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## Superintendent



**Dr. Steven Keller**

I want to take a moment, in my final *School News* address, to thank all of you who have made RBUSD the destination school district that it is today. Our schools, staff members, and families have supported and believed in the vision of developing the “whole child” and in our “good to great” mission. Together, we have measurable outcomes and successes to celebrate and embrace. Our schools have been physically and technologically modernized. Our students are thriving: academically, physically, socially, and mentally. Our staff is caring, highly educated, and broadminded. Our families are supported, heard, and included. We have an incredibly impressive PTA and Educational Foundation. And, our friends at the Beach Cities Health District continue to advocate and deliver programs that support our whole child efforts. The collective “we” has literally changed the lives of thousands of children over the past sixteen years, and we have done this as a TEAM. While my time as the Proud Superintendent of Schools in Redondo Beach Unified School District is coming to a close, I am still a member of this incredible learning community. I am a parent. I am a resident. I am still an advocate for all-things RBUSD. You will still see me working to improve our community and education as a whole. Please say hello to me in the drop-off line with my daughter or at a school event cheering on our student athletes and performers. We still have much work to do and I intend to support our leadership team, staff, teachers, and students to further enhance and grow this district we all call home. Of course, congratulations to our new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nicole Wesley. She is indeed the leader who will take RBUSD to the next level. Finally, you have heard me say this plenty of times: School District A is better than School District B, not because of the students, but because of the adults. The adults in this learning community have made RBUSD and will continue to make RBUSD into the finest school district in the state. The future looks even brighter for RBUSD!

### Board of Education Meeting Dates

**2022**

**November 8\***

**December 13\***

**2023**

**January 10**

**March 14**

**May 9**

**January 24**

**March 28**

**May 23**

**February 14**

**April 4**

**June 13**

**February 28**

**April 25\***

**June 27**

**(4/4/23 – Swearing-In and Organizational Special Meeting Only)**

**\* Due to holiday/local holiday schedule, only one Regular Board meeting in November, December 2022 and April 2023.**

## Board of Education



**Chloe Caywood**  
Student Member

My name is Chloe Caywood, and I am the 2022-2023 Student School Board Member. This is my second year in the ASB at Redondo Union High School and I am so excited to have this position this year. I chose this role because I knew it was a great opportunity to represent the high school as well as all of the RBUSD students. This position also gives me a chance to learn more about our great school district. As the student board member, I report on a variety of upcoming events for not only the high school but all of the elementary and middle schools as well. I try to give each and every club, sport, or group on campus a highlight in one of the board meetings to make sure our community knows how amazing our students and schools are. My goal as student board representative is to make sure that the student's voices and opinions are heard. Everyone, even the students, should have a say in important decisions affecting our schools. Serving this district has been such an honor to have, and it has been a fantastic experience so far. I look forward to an amazing school year serving on the board. Thank you.

## 39th ANNUAL Holiday Festival

**November 29 - December 4, 2022**

### Public Exhibit – Boutique Shopping

Tuesday, November 29 .....	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Wednesday, November 30.....	10 am - 9 pm
Thursday, December 1 .....	10 am - 9 pm
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As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and I reflect on being thankful, I want to express my thankfulness for the opportunity to collaborate with RBUSD under the leadership of Dr. Keller. It has been a pleasure to experience his consistent positive message. I wish him the best in his next endeavor, which will no doubt benefit many people.

I welcome the years ahead continuing to publish *School News* under the leadership of Dr. Nicole Wesley beginning with our next issue February 1, 2023.

Be sure to enter our word search contest on page 17 (all ages may enter).

Happy Holidays!

## Happy Thanksgiving from the School News Staff



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## Commitment to Youth Substance Use Prevention and Mental Health



**Emory Chen**  
Director  
Youth Services

As a recipient of the Drug-Free Communities grant and in alignment with our identified 2022-25 health priority of substance use, Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) and the Beach Cities Partnership for Youth Coalition are working to raise awareness of youth substance use with information and resources that will educate our students, families and school community.

In September, the California Department of Public Health issued an alert regarding rainbow Fentanyl, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has warned of local overdose deaths caused by counterfeit narcotic pills. As a result, the Coalition is focusing on increasing community awareness, distributing the [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\) Fentanyl factsheet](#) to families of Redondo Beach Unified School District students and created a designated webpage (<https://www.bchd.org/fentanyl>). We encourage parents and guardians to use these resources to engage in open conversations with adolescents about this concerning trend.



On Tuesday, December 13 from 6-7 p.m., BCHD is hosting a community education forum, State of Our Health:

Youth and Cannabis. This virtual information session will focus on youth cannabis use, including discussion and a Q&A with a panel of experts. The event will be recorded and available to share with the community for those unable to attend.

The allcove Beach Cities center officially opened its doors November 1 and is now offering integrated and multidisciplinary services for young people ages 12 to 25. The youth wellness center is located at 514 N. Prospect Ave., 4th floor and operating with the limited hours of Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Full operation is expected by end of January 2023 and a public open house is scheduled for January 28. To learn more, visit <https://allcove.org/centers/beach-cities/> or call 310-374-5706.

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**Doris  
Donlou-  
Richmond**  
*President*

## Together For Education

During this season of Thanksgiving, we here at the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation are especially thankful for our community continuously coming together to invest in the education of our RBUSD students.

This school year, so far, has been one for the record books due to your generosity. From our incredibly successful Investor Drive blitz to the Skechers Friendship Walk bringing together our largest RBUSD Team

to date to our annual RBEF Community Classic Golf Tournament selling out in record time. This year has truly brought our RBUSD community Together For Education!

Your support of RBEF fundraising initiatives throughout the year, enables us to fund crucial programs across the district that otherwise would not exist such as Band, Vocal Music, PE, Teacher Grants, Intramural Sports, PSAT, SAT, E-Sports Teams, Robotics, CPR Training, Library Enhancements and MORE!

All of this is made possible because of YOU and for that RBEF extends our deepest gratitude. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!



**RBEF presented RBUSD with a check at the October 25 Board meeting.**





# South Bay Adult School

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**Dr. Suzanne Webb**  
Director

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## Vaping in School Age Children



**Inderpal S. Randhawa, M.D.**  
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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.

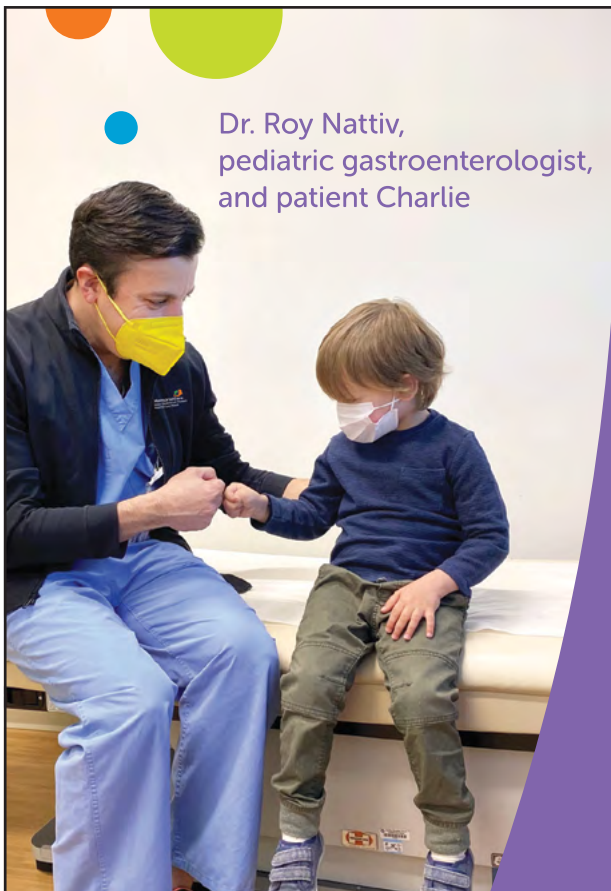
Nicotine is not the only harmful chemical that vape liquid may contain. Other harmful chemicals include:

- 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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**Heather Willoughby**  
President

### Show Your Voice: The Artistic Side of PTA

Every year, children across the state of California unleash their inner artist to participate in PTA's Reflections Art Program. Students have an opportunity to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by each year's unique theme; all while increasing community awareness of the importance of the arts in education.

- Reflections encourages students of all ages to:
- Unleash creative talents and be inspired
- Express themselves imaginatively in their artwork
- Experience the fun and joy of making art
- Tap into critical thinking skills to create art inspired by the annual theme
- Receive positive recognition for their original works of art

The Reflections Program was established in 1969 by National PTA board member Mary Lou Anderson. Since that time, more than 10 million students have participated in the program. The program's longevity and participation figures attest to its strength. The excitement and enthusiasm that the program generates for children, parents, schools and communities is unmatched.

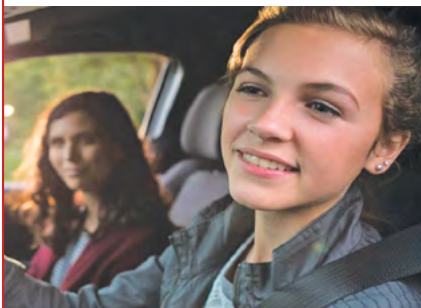
The theme for the 2022-2023 school year is "Show Your Voice" and all students are encouraged to submit original artwork in any or all of the following six areas: Dance Choreography, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Music Composition, and Visual Arts. Students may submit as many times as they like.

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## 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.

## 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.

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**Theresa Van Dusen**  
*Director*

## Always Dynamic Days

*By Stephanie Pena-Ortega*  
*Site Supervisor*

I am happy to introduce you to our wonderful Jefferson CDC Transitional Kindergarten program. This is the first year we have had TK at Jefferson and we are so excited. TK is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program and our program allows children to learn and explore in an academically enriching environment that nurtures their personal growth. Students in TK learn school routines, self-help skills, positive peer relationships, spatial awareness, improving their small and large motor skills, and have lots of fun. Our CDC teacher, Mrs. Jones, and her amazing instructional aide, Mrs. Long, always make sure the children are having exciting adventures, most recently that included a “glow party.” Their weekly lesson plans are individualized to student and class needs but most importantly they are kept excited about learning every day. It is always a dynamic day in our Transitional Kindergarten classroom.



**Glow party in CDC TK Class**



**Fun Days in CDC TK Class**



# RBUSD Alternative Education

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**Jens Brandt**  
*Principal*

## Positive School Culture

The Associated Student Body (ASB) at PDHS creates a school culture that is welcoming, engaging, and spirited!

ASB is comprised of five teams: Green Team, Tournament, Yearbook, Journalism, and Spirit. The Green Team educates fellow students on the benefits of sorting trash and recycling, maintains planters on campus, beautifies campus with recycled art, and maintains a vegetable garden, just

to name a few! The Tourney Committee organizes monthly schoolwide tournaments that promote physical activity and school spirit. Some of the games include: Basketball, Dodgeball, Ping Pong, Kickball, Soccer, and Football. The Yearbook Team helps create content, photograph events, and design the layout of the unique PDHS yearbook. The newsletter (journalism) is a new addition to ASB this year; a place where we will give monthly updates about all things Dreizler. Finally, our Spirit Team works together to highlight and celebrate our cultural diversity and fun events throughout the year!



**PDHS students and staff wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**





## Adams Middle School (6–8)

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**Dr. Tanaz Bruna**  
*Principal*

### Inclusion Week at Adams

Inclusion is defined as the action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure; or the practice of providing equal access opportunities and resources for those who may otherwise be excluded or marginalized. Inclusion is extremely important to our school community and we took a week to celebrate our diversity, built peer-to-peer connections, and provided students leadership opportunities in sports.

With a focus on inclusivity throughout the entire campus, students had the opportunity to participate in several Adams Friendship Circle Sports events – including the Home Run Derby and the Adams World Series. The Friendship Circle Sports program has two main goals - improving campus climate and providing students opportunities outside of academics. Through FC Sports, we encourage inclusion, kindness, compassion and care. Our general education students have a positive impact on our school community by participating in FC sports. Often times these are students looking to find something to connect with on campus or they may just be sports enthusiasts.



**Adams students participating side by side in the FC Sports World Series event.**



## Alta Vista *Elementary School* (K-5)

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**Karin Sato**  
*Principal*

### **AV Champions of Students: Wildcat Coaches**

The Alta Vista Community understands being a champion of students positively influences a school culture and aligns with the student first approach we have at Alta Vista Elementary. One way our community is actively being a champion is through our Wildcat Coach program.

Wildcat coaches are parents, grandparents, or a guardian of a student.

Coaches spend time on the campus during lunch recess or during PE classes. They coach students in learning positive, prosocial play. Coaches commit to one day a week, month, or semester. Students benefit from our coaches by helping with conflict resolution, self-advocacy, and engaging in play with peers. As of now, our upper grades love being able to play games they can only do when Wildcat Coaches are present such as touch football! We are excited to continue this partnership with parents and expand our Wildcat Coach program. Thank you for being for champions for our students!



**Wildcat Coach Mrs. S teaching students how to cheer.**



## Beryl Heights *Elementary School* (K-5)

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**Joshua Stern**  
*Principal*

### Beryl Cares

Beryl Heights Elementary School has a continued focus on social-emotional development. We believe in recognizing our students and teaching them how to care for each other. When we hold our weekly Town Meetings we provide opportunities for our students to be recognized by their teachers and their peers. Students are given the opportunity to become involved in our school spirit activities as well.

We also have grade-level representatives who challenge the students to show their school spirit by having each grade level cheer as loudly as possible. The student leaders then get to vote on which grade level showed the most school spirit. One student from each class is also selected to hold the American flags during our Pledge of Allegiance and Beryl Pledge. Our Beryl

students also love the occasional visit from our school mascot, Buddy the Bulldog, who comes around to give them high-fives and hugs.

As we continue to support our students' social-emotional growth, they are regularly reminded at our Town Meetings of the many ways in which they can be good citizens at school.

One example is that we teach them that we are a "Hands Off" School. They are reminded about the importance of keeping their hands to themselves, but also the importance of apologizing when accidents happen.

The students are taught two things to say when an accident happens: "I'm sorry," and, "Are you ok?" This is done to help them understand how their actions can affect someone and why it is important to think of others. At Beryl, we are proud of our students' growth and development., and we continue to nurture each student to become their best self.



**Buddy the Bulldog visits Beryl students.**



## Birney *Elementary School (K-5)*

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**Eileen Leckenby**  
*Principal*

### New Opportunities

Social and emotional learning has gained national attention after millions of students lost opportunities for socialization amid the pandemic. Luckily, RBUSD has always been ahead of the curve on supporting the whole child. At Birney, we are expanding our support of our Bobcats' social and emotional growth with new opportunities, such as our Wednesday Wellness Warriors program, where students come on campus before school begins for a yoga and mindfulness class. Research shows that students who participate in yoga develop an increase in flexibility and a strong growing body. Yoga teaches discipline and reduces impulsivity. Practicing mindfulness can help children learn how to manage stress, regulate their emotions, improve focus, and develop a positive outlook. Children who use mindfulness also develop a better understanding of how their brains work. Our counselor, Lauren Smith, and a parent volunteer, Jules Hogan-Sahay, have created this program together and already have over 75 Bobcats participating.



**Jules Hogan-Sahay, registered yoga teacher and proud Birney mom, leads the group in yoga and mindfulness.**

## Jefferson *Elementary School (K-5)*

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**Jeff Winckler**  
*Principal*

### Greener and Cleaner

Over the course of the past summer, Jefferson was fortunate enough to have to have a brand new turf field installed on campus, replacing our previous grass field. This value added project began on the last day of the 2021-22 school year and was completed at the beginning of August.

The new turf field is very environmentally friendly and will save a great deal of water over time. It also allows our students to have a safer, smoother, and more soft exercise and play surface. As well, the new turf field significantly improved the aesthetic look of our campus. Many thanks to the RBUSD School Board, as well as our Maintenance & Operations Department for prioritizing this project and making it happen.



**Jefferson students enjoying new turf field.**



# Lincoln Elementary School (K-5)

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**Marvin Brown**  
Principal

## Importance of Parent Involvement

After a 2-year hiatus, it is exciting to welcome families back on campus! It's great to see our moms, dads, guardians, and family members on campus for International Night, Town Hall meetings, and the Halloween parade. More than attending events, we love when you volunteer your time at Lincoln. There are so many programs that parents and guardians can volunteer for: Live Well garden docent,

Hands on Art, WATCH D.O.G.S./P.O.G.S., classroom volunteer, morning valet, Lego League, Battle of the Books, field trip chaperone, talent show, and PTA volunteer. We are blessed to have an amazing community of families that support Lincoln and it's extra special when our volunteers and programs are recognized. In October, the Lincoln WATCH D.O.G.S./P.O.G.S. program was featured in a FOX 11 News story highlighting the positive impact the program has on our school and our students.

Research by Anne Henderson and Karen Mapp, shows that regardless of family income or background, students whose parents are involved in their schooling are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school. We encourage all parents to get involved in our school community. It's a win-win!



Lincoln WATCH D.O.G.S. enjoying a moment with their student.

## Trees –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 RBUSD 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.

PINE	WALNUT	GRAPEFRUIT
OAK	PECAN	ELM
CHESTNUT	ALMOND	BIRCH
SYCAMORE	PEACH	OLIVE
MAPLE	PLUM	MANDARIN
APPLE	ORANGE	NECTARINE
PEAR	LEMON	

N R A E P A L M O N D R Y J  
E L M H G L A K I A Q X T T  
C H E S T N U T X O K S I W  
T H C X D N A M I B X U Q Z  
A C E A G S T R H H R T U B  
R R R P E U C F O F P I N T  
I I O P N P I N E W T L A X  
N B M L P L U P Z A F G G V  
E B A E L P A M X K Q P H M  
Y W C G V R D D H H Y Z D Q  
P A Y R G I I M I J A R O I  
N W S W O O L X H U X H G H  
Z E H O L Z R O Y D C F B B

**Congratulations to Terri Garcia**  
**Winner of our September Word Search Contest!**

## Madison Elementary School (K–5)

2200 MacKay Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8623 • [madison.rbusd.org](http://madison.rbusd.org)



**Dr. Heather Cash**  
Principal

### Madison Comets SOAR!

At least once per day, you'll see the students at Madison with their fists in the air accompanied by a resounding shout of "SOAR!" This energy boosting

refrain is fun, but more importantly it teaches the foundations of our behavior expectations at Madison. More formally, it's known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and at Madison we practice Safety, Open-Mindedness, Accountability and Respect (SOAR!) Classroom lessons, monthly Town Halls and a visit to the Comet Cash store are all opportunities to learn these essential skills in preparing every Comet for college and career success!



**SOAR at Madison Elementary School!**

## Parras Middle School (6–8)

200 N. Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8616 • [www.parrasmiddle.org](http://www.parrasmiddle.org)



**Dr. Jonathan Erickson**  
Principal

### Waverunners!

In this article, we highlight Waverunners, which is part of our intramural sports program at Parras Middle School.

Waverunners is part running club, part competitive track team. One great aspect of the program is that they have a no-cut policy, where all who show up are a part of the team! That is not possible with

the format for our other sports, and we love how inclusive this program is, and big it has grown.

A big thank you goes out to Linda Buck, a former Parras Parent who worked hard before, during, and after the pandemic to start, restart and expand this amazing program. Also to our coaches, James and Jason Lee, who been inspirational to our students throughout their time here.

Thank you, Waverunners, you are part of what Parras such an amazing school!



**6th Grade boys swept the MBMS Cross Country Meet in early October with 3rd-Place Evan Banuelos, 1st-Place Dylan Cruise, and 2nd-Place Aidan Felman**



# Redondo Union *High School*

One Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8665 • [www.redondounion.org](http://www.redondounion.org)



**Anthony Bridi**  
Principal

## Hive of Activity!

*By Molly Lower, RUHS Assistant Principal*

Welcome to Quarter 2, Sea Hawks! Or should I say, “Bee Hawks”? The Redondo Union campus has been practically buzzing with activity this quarter as we start the year off strong and celebrate the accomplishments and spirit of our school community. Whether through commitment to a club, performing arts, ASB, athletics, academics or all of the above, every Sea Hawk has a place to thrive on campus and has been hard at work to make our school proud!

Here are some highlights from October:

During Oct. 6–9, our impressive, award-winning RUHS Performing Arts crew dazzled audiences with a Broadway-caliber performance of *Chicago*! Don't miss their upcoming performances of *She Kills Monsters* from December 1–4 and *Les Misérables*, running March 24–26 and March 31–April 1.

October 12 was a whirlwind day for all! Freshmen and sophomores enjoyed a minimum day while juniors took the PSAT and seniors participated in Senior Kickoff Day, which included SAT testing, CPR certification, games, snacks and a hypnotist. Thank you to RBEF for generously funding the SAT for seniors and the PSAT for juniors on this day!

October 10–15 was a busy week for RUHS! Students and staff brought their A game each day to dress up for Spirit Week, and Friday was the busiest day of all! We had a pep rally—nothing brings the school together like watching Principal Bridi fall in the dunk tank!—supported our football team at the Homecoming game, and were the first school highlighted in the School Spirit Spotlight series on KTLA 5 News! School spirit continued to reign supreme at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night, with over 1,700 students in attendance.

As we close the books on Quarter 1 and move into Quarter 2, one thing is clear: our dedication and school spirit are unrivaled! Go Sea Hawks!



**RUHS Seniors having fun at a student rally!**

## Tulita Elementary School (K-5)

1520 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8628 • [tulita.rbusd.org](http://tulita.rbusd.org)



**Andrew Estrada**  
Principal

### Start with Hello

Hello: Such a simple word we teach our children at a young age to properly greet others. Yet, this word has the power to create a culture of connectedness and inclusivity in our schools and community.

Tulita kicked off its Start With Hello Week in September with students, teachers, parents, PTA members, district office leaders, and RBPD welcoming students with high fives and smiles. The energy created that morning continued throughout the week with other themed days and concluded with students making a pledge to be inclusive. The Tulita community rallied behind the mission of the Start With Hello campaign, which is to recognize signs of social isolation and take small, yet

powerful actions to ensure students who may feel lonely are connected to their school.

Tulita continues to strive to make our school community a place where all students feel like they matter and ensure that each and every student feels connected to our school and our community.



**Students greeted by the Tulita community!**

## Washington Elementary School (K-5)

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**Mira Baskaron**  
Principal

### Partnerships

On any given day, walking through the Washington campus will prove to showcase the wonderful educational programs that exist across campus. One will be greeted not only by smiling students but also by fantastic teachers, volunteers and the presence of our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF)!

PTA is a critical part of our enrichment program at Washington. With PTA's support, students are able to experience opportunities that support their learning. PTA supports the following student programs that would not be possible without their contributions: field trips, fund-raising for Science Camp, family nights, classroom-enrichment grants for teachers, assemblies and so many more.

PTA is continuously looking for ways to enrich student lives. These enrichment opportunities come through PTA's hard work to make it a reality for Washington students. If you have not done so already, please become a PTA member in support of Washington students and find a way to get involved in the many opportunities on campus.

RBEF is yet another wonderful organization that is hard at work to provide Washington students with many enrichment opportunities. RBEF's continued support has allowed students in grades one through four an opportunity to participate in vocal music, grade five students to participate in band, physical education teachers, teacher grants and so much more. RBUSD music teachers are allowing students into a world where teaching to the whole child is a critical part of every student's time at school. The support of the physical education teachers allows our teachers the continued professional development they need while their students are with the physical education teachers. If you have not done so already, please contribute to this wonderful organization to ensure that RBEF can continue to provide these wonderful opportunities for Washington students.

In thinking about partnerships that work, there is no doubt that the partnerships with PTA and RBEF is second to none. We are so thankful for these partnerships and the many enrichment opportunities that are provided to our students with their support. Thank you, PTA, and RBEF!