and community social events. Families have settled into their routines, teaching and learning are in full swing, and students are showing excitement about the experiences their teachers and staff create. To see everyone in action is inspiring. The fall season...with all it brings...is really fantastic.

On another note, there is a great deal of talk in our nation about public school test scores and the impact that school closures had on student achievement. As always, I encourage everyone to be informed, seek to understand the impact that the pandemic has had on the children/students within their circle of influence, and work together to maximize the growth and development of all our students moving forward.

In FVSD, our 2021-2022 state test results demonstrate that our students continue to perform at high levels. These most recent scores are a credit to the collaborative efforts of our school community. We are incredibly proud of our students, most appreciative to their families for partnering with us on this educational journey, and grateful to the dedicated team of FVSD teachers and staff for their commitment to all our students.

Finally, let's continue to ride the momentum of the fall season into the winter months.



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*By Jim Cunneen, President Pro-Tem*

Great organizations have learned the importance of capacity-building, which is the process of developing an organization's strength and sustainability. More than just important, it is essential for an organization's health and longevity. That is why developing the capacity of all our employees has been a long-standing District priority in the Fountain Valley School District (FVSD).

Historically, FVSD has entered into partnerships with local universities and offered courses at our District office for certificated staff interested in earning their administrative credentials. This year we are recruiting students for a CSULB cohort. We continue to invest in ongoing professional learning for all our staff on a variety of topics ranging from safety to improving student engagement. Examples of our commitment to FVSD employee growth are many.

I have witnessed this commitment firsthand. My daughter, Delaney, is currently a student teaching at Oka Elementary School in FVSD. She is one of 9 student

teachers who are assigned to schools in our district. Many of our veteran teachers started as student teachers in Fountain Valley, so we welcome novice teachers, knowing that when we open our doors and share our practices, it's a win for all. I would be thrilled if my daughter joined the educator team here in FVSD.

Our classified staff are encouraged to grow and develop professionally as well. There is a Classified Employee Grant (CEG), awarded by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which seeks to provide guidance and financial assistance to educators in pursuit of a teaching credential. We are proud to announce that eight FVSD staff members have been selected! Each of the CEG awardees will receive approximately \$3,500 per year to assist with academic expenses for either their undergraduate degree, bachelorette, or credential program. We are so excited for our awardees, and we wish them success in their pursuits.

FVSD will continue to invest in our people who work tirelessly and with care, for our students, families, and entire community.





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**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



Dr. Katherine Stopp begins this issue with her message about all of the activities during the fall season.

We've included our popular student book reviews on pages 18-20. If your child would like to be a student columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for specifics.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 20. From the entries one winner will be drawn to receive a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble just in time for a book to read during Winter Break!

Our next issue is January 18, 2022. In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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## Vaping in School Age Children



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There has been a growing trend of vaping, or smoking e-cigarettes, among teenagers the past few years and more recently there has been a spike in school-age children starting to vape.

Vaping is only marginally regulated in the U.S., causing teenagers and children to regularly use vape products and oils incorrectly. The bright packaging and sweet flavors can tempt kids and teens, many of whom end up staying hooked due to the addictive nicotine inside the vape liquid. This combination can result in serious, life-threatening respiratory events.

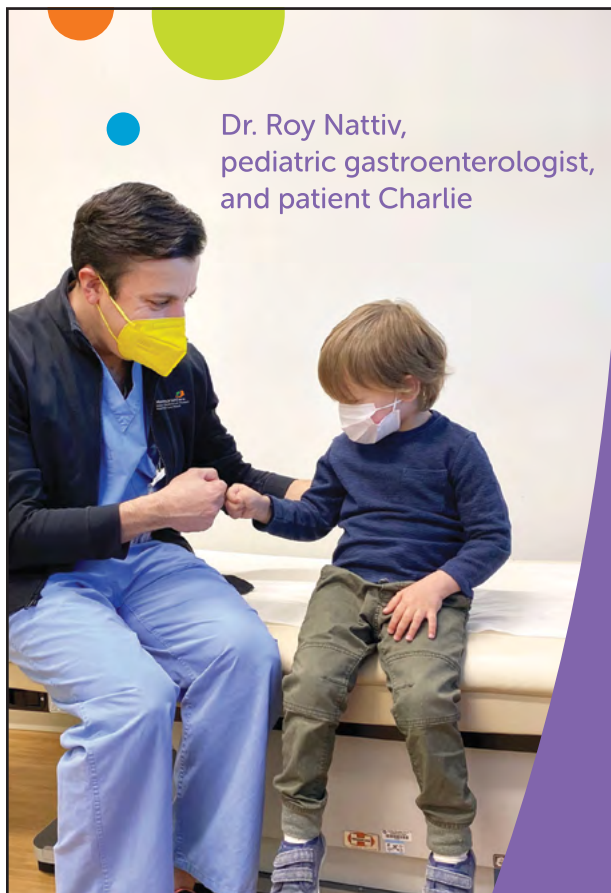
Nicotine is not the only harmful chemical that vape liquid may contain. Other harmful chemicals include:

- Ultrafine particles that can enter the lungs
- Flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease
- Volatile organic compounds
- Heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead

While vaping is still relatively new, the long-term side-effects of these chemicals are still being researched and discussed throughout the healthcare community. These harmful chemicals can cause side effects like coughing, dry mouth or throat, nausea, and headaches, as well as affect the development of the brain and cause nicotine addiction.

It is important to talk to your child about the dangers it may cause in both short- and long-term use. By educating yourself first, it becomes easier to educate your children. Maintaining a dialogue about vaping, where both you and your child can ask questions, will help you be effective in preventing your kids from vaping now and in the future.

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# Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Lisa Tanita**  
*Principal*

## Flag Ceremonies

The first few months of school, we have focused on building connections. We know when students feel a strong sense of belonging, they will thrive to new heights. This can be seen through meaningful, collaborative learning activities in classrooms as well as around the school where students are embraced and celebrated! Being mindful of the whole child, we are excited to welcome to our Courreges team, our new school counselor, Ms. Carrete. She provides lessons in each classroom as well as small group and individual support.



**Flag Ceremonies at Courreges**



**Ms. Carrete in classrooms and around campus**



**Building Community**



# James H. Cox *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Cara Robinson**  
*Principal*

## Range of Strengths

Our September Students of the Month at Cox Elementary showcase a range of strengths from excellence in academics, the arts, character, kindness and effort. Every month, teachers select a student that has elevated themselves from peers in unique ways. Students earn a student of the month pin as part of our school-wide pin-collection frenzy! Keep up the great work, Eagles.





# Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6–8)*

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**Jenny Salberg**  
Principal



**Molly Kuykendall**  
Assistant Principal

## Choir at the Angels Stadium

Fulton Choir is off to a roaring start. Not only are they getting ready for upcoming winter performances, they were able to perform the National Anthem with several other Orange County School choirs at the Los Angeles Angels Game on September

29th in front of thousands of fans. Fulton Choir sounded amazing and had such a great time. One choir member, Alexandra J said, “It was a dream come true. Ever since I was a little girl, I have always wanted to be down there with many people watching and listening to me.”

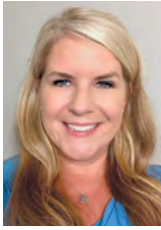
Ella R. shared, “When our choir sang at Angel Stadium, we were remarkable.” After the performance, the choir was joined by their families where they watched an exciting game together. Fulton is lucky to have a teacher, like Ms. MacDonald, who provides these experiences for our Fulton Falcon’s.





# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Katherine Pavidis**  
*Principal*

## Know My Face, Know My Name, Know My Story!

These first few months of school have all been about making intentional connections both inside the classroom, out on the playground, and even in our hallways. We kicked the year off with a family picnic because what better way to

bring the fun back than with some games, music, and sweet treats. Our student council held amazing elections where our students got energized and inspired for a great year ahead from their peers. We've held weekly greater gator award winner moments. Our tk and k classes have been learning about the life cycles of apples, pumpkins, and bats OH MY! First grade has been sounding out the fun of phonics one word at a time. Second grade has been diving into restorative class circles and finding the fun in learning about each other and



**Greater Gator Award**

how we can all help one another. Our third graders have been learning about growth mindset and how it can be a great tool to help us when things get hard. Fourth and fifth graders have been busy researching and taking learning into their own hands. Our special ed. classes have used that

growth mindset as they pilot a new program, i-ready. Today on that same note of building connections our students had the great opportunity to learn from the TNT Dunk Squad just how important it is to treat our bodies with care and respect. Our student body is quickly molding into one big family and we couldn't be more excited for the chapters ahead.



**Community Circle**



**Growth Mindset**



**Family Picnic**



# Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6–8)*

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**Jennifer Morgan**  
Principal



**Matt Ploski**  
Assistant Principal

## **Masuda PALs Stick Together to Conquer All Obstacles!**

Masuda's PALs, joined by their counterparts from Fulton and Talbert, tested both their physical endurance and their inner strength by braving the Orange County Ropes

Course. Orange County Ropes Course is one of the largest courses west of Colorado. It offers a series of supervised individual and group challenges that promote adventure, success, improved problem solving, and teamwork. It consists of 2 zip lines extending up to 277 feet each in length, and over 32 different challenges reaching a height of over 60 feet! In addition to working together to overcome their fear of heights on the ropes and on "Jacob's Ladder", the PALs also got to participate in some team building exercises, as well as a long session of mindful stretching exercises. The PAL Program (Peer Assistance Leadership) is a staple year-long 7th grade elective at Masuda.





# William T. Newland *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Chris Christensen**  
*Principal*

## Fun-filled October at Newland!

October was a big month for Newland students, staff, and PTA. The month was filled with so many enriching and engaging experiences for our school community. During the month of October, we held parent-teacher conferences, celebrated Red Ribbon Week, and held our biggest fundraiser of the year, called the “Dolphin Dash,” which is our yearly Jog-A-thon that raised over \$57,000 for Newland PTA.

Newland students also have an opportunity to participate in our before-school program called the “100-Mile Club” that encourages healthy living by having students run daily, with the goal of running at least 100-miles before the end of the school year. Newland has a record number of students participating in 100-Mile Club, which is now up to 140 students!

One of the highlights of the month was during Red Ribbon Week, when the students were treated to a fun and engaging outdoor assembly presented by “TNT Dunk Squad.”



**Newland PTA raised over \$57,000 at their recent Jog-A-Thon, named the “Dolphin Dash.”**



**TNT Dunk Squad” assembly on Thursday, October 20, 2022.**



# Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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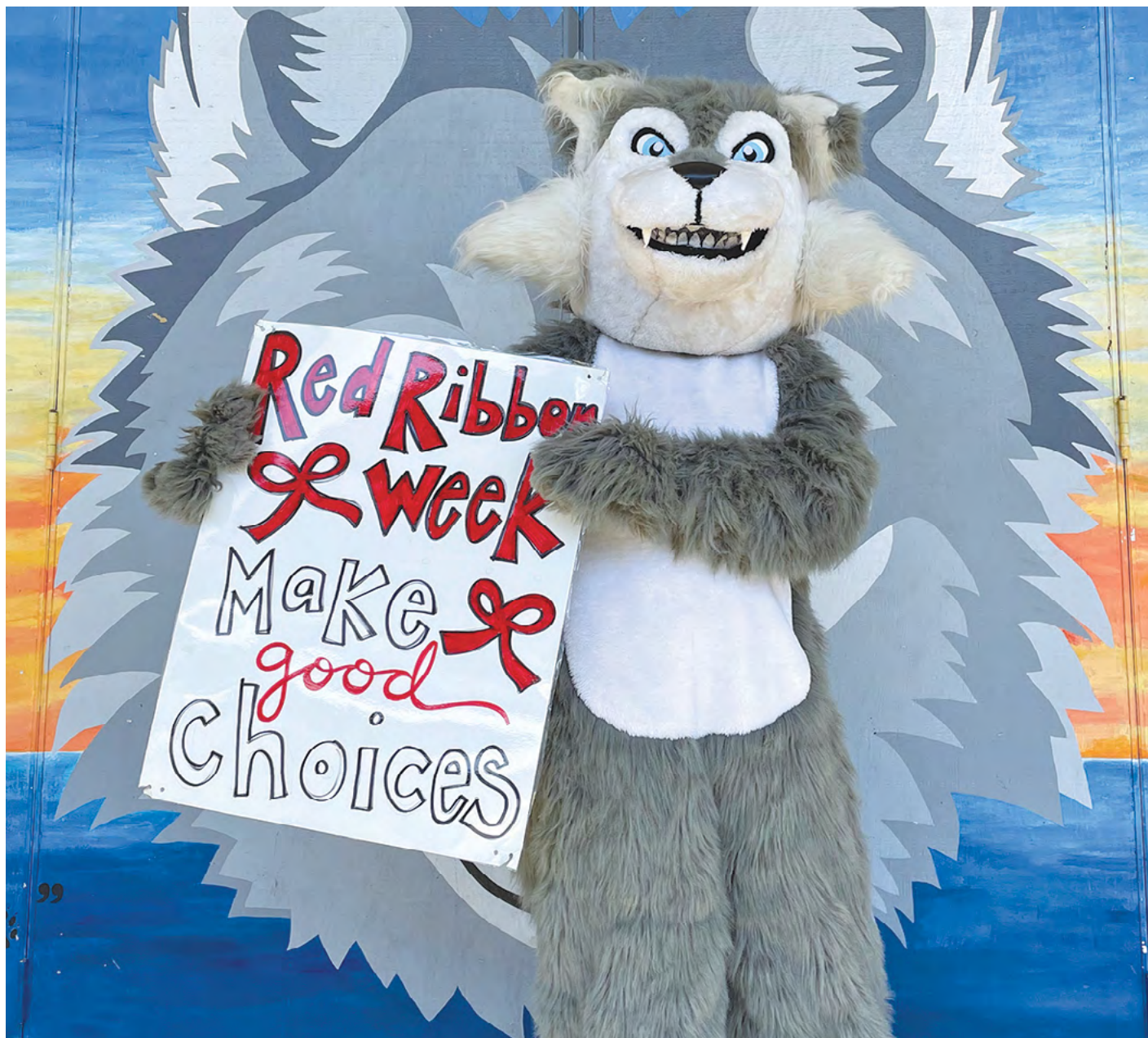
**Julie Ballesteros**  
*Principal*

## **Red Ribbon Week- Life is an Adventure**

The Oka Wolfpack loved celebrating Red Ribbon Week at the end of October. Traditionally, Red Ribbon Week has been about promoting a drug-free life in our schools. This year we shifted our focus to promoting choices that build healthy minds and healthy bodies. Our theme for the week was

"Life is an adventure, let's do our part to help everyone enjoy the journey!"

We know it is important to provide multiple opportunities for students, parents, teachers, and other community members to come together to address the prevention of unhealthy behaviors and to encourage the discussion around how to keep our children mentally and physically healthy and safe. Our Red Ribbon week was filled with activities that engaged our students in healthy physical activities and discussions about feelings and positive peer interactions. Our hope is to encourage caring meaningful relationships as we continue to form a safe and caring community.



**Oka's Wolfie encouraged all kids to make good choices.**



# Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Dr. Patrick Ham**  
*Principal*

## Proud Panther Award Celebration

The prestigious Proud Panther Award celebration was held at Plavan Elementary this month! Black Panthers are extremely rare. They are seen as one of the most powerful and unique mammals in the world just like our award recipients! The Proud

Panthers have much to be proud of—as do their teachers and parents! They are shining examples of outstanding character, academic excellence, and improvement. They are showing their ROAR by being Respectful, On-Task, Always Safe, and Responsible on campus! Congratulations and thank you for modeling excellence at Plavan Elementary!





# Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School (6–8)*

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**Jay Adams**  
*Principal*



**Brandon LoMonaco**  
*Assistant Principal*

## **Talbert ASB and Cheer Served Up the Breakfast!**

On Saturday, October 22nd, the Talbert ASB (student government) and Cheer, deftly led by Ms. Marley

and Mrs. Howard, held a good old pancake breakfast fundraiser at a local restaurant in Fountain Valley. Approximately 375 tickets were sold by the students, which equaled out to over 700 pancakes, 1000 strips of bacon, some serious scrambled eggs, and a whole lotta OJ!

Roughly 45 involved, amazing 7th/8th graders greeted the patrons, led them to their seats, took their “orders,” brought out



the breakfast, and then bussed the tables after the customers left. Whew! Who knew earning those tips was such hard work?!?

Our special thanks go out to Mrs. Agnes, who helped out with the breakfast, and especially to Ms. Cindy Bieber, the Event Coordinator at the restaurant! A great time was had by all in attendance, and the funds raised will be well-used toward upcoming Cheer Competitions and a Spring Leadership Conference held at Disneyland.





# Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Christopher Mullin**  
*Principal*

## **Tamura Promoting a Positive Community and Climate**

The staff and PTA at Tamura are always striving to provide a positive school community and climate for its students as well as their families. To this end, Tamura recently hosted their Fall Festival — Trunk or Treat, a family centered event to promote positive school community and climate. Parents, teachers, and community members decorated their vehicles and

passed out candy to the students, families, and community at large. There were fun games, food, and reveling had by princesses, ghouls, super heroes and other dressed up attendees. A number of volunteer students from Fountain Valley High School clubs were also there to lend out a

helping hand for the evening. A positive school climate is recognized as an important ingredient for improving behavioral, academic, and mental health outcomes for students. Additionally, positive school communities create opportunities for children, families and staff to feel included. These schools tend to have less student discipline problems, reduced bullying, and positive youth development. A favorable school climate and community has also been linked with higher academic motivation and engagement. When children feel included in a community and are part of a positive climate that promotes inclusion and respect for everybody, they show more caring and compassion towards others and they feel safer and more secure. Tamura is dedicated to having a richly well-rounded program.





# Orange County Department of Education



**Dr. Al Mijares**  
*Superintendent*

Our country has long likened its drug prevention efforts to a war, marshaling resources at the local, state and national levels to disrupt the production, distribution and consumption of illegal substances.

But the rise of fentanyl represents a dark and deadly new battlefield that is like nothing we've ever seen before, forcing us to rethink the rules of engagement.

Two factors make this synthetic opioid exceedingly dangerous. First, fentanyl is incredibly lethal at roughly 50 times stronger than heroin and about 100 times more powerful than morphine. Second, many of fentanyl's users don't even know they're taking the drug because it's often hidden in counterfeit pills made to look like common prescription opioids or other medications.

There is also little in the way of quality control in the manufacturing process, meaning doses can vary wildly. Fittingly, "One Pill Can Kill" is the name of the campaign launched by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce America's fentanyl supply.

"The DEA confiscated over 20 million counterfeit pills in 2021," says Stephan Lambert, OCDE's coordinator of prevention education. "If you buy a pill from anywhere other than a pharmacy, you should assume that it's fentanyl. It's virtually impossible to tell what is counterfeit, and it's not worth the risk. When tested, 42 percent of those confiscated pills had a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl."

In Orange County alone, the number of fentanyl-related deaths skyrocketed to 717 in 2021 from 57 just four years earlier. That's an increase of over 1,100 percent, and fentanyl fatalities now account for more than three-quarters of all overdose deaths. At the same time, drug poisoning cases have emerged as the leading cause of accidental death in Orange County, mirroring national rates.

These sobering statistics should command the attention of our entire county. To that end, the Orange County Department of Education is working closely with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to make sure educators and families have the tools and resources needed to help combat this crisis. On Nov. 4, both agencies will be joined by Orange County Superior Court Judge Maria D. Hernandez for a special Fentanyl Forum set to cover a range of topics, including fentanyl's impacts, how to talk to young people, and how to respond to drug overdoses and poisonings.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and distracted by the countless challenges we face at any given moment. And there's a narrative that young people tune out well-intentioned warnings about drugs and peer pressure from adults. But our kids are listening. As we continue to model vigilance, I urge all Orange County families to look for teachable moments to talk to their children about fentanyl and the dangers of taking drugs from anyone other than a licensed medical professional.

These conversations will vary by age, but even young children can benefit from regular check-ins to dialogue about the pressures they're experiencing at school or what they're hearing from their peers. Regular chats can also serve as a baseline to track changes in a child's state of mind.

The fentanyl-related trends we're seeing are disturbing and disheartening, but they are not irreversible. When unified, millions of Orange County voices are powerful enough to communicate that we won't tolerate this poison in our communities and that one life lost is too many.

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## Penny's Review



**Penny**

### A Wish Gone Awry

Book Title: Best Wishes  
Author: Sarah Mlynowski

Becca is having a terrible day. Her best friend Harper decided that she didn't want to be friends with her. But after her terrible day, a mysterious



package arrives for Becca in the mail. It turns out to be a bracelet with magic powers. Becca wishes that she could have a lot of friends, and the bracelet makes her wish come true. But then everybody wants to be her friend. The kids in her class, the teacher, even her mom! Everyone who reads this book will laugh at all the funny adventures and twists that this book has.

I give it a ten out of ten hearts.

Penny is a 5th grader who loves to read. She enjoys eating ice cream and petting her dog. She wants to be a librarian when she grows up.

## Yoona's Review



**Yoona C.**

### Friendships

Title: *Rules*  
Author: Cynthia Lord  
Catherine is a 12 year old girl that is talented in drawing. She has a brother named David. David is diagnosed with autism.



David and Catherine's mom would go to OT. Catherine would sometimes come to.

That's where Catherine met a friend called Jason. Jason is a teenage boy in a wheelchair that can't talk. They first meet when Catherine is bored and draws Jason. Jason catches her and tells his mom with his communication book. Jason's mom gets angry, but that soon leads to Catherine making word cards for Jason. Catherine also meets another person named Kristi. Kristi is a "cool" girl as said by Catherine. At first, Catherine is embarrassed to tell Kristi she has a brother that has autism and a friend who is in a wheelchair. Will Catherine learn to value good friendships? Will she find out what is truly important to her? Read to find out!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

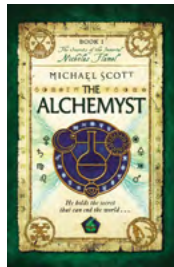
## Sourish's Review



**Sourish M.**

### The Future of the World of Magic...

Michael Scott, states, "He holds the secret that can end the world.." on the back of *The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel*. The author has written this book phenomenally. He



describes every important detail, which blows away the reader and allows them to experience more of the world of magic. He slowly reveals the backstory of Nicholas Flamel which results in suspicion. The main characters are Josh and Sophie Newman, who work with Nicholas Flamel and Scathac, a mighty warrior. The Siblings have the rare gold and silver auras which powers them to protect everyone. Nicholas and Scathac help the two on their journey, the end is unpredictable, but one thing is certain, Dr. John Dee and Niccolo Machiavelli cannot have Josh and Sophie. The book is super exciting with amazing moments and I look forward to finding out the future of the Magical World!

Sourish M. is a seventh grader who is enthusiastic to learn more and experience new things. He likes Science and Reading, plays soccer, basketball, guitar, and has fun with friends and family. Sourish loves to spend long hours coding and expanding his experiences by traveling with his family.

## Kailani's Review



**Kailani T.**

### Speak Up for Yourself

*Left Behind* by Laurie Halse Anderson is book 17 (of 17) in the Vet Volunteers series. The story is mainly about Sylvester and Sunita. One day while Sunita follows Dr. Gabe and another Vet Volunteer to a horse farm on



a house call, she finds Sylvester in 1 of the stalls in the barn. Sylvester is a sheep who was just left behind. Sheep usually thrive when they live in a group or a flock. Why is Sylvester left alone? Does Sylvester need a new home? Can Sunita and her Vet Volunteer friends help this lonely little lamb?

I like all the books in the Vet Volunteers series, especially this one since I can relate to the main character. Just like Sunita, I am very reserved and shy. I often let my friends decide the games we play and the TV programs we watch to avoid conflicts. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves animals and anyone who may have a hard time speaking up for themselves.

Kailani is a 5th grader who loves to read. When not reading, Kailani likes to play with her brother, jump on the trampoline, listen to music, and ride horses.



## Aubtin's Review



Aubtin M.

### Teamwork

Title: *Thomas & Friends – Day of the Diesels*

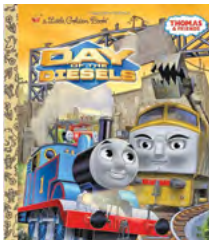
Author: Christopher Awdry

On the Island of

Sodor, Thomas the tank engine and Percy the small engine are best friends. When Belle; the fire engine comes, she becomes Thomas's new friend.

Percy feels very left out. Percy goes to the Diesel Works to see if the Diesels want to make friends with him. Percy leads the Diesels to the Steam Works, when he discovers that Thomas is held prisoner in the Diesel Works. What will happen to Thomas? Will Percy save him? I recommend you read this book to see what happens.

I learned about friendship, teamwork and cooperation from this book. I hope you will too. You will find great pictures in this book.



Aubtin is a 1st Grader. When not playing, Aubtin does writing, reading and drawing. He also likes sports, swimming, and music. He cares a lot about his family and friends.



## Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

### Who Wants Freckles?

*Freckle Juice* is about a boy named Andrew who really wants freckles on his face. A girl in his class named Sharon says that she'll sell him a secret recipe for freckle juice that will give him freckles.



Will he buy the recipe and use it? Read to find out!

This book is very silly and easy to read. I liked this book and I think you will too.

Daniel is in third grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, basketball, and bowling.

## Taegyong's Book Review



Taegyong K.

### Absolutely Nothing

Title: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

Author: Judy Blume

Fourth grade. The days of kickball at recess. The grade of joy. But Peter Hatcher doesn't think so. But that isn't even the problem. His problem lies with Farley

Drexel. Or Fudge as everyone calls him. Fudge is all the world's irritating toddler brothers merged into one. A three-year old terror straight out of the cinema's next horror movie who gets away with all he does. Even if it's smearing some mashed potatoes on the wall of the restaurant or putting stamps all over a bag, he's never punished. Of course, by this point Peter has had enough of his chaotic brother and no-nonsense parents. But his parents are busy with Fudge rather than paying any attention to Peter. After they leave Fudge alone with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle that he cares so much about out, things get ugly. Will Peter solve his problems, or is he truly nothing

Taegyong K. is a 7th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.



## David's Review



David H.

### Thrills and Surprises

The *Detective's Assistant* is a mystery book about Nell Warne, who is adopted by her Aunt Kitty, a detective that works for a detective agency, and the mysteries that they solve. One of the

mysteries they solve is a murder. This book shows how detectives solve crimes and the thinking behind it. It also contains a lot of historical facts so you are learning while you are entertained. If you want to read a good mystery novel, you are sure to love this book!



David is in fifth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and activities such as tennis, basketball, and bowling.



# Jenna's Review



## Have it all!

Title: Almanac 2021  
Which language has the most first language speakers? You might want to hit up for an almanac. What's an almanac? It's basically a book that speaks

facts. Maybe you don't like that type of person, but you might like that type of book. Maybe you can also learn more things like, do you want to know where Alexander the Great was buried? How future homes may be built? Studying rocks? It has it all. From wanting to study stars to knowing about the coolest cats, you can imagine. It's as real as red being red and green being green but, as versatile as the library books.

Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

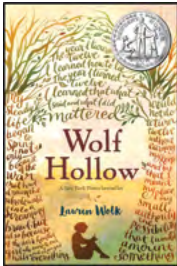


# Tegan's Book Review



## Redemptive Friendships

*Wolf Hollow*, a beautifully written novel by Lauren Wolk, revolves around the complicated life of Annabelle, a twelve-year-old girl living in a barn, surrounded



by forests. As Annabelle attempts to deal with an evil bully named Betty, she wants to defend a strange World War I veteran named Toby against lies and accusations of a violent crime he did not commit.

While Annabelle struggles to stand up for herself, she courageously learns to speak up for others. Defying her parents' wishes, she faces sadness, fear, and hope as she fights for Toby. *Wolf Hollow* is a wonderful story of unexpected friendship, prolonged injustice and bittersweet redemption. Readers are taught how one person's evil actions as we as another's determination can impact a whole community. All in all, I award this work a deserving ranking of 4.8 stars.

Tegan Y. is a fifth grader who enjoys art, biking, writing, and reading.

## Toy Store Items–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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put Fountain Valley in the subject line.

Entries must be received by December 15, 2022.  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win  
a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.!

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| BOOK     | COMPUTER   |
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| SOLDIERS | BUGGY      |
| BALLS    | KITCHEN    |
| BUBBLES  | TEA SET    |
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