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## More Adventures Await!



**Anita Chu**  
*Superintendent*

The school year 2022-23 has indeed been full of exciting adventures. Though the school year is approaching its end, our passion and commitment to creating impactful adventures have not subsided. The next few months will be filled with amazing learning adventures for all ages.

### An Enriching Journey to the East!

Teams of student medalists in state-level competitions will be journeying to the East Coast, as state representatives, to participate in the National History Day and International Academic Competitions. The Garvey community is extremely proud of these remarkable student leaders, their outstanding achievement, and most importantly, their perseverance and diligence. We trust that this enriching adventure will leave a memorable mark in their growth journey.

### A Fun Learning Summer for Students!

Our students will have a fun learning summer. The District has designed a variety of summer programs for students with different needs, including intervention, dual language, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). 6th through 8th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a college camp sponsored by the East Los Angeles College. Additionally, through the partnership with Woodcraft Rangers, all students can participate in a six-week full-day summer camp that offers a variety of interest clubs, including robotics, dance, sports, and arts. Together, these district



and partnership programs will engage over one-third of our student population in an exciting summer adventure.

### A Community of Learning Leaders for Staff!

Teachers and support staff will have an engaging summer too! More than twenty topics of professional development will be offered to staff. Topics cover a wide range of focus areas, including curriculum and instructional strategies, assessments, social-emotional wellness, behavioral support, CPR, and safety. All of the professional development offerings are designed to empower our staff and build the capacity in attaining their individual and collective goals. As a community of learning leaders, staff will experience joint adventures in expanding their knowledge.

For the Garvey community, indeed, MORE INSPIRING, INNOVATIVE, & IMPACTFUL ADVENTURES AWAIT!

Please visit our schools' and the District's websites at [www.gesd.us](http://www.gesd.us) to learn more about our programs and services in supporting our students, and community and partnership opportunities.



**A Fun Learning Summer for Students!**



**Kay Coop**  
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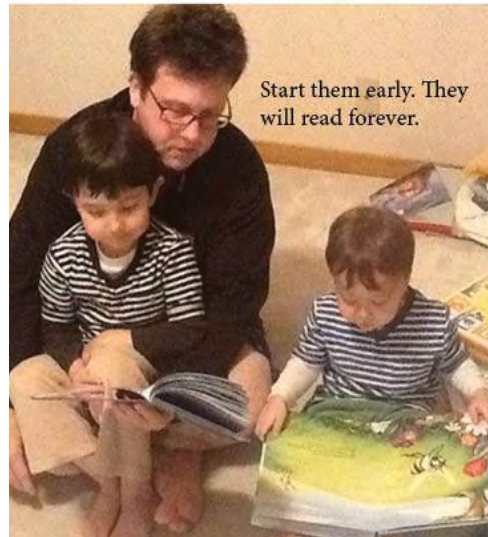
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Superintendent Chu begins this issue with her message on page 3. It is wonderful the District has a variety of summer programs available for students.

We had so many entries last issue that we have included two word search contests in this issue on page 16 (all ages may enter).

Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your activity choices.

Our next issue is November 1.



Start them early. They will read forever.

## CELEBRATE BIGGER SAVINGS

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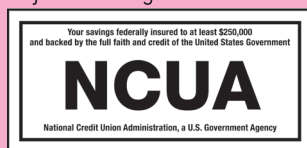
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## Head Start / State Preschool

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**Dr. Sandra Gonzalez**  
Director

### High-Quality Start and Strong Finish

The Child Development program is thankful for another successful school year filled with stimulating, fun, and developmentally appropriate instruction and school readiness services to the community's youngest. One of the significant highlights of the year is celebrating the department's continued expansion of services to serving children birth to five in both home-based and center-based services. The growth

of our department enables us to reach so many more children and families in the community. This included the opening of Marshall Early Education Center and providing quality services to toddlers in a safe and healthy learning environment. Another highlight is the ability to ensure that every child receives high-quality instruction to support children in reaching their full potential. Through high level interactions and hands-on activities, children in our program thrive and are completely ready to enter Kindergarten classes with a strong foundation.



# Arlene Bitely *Elementary School*

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**Bonnie Landry**  
*Principal*

## Wow, What a Year!

As the school year comes to a quickly-approaching close, our Bitely staff has been reflecting on all we've been able to accomplish this year. Not only have our students continued to progress and make gains in academics, but also have been continuously impressing us with their strength of character and overall kindness.

Thanks to the work of Mrs. Rodnuson, our school counselor, and our Social-Emotional Learning Team, Ms. Terracina, Ms. Cheung, Ms. Felix, and Ms. Hum, in January, we re-launched our PBIS (Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions) program with an assembly and a new B.E.A.R.S. (Brave, Empathetic, Accountable, Respectful, Safe) buck. Soon after, with the help of our family volunteers and our PTA, we opened The Honey Pot, our "store" where students can redeem their bucks for prizes.

In addition, during this semester, thanks to our amazing teachers, we were able to support over 100 students in our after-school program, R.O.A.R. (Reach Outstanding Academic Results). This program was designed to support our students to grow their literacy and math skills and build a solid foundation as they move to their next level of schooling.

We are so proud of our Bears and how much they have grown during the 22-23 school year. We had the wonderful privilege of opening up our second TK class at the start of the year, and thanks to the hard work of our teachers, families and of course the kids, they are ready to hit the ground running once they start kindergarten in the fall!

It has been an honor and a privilege to join the Bitely community as principal. We can't wait to see what's in store for our students next!



**Bitely PBIS Kickoff Assembly.**

# Dewey Avenue *Elementary School*

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**Denise Williams**  
*Principal*

## Dolphins Swimming to the Finish Line

Dewey students and staff continue to dedicate themselves to optimize student learning. Dewey students had a school Spelling Bee to continue promoting literacy in a friendly and competitive forum. This activity helps to promote one of our school-wide goals, vocabulary skills. The motivation continued as three of our Dewey students went on to participate at the district Spelling Bee level.

Our intervention programs continue to provide Dewey students additional academic and behavioral support. Together with our teachers, our intervention support teacher, school counselor and behavioral intervention assistants, Dewey staff works together as a team. They strive to motivate students to enhance both academic and social-emotional support inside and outside of the classroom. Wellness activities are frequently available during lunch for students. Wellness activities for staff are also available after school on Wednesdays to support their well-being.



**Fantastic participation at our Dolphin Spelling Bee!**



# Duff Language Magnet Academy

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**Dr. Benson Kwok**  
Principal

## Staying Engaged Before Summer Break

As the end of the school year approaches, there are several fun and engaging activities that we have planned for our elementary students. Many of our students will embark on educational trips to reinforce their learning and broaden their perspectives. The Los Angeles Zoo, Chinese American Museum, and the Long Beach Aquarium offer a unique opportunity for our students to explore beyond the classroom and connect with the world around them.

In addition to our educational trips, we will also be hosting a kindergarten promotion ceremony to celebrate

the accomplishments of our youngest students. This is an important milestone for our kindergarteners as they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to offer Chinese lion dancing classes to our students. This cultural experience allows our students to learn about different traditions and gain a greater appreciation for diverse cultures.

Finally, we will host a family picnic where students and their loved ones can come together to enjoy food, games, and a reptile show in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Creating a sense of community is essential for our student's social and emotional well-being.

We are excited about these end-of-year activities and look forward to sharing these experiences with our students, families, and staff.



**Duff students have the opportunity to learn Wushu and Lion Dancing, a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture.**



**Duff students visit the zoo.**



# Ralph Waldo Emerson *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Alberto Alvarez**  
*Interim Principal*

## Finishing strong in 2023

This year's adventure begins to close at Emerson Elementary and it has been a memorable year. This year, Emerson had the greatest number of enrolled students in recent memory. This year also saw Emerson add on four new classrooms to make room for a special education program. Emerson staff, teachers and students took this opportunity to create and nurture a strong sense of community. Staff and teachers transformed Emerson into a fun, welcoming

and inclusive environment. The result of all these efforts produced a campus where students, staff and teachers all embraced diversity. Emerson transformed into a place of adventure. Promoting physical and emotional wellness, various and numerous activities were offered to promote every student's wellness and joy of discovery. Beginning with the Halloween Parade, then this year's Bubble Run and the recent STEM field trip to Dodgers Stadium. Emerson promoted a well-rounded educational and socio emotional supportive calendar. It was a year of adventure at Emerson Elementary and next year promises to be even better...





# Richard Garvey *Intermediate School*

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**David Alarcon**  
*Principal*

## Garvey Intermediate: Meeting the Needs of Students

Garvey Intermediate has made great strides in meeting their academics targets as determined by the California State Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). Students scored above the state average in all tested subject matters (Language Arts, Math, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science)

on the 2022-23 SBAC while 73% of our English Learners made progress toward English proficiency on the 2022-23 ELPAC. The school has worked tirelessly to prepare students for the upcoming SBAC and ELPAC testing for the 2022-23 school year. Teachers are working diligently to create a safe learning environment where students feel free to ask questions and work collaboratively with their peers. We have also focused on Academic Language targeting language routinely used in our state testing. Teachers

have high expectations for all students making students accountable for their own education by promoting student ownership of their school work through project-based learning.

Students have also participated in artistic endeavors including Advance Band and Advance Choir performances for parents and families, as well as performing for our incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from the surrounding elementary schools. Our Advanced Art class worked with Studio Tutto, a local art studio, to create a beautiful mural in our Garvey Garden. Students were able to work together and with the artists to turn a normal wall into something our students can be proud of.

This year, our counselors have worked to meet the needs of our students' social emotional welfare as students have return to school full-time following the pandemic. The counselors are providing Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons to students hoping to help students cope with the time away from school and their friends.

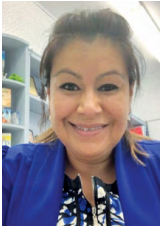


**Garvey Intermediate's Advanced Art class working on a mural in the school's Garden Project.**



# Hillcrest Elementary School

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**Dr. Laura Quintana**  
*Principal*

## Community Partnerships help Huskies Thrive

Hillcrest continues to build strong community partnerships. Collaborative partnerships rooted in common ground made it possible for Huskies to have amazing opportunities to develop leadership skills, strengthen academic skills, and engage in unique cultural experiences.

Our partnership with a local food warehouse has helped our 3rd graders become more confident through a mentorship program. Every Wednesday a team of Volunteers spends time reading and reviewing literacy skills to struggling readers. During Read Across America, the Volunteer team read to our upper grades.

Our partnership with Bruggemeyer Library has a direct impact on the well being of students.

Diana presented a Parent Workshop on online resources and made it possible for families to sign up for Library Cards. Our 6th graders were taught how to conduct research and access the library's collections and resources.

Our partnership with Hillcrest PTA made it possible for the Asian American Education Project to be at our school. All students spent the day learning the history of Asian Americans, celebrating milestones and acknowledging important people in our community. Students engaged in poetry, physical movement, crafts, and the book *A is for Asian American*.



**Diana Garcia sharing Bruggemeyer Resources.**



**Asian American Education Project Team.**



**Transcontinental Railroad comes to Life.**



# Monterey Vista *Elementary School*

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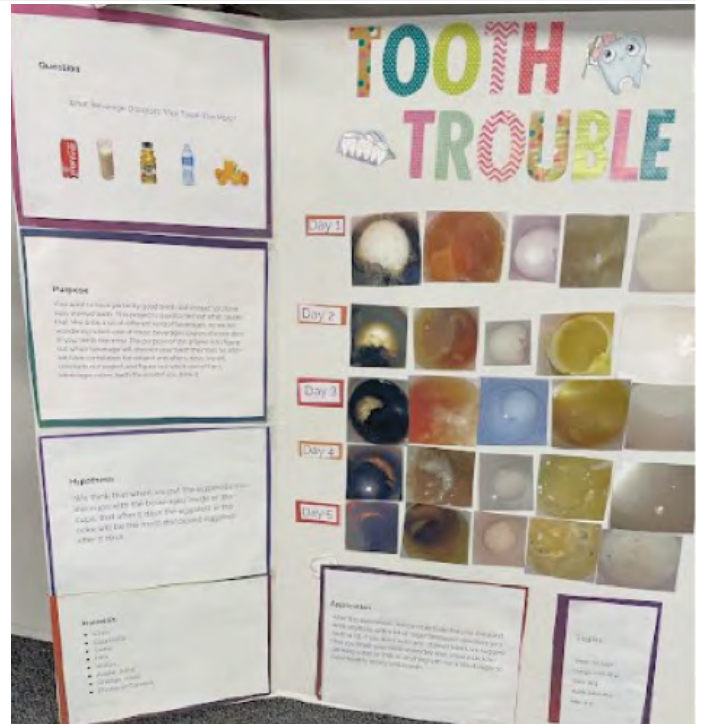


**Hing Chow**  
Principal

## Preparing Students for the Next Grade Level and Beyond

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to a close, teachers provide opportunities for students to use skills and content standards learned throughout this school year. The students in 4th grade completed a Project Based Learning activity in which they are designing a zoo that required the use of language, science, mathematical and communication skills as they work cooperatively in their groups as there are assigned task for each member to ensure all students are engaged and contribute to the completion of the project.

In the 6th grade, students worked in cooperative learning groups to complete science fair projects using the scientific method to help explain abstract concepts with demonstration and experiments. This had assisted students to comprehend and apply what they have learned into an activity that required them to use higher order depth of knowledge thinking. There were also presentations that utilized speaking and listening skills as students explained to their classmates about their experiments. Students used their 21st Century Skills (collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity).



**Science Project using the Scientific Method.**



**Photo caption2: Students Collaborating on a PBL activity on Building a Zoo.**



# Eldridge Rice *Elementary School*

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**Judy Gonzales**  
*Principal*

## Celebrating PBIS!

Today we celebrate our “Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Program” or PBIS. PBIS is an essential component to our positive school culture. Our school community embraces the need to be safe, respectful, and responsible in everything we do and in how we treat other. Teachers begin the year by explicitly teaching their students what this means and what it looks like in

every part of our school. Students are reminded of this in our weekly student “Monday, Morning, Announcements” Principal Video and targeted conversations always tie back to our need to things the Rice way, which is conducting ourselves in a safe, respectful, and responsible manner. Students keep a PBIS card with them and as they demonstrate these components, they earn stamps on their card. Once the card is full, they can either trade in their card for a chance to pick something out of the classroom PBIS treasure box, provided to each classroom through our LCAP funds, or they can enter their card into the raffle box for a chance to win a special prize or an opportunity to participate in a fun event.



**Showing Off Our Slime Creations.**



**Our PBIS Teacher Leaders Are The Best!**

Our fabulous PBIS leaders, Mrs. Karla Villarroel, Mrs. Isabel Tam Johnson, and Ms. Rosa Morales, created two unforgettable celebrations this year and are planning a raffle to top off our school year. Our first-trimester PBIS celebration promoted literacy, while rewarding positive behavior with a bountiful book raffle. It was wonderful to hear the students get excited when their name was called and even more exciting to watch as the other students cheering and clapping for their fellow classmates.

Our second-semester celebration was a fabulous gooey slime party. The students enjoyed making slime with fun add-ons like charms, food coloring, glitter, and much more. This was indeed a memorable event for our students.

PBIS at Rice School is firmly cemented into our school thread! PBIS makes every day a better day!



# George I. Sanchez *Elementary School*

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**Gabriela Benitez**  
*Principal*

## Promising Future Awaits

As the 2022-2023 school year wraps up, we are able to reflect upon the gains we have made, not only in regards to some of our academic goals but also in the way we operate as a school family. We acknowledge that there are unexpected challenges that we are faced with, some with clarity and new insights, others with the need to persevere through and move on. Regardless, these same challenges are what has strengthened our bond as a very tight knit community.

And as we look onward, this year's annual goals will continue into the next school year as we inch closer to becoming a fully aligned Leader in Me and AVID Elementary School. Additionally, we will continue to move forward with a growth mindset in order to model what we desire most for our students; the opportunity to see themselves as capable, hardworking, goal achieving young people who accept feedback as an opportunity to grow.

As I end my 9th year at Sanchez Elementary, I continue to be in awe of our students. Sanchez kiddos really do rock in every imaginable way. From their honest desire to serve on student leadership teams to their polite demeanors in the classroom. Our kids not only strive towards success in student leadership but in their goals in becoming stronger

readers, writers, mathematicians and more importantly stronger THINKERS! I am so proud to end this year with such a strong finish. More importantly, it gives me great hope that we continue to create a setting where students feel loved and cherished and unafraid to do hard things. Thank you Sanchez community for another great year, here's to many more!



**Powered by Love.**



# Roger W. Temple *Intermediate School*

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**Dr. Robert Boyd III**  
*Principal*

## Finishing Strong

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to an end, we are focused and dedicated to finishing strong. This focus and dedication is taking place in the classrooms and in our various extracurricular programs. In the classrooms, teachers are preparing our students for the upcoming SBAC test in May. This test will be the final standardized test for the school year. We're looking forward to seeing what our students have learned this year.

On the extracurricular side, we are nothing less than a "community of busy bees". Our Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) students are finishing up final rehearsals for our spring musical, "Alice in Wonderland Jr." In our academic competitions, we have a group headed to Washington DC for the National History Day finals. Our 7th grade Math Field Day team is headed to the Los Angeles County Math Field Day as well. These last weeks of school will be a whirlwind of activities, but as we always do, we will finish strong.



**Our History Day students at the California State Finals.**



# Frances Willard *Elementary School*

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**Jeff Maljian**  
*Principal*

## Starting Strong and Finishing Well

This school year started out strong and continued strong throughout the year. PTA's involvement had a huge impact on the school with events such as a "Glow Party", "Trunk or Treat", "Outdoor Movie Night", "Pictures with Santa Claus" and the Colorathon Fundraiser. Parents were involved in our school this year more than any time since the pandemic. ASB took leadership roles in sports days, fundraisers, "Read Across America" daily themes, plus being the Emcee's at our awards assemblies. Our student leaders learned the importance and value of serving their peers and their school. Our amazing teachers created learning

environments that supported the whole child; their academic and social-emotional development. The teachers put our students back on track to success in their learning and in their personal growth.

As we get close to the "finish line", our goal is to finish well. The teachers are finishing preparations to help our students show how much they have learned through the SBAC testing and District assessments. The focus of the last few weeks also includes wonderful PTA events for "Teacher Appreciation Week" and fun events such as a "Family Dance" and "Dinner and Show Night." We are not quite done yet, but we know this will be one of our most memorable years at Willard. In all this, we know that all Willard Wildcats will cross the finish line knowing we put our minds and hearts into all we did this year.



**Bob the Wildcat (middle) helping out with Read Across America Day.**



## Summer Fun 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 Garvey in the subject line)

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Congratulations to the February contest winner **Raquel Albelda!**