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Enrollment forms for children
who plan to enter Kindergarten/
Transitional Kindergarten for
the 2023/2024 school year
can be found at www.rbusd.org



The Redondo Beach Unified School District is excited to announce the 2023/2024 Kindergarten and New Student Enrollment. Enrollment for both Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) will officially begin Wednesday, March 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Kindergarten will be offered at all Redondo Beach Unified Elementary schools. Our Transitional Kindergarten program will be offered at Jefferson, Madison and Tulita Elementary. Students who turn five (5) on or before September 1, 2023 qualify for Kindergarten. Students born between September 2, 2018 - April 2, 2019 qualify for our Transitional Kindergarten Program. Enrollment applications can be found at www.rbusd.org effective March 1, 2023.

It is an exciting time for the Redondo Beach Unified School District as recently two of our elementary schools (Birney & Jefferson Elementary) were awarded the 2023 California Distinguished Schools Award. Schools are recognized for this award for closing the achievement gap and/or exceptional student achievement. Our teachers, administrators, and staff are committed to academic excellence, whole-child education, and quality service for our families.

For further information about Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or all other new student enrollments, please call the Educational Services Department at 310-937-1223. Individual school campus tours are available for interested families. Visit school websites for more information.

Superintendent



Dr. Nicole Wesley

Happy 2023!

The New Year reminds me of a Japanese concept, Ikigai, which I learned from a former student. It means your reason for being. In Japanese, 'Iki' means 'life' and 'gai' describes one's value or worth. Ikigai is what brings one joy, life purpose, and the inspiration to get out of bed each day. The good news, according to the Japanese, is we all have Ikigai. For some, it takes some soul searching to find it, while for others it comes easily.

As we begin a new year and continue our current school year, let us take time to reflect on our purpose and meaning as members of the RBUSD school community. Team RBUSD is committed to elevating our students' academic progress and social emotional wellbeing. Simply put, we want all students to thrive both in and out of the classroom and enjoy their experience while they journey through this amazing school district. To this end, your partnership is vital. We all have the ability to make a positive impact on our students, each other, and our community members. By working together, assuming positive intent, communicating clearly, and being kind to each other (even during difficult times), we can provide a better experience for our students. As individuals (and under Dr. Keller's leadership), we have collectively created a thriving school community. Let us keep the momentum going in 2023!

Since starting my new position, I have enjoyed meeting parents at PTA meetings. I have also had an opportunity to speak to students, which has been a personal highlight as I begin this new position. I will continue visits with parents/guardians at my Coffees, PTA meetings, and community events. I will eagerly connect with many more students. I look forward to seeing you, hearing from you, and being present with you. Being a part of the RBUSD community is my Ikigai. I hope it is yours, too!

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Special education programs are authorized by federal and state laws.

These laws require that a free and appropriate public education shall be offered in the least restrictive environment to all students identified as disabled. Through the District's Student Study Team process and other procedures, a continuous effort is made to locate and identify individuals who might qualify for special education services.

The law also provides that parents may initiate a request to have their child assessed to determine eligibility for special education and/or related services.

This request should be in writing and submitted to:

The Office of Special Education
1401 Inglewood Ave.,
Redondo Beach, CA 90278



Board of Education



Rolf Strutzenberg
Member

Math & Reading & Hands-On, Oh My!

We get so focused in school on those first two that we often forget, or just don't leave time for, the third. Hands-on is still there, and still so important for building confidence and fostering creativity that all of our students need. When I was growing up we just called it things like "shop" or "home-ec", now we use Career Technical Education or "CTE" as the catch-all description. Some of my best memories of school, and much of my success in college and actual working life, came from being able to integrate book knowledge with hands-on skills.

While some options are still offered at our own High School, much more is available to our students through our participation with the Southern California Regional Occupational Center, also referred to as SoCalROC, or just SCROC. A multitude of hands-on type courses are offered such as Fashion Design, EMT, Cosmetology, Automotive, and Welding, just to name a few. For Spring 2023 there are currently 75 classes and times available to our High School students, and all at no cost to any student that wants to enroll.

These courses are built around real world practical knowledge and application. They can be used for launching directly into a career after High School, as a stepping stone into another career, a great way to earn income while at college, as a lifelong backup in times of change, or just taken because they are a fun and rewarding experience of their own! The personal satisfaction of completing courses like these is hard to find anywhere else.

Your school counselors can give you more information and details on what is available. Schedules and what classes are currently offered can also be found on the website socalroc.com and campus tours are being arranged. There is no obligation to complete multiple classes in a series, the choices are yours! These are the types of courses that can change your life in a great way, they certainly did for me, or at the very least build life-long confidence and ability to take on new challenges.

2023 Board of Education Meeting Dates

February 14
February 28
March 14
March 28
April 4

April 25*
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27

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

*** Due to holiday/local holiday schedule,
only one Regular Board meeting in April 2023.**

Beach Cities Community Forum on Fentanyl



Thursday
February 9th, 2023
5:30 – 7 p.m.

Redondo Union High
School Auditorium
1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach



Sebastian Martin
Director of Recovery at
New Life House



Dr. Moe Gelbart
Executive Director, Thelma McMillen Center at
Torrance Memorial and Director of
Behavioral Health, Torrance Memorial



Paul LeBaron
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Police Department



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Beach Cities Health District

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Emory Chen
Director
Youth Services

Beach Cities Community Fight Against Fentanyl

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is continuing substance use prevention education efforts in response to public health alerts issued at the start of the school year concerning rainbow fentanyl and local overdose deaths caused by counterfeit narcotic



Beach Cities
Health District

pill. In partnership with South Bay Families Connected, BCHD is hosting the Beach Cities Community Forum on Fentanyl on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Redondo Union High School Auditorium (1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277).

This in-person event targeting secondary school-aged students and their families will include a film screening of “Dead on Arrival,” a fentanyl documentary by Dominic Tierno and Christine Wood as well as a moderated panel

discussion. Panelists include Dr. Moe Gelbart, Director of Behavioral Health and Executive Director of the Thelma McMillen Center at Torrance Memorial Medical Center; Chief Paul LeBaron, Hermosa Beach Police Department; and Sebastian Martin, Director of Recovery at New Life House. Register online at www.bchd.org/fentanyl.

Additional community resources for young people ages 12 to 25 that include substance use prevention services are now available at allcove Beach Cities. The new center that has been designed with, by and for youth aims to reduce stigma, embrace mental wellness, increase

community connection and provide access to support. The center is located at BCHD’s campus, 514 N. Prospect Ave., 4th floor and is open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more, visit <https://allcove.org/centers/beach-cities/> or call 310-374-5706.

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This is our 17th year publishing the excellence from RBUSD. We began under the leadership of Dr. Keller and now the Dr. Wesley continues the positive momentum going. As she states in her message on page 3, communication is important. Our mission statement is Education+ Communication=A Better Nation. We are pleased to provide a venue of communicating from the classrooms. There have been many changes in the past 17 years, but focus on student's success has been the constant.

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

If you are planning your child's activities, on pages 21 - 28 you will find many choices from music to surfing to volleyball. We have included student book reviews and word search contests (pages 20 & 26).

You may want to find a comfy chair and plan to read awhile...

Our next issue is May 3.

Happy Valentine's Day



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Heather Willoughby
President

Happy Birthday PTA

Founder's Day, February 17, is when we celebrate the legacy and work of our founders, Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler — to improve the lives of all children and families.

Founders' Day is a time to reflect and take pride in our achievements, and renew our commitment to be:

- a powerful voice for all children;
- a relevant resource for parents; and
- a strong advocate for public education.



This year we are celebrating 126 years of working on behalf of children and families. Our history informs our work. But Today's PTA is vibrant and active and includes a network of millions of families, students, teachers and community members advocating for all children, youth and families.

PTA is the premier legacy association for children, families, and education. PTA is invested in the whole child and advocates on their behalf. California State PTA reaches millions of parents and families through members, coalitions and partnerships and has a history of landmark advocacy. PTA focuses on social and educational programs that inspire an importance on family engagement in all schools and communities.

In recent years, California State PTA has been a force for change in bringing light to funding issues and ensuring that family engagement and community voice have a place at the table where funding decisions are made. PTA is building ways to ensure that family engagement is never overlooked and is providing training on its importance in and out of the classroom.

Thank you Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler for your dedication to improve the lives of all children and families. This month we celebrate you!

Redondo Beach Educational Foundation

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Doris Donlou-Richmond
President

Together for Education

As you closed out 2022 and rang in the new year, we hope you had time to enjoy the people, places and things that are important to you. For some families, that was time away to a special place, making memories that will last a lifetime. For others, that was a chance to slow down at home and cook a meal that means something to them. For us here at RBEF, we looked back on 2022 and were grateful that we have such amazingly strong partnerships.

We partner with the Redondo Beach Unified School District, with parents and families, with the community and with our business partners.

One of the highlights of the fall for us, was standing side-by-side with our PTA partners welcoming students back to campuses at registration. Our ongoing partnership with school-site and district-wide PTAs is one that we truly cherish. Our schools would not serve the students and families of Redondo Beach without a strong collaboration between RBEF and PTA.

RBEF looks forward to continuing to work with all of our partners, and joining forces with new partners, to come Together for Education.



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Spot the Signs of Congenital Heart Disease



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Congenital heart disease, or a congenital heart defect, is a heart abnormality present at birth, which can affect the heart walls, valves and blood vessels. Congenital heart defects can range from simple conditions with no symptoms, to complex defects with severe, life-threatening symptoms.

What Causes Congenital Heart Disease? Congenital heart disease is caused by a developmental problem in the heart's structure early on in pregnancy. Researchers have not been able to find the exact cause for why the heart fails to develop correctly, but some suspected causes include:

- Heart defects running in the family
- Illness in the mother during pregnancy (diabetes, viral infection)

What are the Symptoms of Congenital Heart Disease? To make sure your child receives the care they need as soon as possible, it's important to identify the signs and symptoms of congenital heart disease. Symptoms can start as soon as they are born or can appear later in life.

Symptoms in infancy include:

- Loss of healthy skin color

- Cyanosis (pale gray or blue coloring of the skin)
- Swelling in legs, abdomen or around the eyes
- Shortness of breath during feedings
- Fast or difficulty breathing
- Poor or slow weight gain

In Older children, symptoms can include:

- Becoming tired easily during exercise or activity
- Shortness of breath that occurs easily during exercise or activity
- Fluid in the heart or lungs
- Swelling in the hands, ankles or feet
- Chest pain, heart racing or fainting

If your child or teenager is in sports, signs of lethargy or the inability to keep up could be signs of congenital heart disease.

What Should I Do if My Child Starts Showing Symptoms? If your child starts to show any of the symptoms mentioned above, talk with your doctor to see if your child has a congenital heart defect. You may even be referred to the Children's Heart Institute at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach where we provide total prenatal, infant, pediatric and young adult heart care for patients with congenital or acquired heart disease. For more information, visit millerchildrens.org/heart.



Charly, Age 17



It takes a village.

Charly suffered a fall while biking — a severe brain trauma that threatened his life. Until Miller Children's & Women's Hospital helped his brain heal. Our therapists helped him walk and talk again and our highly specialized pediatric team dedicated themselves to his recovery. Because we knew, to lift Charly back up again, it would take a village. So when we watched Charly walk the stage at high school graduation — supported by his physical therapist — we knew he'd only keep going.

Learn more.

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Jens Brandt
Principal

Hands on Art at PDHS

As always, our Dreizler family of students, staff, teachers, and families is very thankful for our partnership with PTSA. One of our favorite aspects, of the many PTSA contributions, is the Hands on Art program. A few of our art students have the opportunity to participate in service learning,

as they train alongside docent volunteers, and come back to campus to teach art lessons to their peers. This experience provides tangible ways to practice public speaking, gain confidence, and learn teamwork. Students always enjoy learning from their peers and for our art teacher, it's an engaging day to observe and work alongside them. The volunteer students participate in a least four workshop and teaching days, presenting an array of pre-established art projects by Hands on Art. We also take great pride in displaying the art on campus and at our district office. Thank you to our friends from Hands on Art and PTSA!



PDHS students display their owl projects with delight!

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Dr. Susan Wildes
Assistant
Superintendent

Partnerships Matter

Throughout the Redondo Beach Unified School District, Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) provide the opportunities and funding for our students to discover and engage with their passions. One such passion that ignites in our elementary schools is learning to play a musical instrument. The generosity of our PTAs provides our students with engaging

assemblies, wherein students of all ages are immersed in musical and dance experiences that represent a variety of cultures and languages. The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation provides significant funding for elementary vocal and instrumental music instruction. The direct instruction that our students receive sets them on a learning pathway through middle and high school; whether that be musical theatre, choir, marching band, jazz band, or concert band. Students form life-long connections with peers and musical mentors all thanks to the generosity of our families and community, and the commitment to whole-child education by RBEF.



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Theresa Van Dusen
Director

Family-School Partnerships

By Lila Osipov, Site Supervisor

When families, schools, and communities work together as partners, the combined engagement becomes a powerful strategy that enhances student achievement and better prepares our students for the future. The PTA and RBEF are two educational organizations that work with all families to reach shared goals. Every year at Washington, RBEF and PTA collaborate with

our Child Development Program to involve our parents. They go out of their way to reach out to our working parents even setting up a station and being available for parents as they drop off their children in the early morning hours. Parents are excited for the opportunity and convenience to shop for all of their school spirit gear and even join if they haven't yet done so. By developing a closer relationship with parents, the school develops a positive reputation in the community. Our Child Development families are so grateful for both organizations and all the fantastic programs they support. Go Explorers!



RBEF Site Advocate and Washington PTA Treasurer, Tana Everhart at Early Morning Drop Off.

South Bay Adult School

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Dr. Suzanne Webb
Director

Project-based Learning

South Bay Adult School (SBAS) is proud to highlight our Adult Basic Education (ABE) Writing Academy Program. During Fall 2022 term, students used the writing skills learned in class (constructing sentences, paragraphs, and essays; grammar, punctuation, organization, and clarity of thought) to write, direct, and produce a play entitled, "The Robbery." Student wrote during class time (guided by their teacher) and rehearsed lines

during breaks. Students also made their own costumes and make-up. Instructor, Mrs. Bilquis Ahmed, creates her lessons based on student interest so that students are genuinely and passionately engaged in learning. ABE – Writing Academy and ABE – Math Academy help students hone skills geared toward successfully passing the High School Diploma Program and GED exam.

SBAS offers open enrollment for ABE - Writing Academy, ABE Math Academy, High School Diploma, GED Preparation, and Citizenship classes. Visit southbayadult.org for more information.



The South Bay Adult School Adult Basic Education (ABE) Cast.

Adams Middle School (6–8)

2600 Ripley Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8636 • www.adamsmiddle.org



Dr. Tanaz Bruna
Principal

Can't Do Without You!

We'd like to take a minute to recognize the parent-volunteers part of a dynamic duo: our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF). We would not be able to provide our students with the educational experience they receive without the support of these two organizations.

Our PTSA provides students and teachers with learning material, guest speakers, field trips, newsletters, Hands-on Art and grade-level events, like Greek Fest. This is not to mention the countless volunteer hours! We are also thankful for RBEF. The foundation supports districtwide programs that include teacher mini-grants, music education, STEM-related programs and intramural sports.

This year, RBEF supported the Friendship Foundation's Pier to Pier Friendship Walk and gave back a portion of every walker's registration fee through a grant to each school site. Adams is excited to use this additional funding to support social-emotional supports for students as well as transportation for field trips. This year, Adams was able to beat our registered walker goal, and because of this, our administrative team recorded a TikTok dance for our students to enjoy. We appreciate all who walked for Team Adams!

We thank our community for supporting both these organizations. Parent volunteers who are dedicated to our school run both organizations, and we feel a deep sense of gratitude for these two organizations that go beyond to support our entire school!

Alta Vista Elementary School (K–5)

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Karin Sato
Principal

We Are Better Together

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." There is evidence in this statement at Alta Vista. PTA and RBEF collaborate with our school to ensure that our Wildcats develop into strong leaders who are inclusive, innovative and good humans. Educating the whole child is only possible through the incredible commitment and passion of our PTA and RBEF. Because of PTA, we are able to

provide students with Wellness programs such as Run Club, assemblies such as the Planetarium and opportunities to be innovative and inclusive with events such as Kid's Marketplace and Multicultural Night.

RBEF provides many of our student's classroom experiences, from teacher educational grants to supplementary programs such as music, PE, and band.

PTA and RBEF invest in every child and commit to making every student's experience a great one. Together, we are able to cultivate diverse perspectives, strengths, and interests.



Bridget McVerry, PTA President



Ricki Caldevilla (right), RBEF Liaison

Beryl Heights *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Joshua Stern
Principal

Beryl Goes Yellow

Beryl Heights Elementary continues to show that we care. We returned from Winter Break refreshed and ready to continue our development of Social-Emotional Learning. This showed through in the Great Kindness Challenge (in conjunction with Yellow Ribbon week).

Our students started off the week of January 16th celebrating Martin Luther King Junior holiday by also finding ways to celebrate kindness and be kind to themselves. Students were reminded each morning about how to be kind to one another. During our

morning exercises, announcements were made by our student council leaders reminding students to “Be Kind to yourself” and “Show Gratitude.” On Wednesday, students were reminded of the power of words. They were told by their student leaders to be “Upstanders” and take the time to use words that uplift one another.

As the week continued, we all wore yellow and committed random acts of kindness. Finally on Friday at our Town Meeting, our Student council reminded us of the importance of praising others with Compliment Day.

At Beryl, we take pride in taking steps to be kind to one another. This week of kindness was a welcome reminder of the power of positive interactions with one another.



Week of kindness at Beryl Elementary.

Birney Elementary School (K-5)

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Eileen Leckenby
Principal

Core Memories

One of my favorite parts about the movie “Inside Out” is the idea of core memories. It is fascinating to consider what experiences are shaping our children’s values and perspectives. What will they remember when they look back on their elementary school experience?

I am confident that Birney students will have no shortage of core memories to draw from, many of which our generous PTA and RBEF provides. Some things that PTA has

made possible this year at Birney include Movie Night, a thrilling BMX assembly, 3rd grade field trip to the George F Canyon Nature Preserve, scholarships to 5th Grade Science Camp, Trunk or Treat, Hands on Art, Garden and Nutrition lessons, a gaga pit for the yard, and Multicultural Night. RBEF has funded music and PE, two highlights of students’ weekly experiences at school. Birney students are lucky to have a PTA and RBEF that is dedicated to enriching their elementary school experience. These joyful moments shape our children’s lives. Thank you, Birney PTA and RBEF, for all the core memories you make happen!



Birney PTA gifted a Bobcat mascot costume to enhance school spirit.



Jefferson *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Jeff Winckler
Principal

Supporting Success

The valuable educational experiences that both the PTA and RBEF provide help Jefferson and RBUSD go beyond what most other schools do for their students. The Jefferson PTA is responsible for a number of events, assemblies, and fieldtrips such as the Jog-a-Thon, the Spring Carnival, and Multicultural Night which is coming up on February 2nd. Programs and events such as these provide unique opportunities

that enrich the lives of students and enhance our school community. As well, RBEF plays an integral part in helping support student success across the grade levels. RBEF supports our schools by contributing to such programs as teacher grants, Vocal Music for Grades 1-4, Instrumental Band for Grade 5, and Physical Education for Grades 1-5. Together the partnership between the PTA, RBEF, and our school makes a significant difference in the lives of Jefferson students every day. As a community, we are grateful to have the support of each organization.



Jefferson students with Mr. Winckler sharing some smiles for PTA and RBEF.

Lincoln Elementary School (K-5)

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Marvin Brown
Principal

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

The Lincoln Lion community would like to thank the Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and the Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF), for providing us with outstanding school-wide educational opportunities that would not otherwise exist. Under the leadership of PTA President Michelle Freifeld, our PTA has 100 percent membership with 603 members strong!

We are fortunate to have a large number of parents who volunteer their time and effort to ensure that our students will have a wonderful experience while attending Lincoln Elementary. Their support for our school comes in many different ways. The PTA provides enrichment funds for educational field trips, teacher grants, International Night, Movie Night, Lincoln Talent Show, fun assemblies for

students (BMX and Science Guy), Kinder Music, Hands-on Art, Reflections, student communication folders, staff appreciation meals, and much more!

Lincoln has also benefited greatly from the Redondo Beach Education Foundation's work to raise money to help our school. As a result of their fund-raising efforts, led by Executive Director Kristi Bieber and Lincoln representative Stephane Ernoux, our Lincoln teachers received over \$13,000 in teacher grants last year. The RBEF has provided funds for Literacy for All Learners, Culinary Kids, and the amazing music and band programs for our grade 1-5 students.

The PTA's and RBEF's efforts have helped Lincoln continue to offer wonderful experiences and a quality education for our students. The Lincoln Community would like to say "Thank you" to the RBEF and PTA for all that they do for our students. We couldn't do it without your help!



Lincoln Lion appreciation!

Madison *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Dr. Heather Cash
Principal

Music at Madison School

This month we'd like to show our appreciation for Mrs. Anne Reinking and Ms. Samantha Vuong, our Madison music and band teachers. Music education is funded in our schools through RBEF, the Redondo Beach Education Foundation. Madison parents were delighted with the quality, musicality, harmony and pure joy of a recent

culminating performance by our 4th grade students. Each year, 5th graders pick up an instrument for the very first time and promote to 6th grade as musicians! It's a beautiful sound to behold, for sure. Mrs. Reinking and Ms. Vuong are planting the seeds of love of music for future musicians and music appreciation. Thank you, Redondo Beach Education Foundation!



Madison students participate in school's music program.

Parras Middle School (6–8)

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Dr. Jonathan Erickson
Principal

Happy Birthday, Parras PTSA!

This is a special year for the Parras PTSA, as it is our 70th anniversary! For 70 years parents and students have given countless hours of volunteer support, and funded meaningful events every year, like the Digital Wellness assembly we had in January this year.

The Parras PTSA helps organize all sorts of other educational and enriching events

for our students, families and staff. We have Hands on Art, Greek Day, Renaissance Day, and so much more thanks to their support.

Remember, PTSA is not just part of our community, it can be our whole community! That is right—anyone can join as a member, and while we have already done well for our membership this year, it is never too late to join. And of course, we would love to see you moving and grooving at our upcoming 70's party celebrating this special anniversary year.



Parras appreciates PTSA and RBEF!

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Anthony Bridi
Principal

Lots to Offer!

Sea Hawks, welcome to Semester 2! With Semester 1 in the bag—or backpack, as it were—this is a great time to not only review your academic habits but also look around our beautiful campus to see if you are taking full advantage of what our school has to offer. With the generous support of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Redondo Beach Education Foundation (RBEF), Redondo Union is able to provide experiences and support for students and help our school community soar.

You are likely familiar with our PTSA, but did you know just how extensive and inclusive their support for our students is? In November, a college visit for our AVID students was made possible by PTSA. Our AVID program empowers college-bound students to reach their full potential, and visits to local college campuses are vital to help students formulate specific goals for their college futures. PTSA funded the buses that ensured that our college-focused Sea Hawks arrived at their campus visits safely and on time.

Also in November, RUHS welcomed back Hands on Art, a PTSA-sponsored effort by volunteers to provide students with opportunities for creative expression in a variety of styles. The second project of the school year, The Colors of Snow, took place in January and was a huge success! Most recently, on Jan. 10, the PTSA highlighted our high-achieving students with Academic Letter Night. Juniors

who have earned a 3.5 GPA and seniors who have sustained a 3.5 GPA since junior year were honored with letters or pins and a Bridi handshake!

Perhaps you heard that RBEF made a splash this year with the Skechers Walk in October. They helped RUHS reach 554 walkers, our highest total ever! But perhaps you have not heard how RBEF is hard at work supporting our school in myriad other ways. With RBEF grant funding, our teacher on special assignment (TOSA), Ms. Wimer, connects students with robust academic supports to ensure that each one has the opportunity to thrive at RUHS. In November, the Innovative Teacher Mini-Grant funded creative ideas from our staff to help students become college ready. Some exciting ideas include new sound equipment for our Theater Arts Program and scholarship funding for students who develop top business projects in our Business Pathway!

Speaking of scholarships, the Class of 2023 is collaborating with RBEF to establish the first-ever RBEF/RUHS Senior Class Memorial Scholarship, an opportunity to provide scholarships for next year's seniors. Our outstanding Class of 2023 exceeded expectations, providing 79 individual donations totaling \$2,586! We are grateful to our seniors and RBEF for working together to establish a foundation for success for future Sea Hawks!

RUHS encourages you to become an active participant in PTSA and RBEF to help extend their generosity and kindness. With the support of PTSA and RBEF, Redondo Union students flourish!



Principal Bridi with RUHS Academic Letter and Pin recipients.

Tulita Elementary School (K-5)

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Andrew Estrada
Principal

Dynamic Duo - PTA & RBEF

A famous quote says, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This quote reminds me of the hard work that is consistently evident in RBUSD by two outstanding organizations: The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF) and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

RBEF has become an invaluable resource for Tulita and RBUSD, providing funds for programs that otherwise might not be offered otherwise to support physical education, arts, and college and career readiness. This year, RBEF also funded Tulita's First Lego

League robotics teams which promote engineering and teamwork skills. Our Tulita PTA enriches the educational experiences we provide at Tulita in numerous ways including classroom volunteering, assemblies, field trips, Hands on Art, Family STEM Night, Family Art Night, Western Night, book fairs, jog-a-thons, and several other community events.

Both organizations have one mission – to enhance the educational experiences (y)our children are getting within RBUSD. To show your love for Redondo Beach students, please support PTA by making sure you are a member and donate to RBEF. Volunteer when you can and be a part of our successful school community.



Tulita Robowaves working on robot-building thanks to RBEF's support

Washington Elementary School (K-5)

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Mira Baskaron
Principal

The PTA and RBEF is Enriching Lives!

What would we do without these wonderful organizations that fund so many of the enrichment programs on our Washington campus?

The PTA continues to provide our students with enrichment opportunities in the arts by funding Hands-on Art. Additionally, the PTA also supports the following student programs that would not be possible

without their contributions: field trips, family nights, classroom enrichment grants for teachers, STEAM Night, Multicultural Night, Family Dance, and so much more.

Our PTA is continuously looking for new ways to enrich our students' lives as well. These opportunities come through the members' hard work to help make this a reality for our Washington students. If you have not done so already, please become a PTA member in support of our students.

The RBEF is yet another wonderful organization that is hard at work in providing our Washington students with many enriching opportunities. Continued support of the RBEF has allowed the students in grades 1-5 to participate in a music program, have access to physical education teachers, and so much more.

The teachers who provide music instruction to our students are allowing them an opportunity into a world that might not exist if it weren't for the RBEF! The support for our physical education teachers also allows them to have the continued professional development they need to help their students succeed. If you have not done so already, please contribute to this wonderful organization so that it can continue to provide these great opportunities for our Washington students.

The students at Washington are so fortunate to have these two organizations working hard on their behalf. They can always be assured that they are receiving so many wonderful and enriching opportunities. Thank you, PTA and RBEF!

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Congratulations to Samuel Alpert
Winner of our November Word Search Contest!

South Bay Hands On Art

South Bay Hands on Art 2022-23

By Jessica Wong and Michelle Herrera,
2022-2023 Co-Chairs

South Bay Hands on Art 2022-23 is off to a fantastic start! Our docents have taught two projects to the students of



Redondo Beach thus far - City Perspective by Chris Mason and Owls in the Neighborhood by Kaye Furlong - that have been enthusiastically received, and Colors of Snow, a watercolor project by Birgit Snodgrass, rolls into classrooms this month. Planning for next school year also begins this month, with our Design Committee and the South Bay Art Alliance working hand-in-hand to plan an art show of prospective projects for next year.

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David's Review



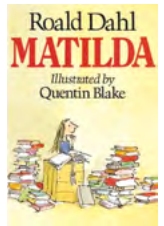
David H.

Smart and Funny

Title: *Matilda*

Author: Roald Dahl

Matilda is a book about an intelligent girl whose parents neglect her. When she starts going to school, she meets a nice and caring teacher, Miss Honey. Matilda



later discovers that she has a special talent. What is her special talent? You should read the book not just to find out but also if you want to laugh! The things that Matilda does throughout the book were funny and the author's writing is hilarious. This is one of my favorite books and I'm sure it will be yours too!

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

Daniel's Review



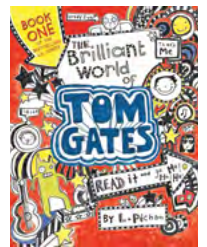
Daniel H.

Very Funny Book!

Title: *The Brilliant World of Tom Gates*

Author: Liz Pichon

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates is about a boy named Tom. Tom and his best friend Derek are in a band called Dog Zombies



and they both want to go to a Dude3 concert but Tom has many silly problems to deal with. Read this book to see what happens and to laugh out loud! This book is very funny and has really funny pictures. I loved this book and can't wait to read the other books in this series!

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.



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Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

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.



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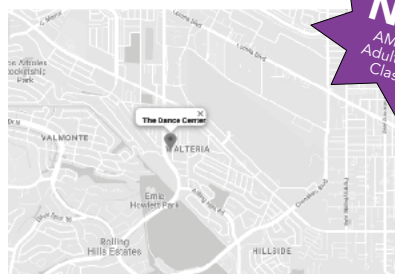
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Aubtin's Review



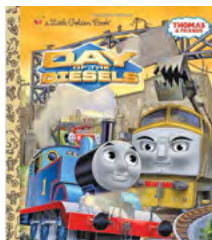
Aubtin M.

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.

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Hard work and Dedication

"I've Got This!" is book 1 of 8 in the *Perfect Balance Gymnastics Series* by Melissa Torres. The story is about Trista Thompson, a young tumbler who has just moved to Utah and



wants to join a competitive gymnastics team. Since she is great at tumbling, she believes she can quickly and easily learn all gymnastics skills. Can she learn gymnastics skills quickly? What does it take for Trista to be part of the team? Will she be good enough to join the team?

I like all of the books in the *Perfect Balance Gymnastics Series*, especially this one. As a competitive gymnast, reading this book at the start of my new gymnastics season encourages me to try new skills and work harder to improve my existing skills. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars and would highly recommend it to anyone who loves gymnastics or wants to explore the world of gymnasts.

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.

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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.

Sourish's Review



Sourish M.

The Hidden Leader Within

Have you met someone you haven't seen in a while, especially one close to you? Well this book, *The Traveler*, talks about the main character Aramar Thorne who is shocked by the sudden



emergence of his father Captain Greydon Thorne. Greydon takes Aramar on a journey with him but after several months, the ship is attacked by the raiders known as the Hidden. It left Aramar and Second Mate Makasa Flitwill all alone to lead themselves back home. The many questions that Aramar had was about the special compass that his father had given to him right before the shipwreck. Little did he know that the compass was the key to something greater than him. *The Traveler* offers a magnificent roller coaster ride in emotions and is overall a really great book. It displays the message of using leadership skills and knowledge when the time comes. You have to Endure...

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.

Taegyung's Book Review



Taegyung K.

Make-Believe World

Title: *Where the Sidewalk Ends*

Author: Shel Silverstein

I'll give you a moment to think about it. Where else will you find a boy who ate the world, or a world with flying shoes? Well of course not here, but it exists in Shel Silverstein's



"Where the Sidewalk Ends". A book full to the brim with poems. Don't get me wrong. They're not just a handful of boring words, they have a meaning of their own. Some teach you lessons, some are intriguing, and others are there for the good old laugh out loud. But whichever one you read; they all have something to enjoy. The illustrations on some of them are spot on, showing the reader what this poem has in store for them. There are no boundaries of imagination in these poems, the only way is up. So, if you're looking for the next sister auction or some diamond gardens, look no further than this book.

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

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Tegan's Book Review



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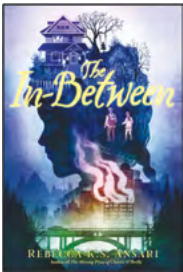
Mysterious Saves

The In-Between, a captivating fiction written by Rebecca Ansari, revolves around the complicated life of Cooper, a teenage boy living in a poor household, with the

absence of a father. As a strange new neighbor; a young girl named “Elena” moves in alone, Cooper and his younger sister Jess start to investigate the secrets she hides.

While Cooper and Jess realize that Elena has been the ignored figure that saved one juvenile’s life each mass incident, they fail to quickly recognize that Elena herself has to die painfully and wake up only to repeat the process. Cooper and Jess introduce themselves into the dark world where the mysterious girl is trapped in between life and death, and make it their mission to save Elena. Readers are taught the importance of remembering the forgotten and what it means to be seen. All in all, I rate this novel 5/5.

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



Yoona's Review



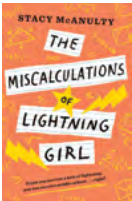
Yoona C.

The Math Girl

Title: *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Author: Stacy McAnulty

The main character’s name is Lucy. Lucy was struck by lightning. She loves math, and is actually a genius with math! Lucy most of all loves pi. If she doesn’t sit, stand 3 times pi appears and keeps going in her head. Lucy is homeschooled and lives with her Grandmother. She is ready to go to college, but her grandmother insists and forces her to go to middle school for at least 1 year. Her grandmother says to make 1 friend, join one activity, and read one book. Later on, the school has a project where you have to help places, or people in need. Lucy and her friends plan to help a dog shelter. She later finds a dog named Cutie Pi and instantly falls in love. Lucy’s Grandmother soon finds a school that is good for her intelligence, but she’s not sure if she wants to go...Does Lucy decide to leave the school and friends? I like this book because there are a lot of changes in this book, which makes it more interesting.



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

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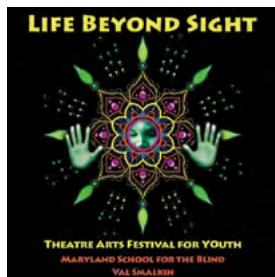


Kate Karp

Life Beyond Sight

What does it mean “to see”?

When you say, “Do you see?” you’re not referring to eyesight but to understanding, and that’s what the songs on *Life Beyond Sight* are about. The CD is the product of a self-advocacy workshop that produced songs written and sung by students from the Maryland School of the Blind. The opener, “Not with My Eyes,” is a blunt challenge to people who make themselves feel good through the pretext of helping someone whom they see as “disabled”: “You’d like to help a blind girl, pretend that you’re my friend. I see your truth, but not with my eyes.”



That may sound harsh, but it’s what self-advocacy sounds like for someone who won’t accept labels or insincerity.

The collection gives expression to discomfort, fears, absolute joy and sharing gifts. The students sing of those gifts in “Dance to Freedom;” they see with other senses and through their thoughts.

“Lifeboat to Sanity” describes the insecurity of two individuals on either side of the sighted shore and how music carries them across the bridge they can build. The instrumental track of “Not with My Eyes” stands alone as melancholy-infused jazz, and “Bach Invention in C Major” is a virtuoso performance performed by 14-year-old student Alex Kern.

“You are limited by the things you see—you don’t have the gift that was given to me.” No matter how you see, this collection brings light and understanding. [It can be ordered here](#) or [downloaded here](#).

Back to the Land

“Now don’t get me wrong—it takes more than a song.” This lyric from the title song of Hot Peas ’N Butter’s latest CD is a call to action to everyone on Earth.

At first listen, *Back to the Land* is a folksy, earthy collection for children, but the songs travel beyond music to mentorship. The title song is a twangy anthem for sustaining the mother planet. The vocalists invoke Arctic glacier melting and rising tides and count off the ways to help: clean, renewable energy and saving coral reefs are just a couple of them.

As with all their recordings, the Peas sing out a theme with a diversity of musical genres. The selections comprise a lively, “rootsy” mix of bluegrass, African and American folk, Dixieland and jazz. They’re performed by master musicians, including Peter Yarrow, whom some of you will remember from Peter, Paul and Mary.

“Come and Go with Me to That Land” is a New Orleans-jazz spiritual of hope; “Rainbow in Your Eyes” introduces colors to very young children and early English-language learners, and is a guaranteed earworm; “Little Fox,” which is catchy as all get-out, is a bluegrass-fiddle mountain ballad about a fox whose dinner plans are foiled, albeit temporarily. “*Funga Alafia*” is a Nigerian song of welcome, sung in the Yoruba language by gospel vocalist Marcelle Davies Lashley, who was raised in New York by her native African parents.

Back to the Land tells listeners that every day must be Earth Day, both for the survival of the planet and harmony



Songs Across the Pond

Could you use something light and friendly?

Children’s musician Brady Rymer and his English counterpart, David Gibb—from across the pond, you see—have teamed up for some lively ditties. It started when Mr. Gibb wrote a letter to Mr. Rymer telling him how much he enjoyed his music—soon, they went from pen pals to Zoom buddies, remotely writing songs about friendship, food, vocabulary and each other’s country’s music.

Title tune “Across the Pond” is the first song they wrote together, leapfrogging as one wrote a verse or a chorus and the other wrote the next one. Your Zoom classroom or your own family might try this for fun!

“Two Towns” describes the differences between and

similarities of a typical U.S. city. You’ll get the idea of “Roundabouts” if you’ve been in a traffic circle in the States—Long Beach and Orange both have one. “You Say This, I Say That” tells us whether we’re pushing a stroller or a pram and whether we need to use the loo or the bathroom!

And if “You Say This, I Say That” brings the Beatles to mind, you’re right on track. “Living in a Beatles Song” is a patchwork of phrases from Fab Four tunes, and the singers also sing songs by England’s Cat Stevens and the U.S.’s Sam Cooke.

The catchy “Summertime Soul” celebrates Mr. Gibb’s favorite season and Mr. Rymer’s favorite chord progression. You’ll want to sing along, and you can—printable lyrics to all the songs can be found [on this link](#).

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

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