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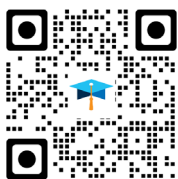
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Students Thrive During Spring Break



Dr. Frank Donovan
Superintendent

Our Spring Break was held from April 7th to April 14th. Over 200 students per day participated in activities ranging from academic support to sports and recreation. At Disney School, students had a great time learning about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) through our Lego STEM Program. Students built complex cantilevers, obstacle courses and robots while learning about STEM and Physics. Our partnership with ELEVO has resulted in students receiving comprehensive sports and recreation activities with a focus on physical education and socio-emotional learning. Students learned teamwork, sportsmanship and the importance of collaboration. Another program that was held during Spring Break was our Soccer Camp at Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy. This program was run by our Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP), which includes the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Anaheim Police Department. Students participated in competitive soccer with expert coaches and mentors. The event culminated in sportsmanship, participation and performance awards, and the landing of an Anaheim Police Department helicopter. Students had a great time learning all about the helicopter and how it is used to prevent and fight crime.





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Superintendent Dr. Frank Donavan begins his issue with his message on page 3 highlighting the Spring Break soccer camp.

Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices as we bring you messages directly from the classrooms.

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Ask Dr. Shari



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

Good for the Mind & Great for the Heart

The way we choose to spend our time and the activities in which we engage help form our value system. With a wide array of possibilities and opportunities, volunteering is a positive and vastly beneficial way of helping young people develop a strong sense of self.

Volunteering offers benefits spanning from the intellectual and spiritual to the educational and professional. As young people give of themselves and their time, they can learn about being selfless. In a busy world of "pursuit of personal happiness," too often the intrinsic values of empathy and giving are the lessons that are overlooked. Helping others via a structured volunteer program is a positive and safe way to develop oneself in this regard.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." Teens who experience growth at an early age are likely to continue cultivating positive behavior and friendships.

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Mental Health in Children

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Mental health issues like anxiety, depression, and self-harm among children have risen in recent years, and can have long-lasting effects on a child's physical, emotional, and social development.

Factors that can affect a child's mental health include genetics, environment, and life experiences. Common mental health disorders in children include anxiety disorders, depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and behavior disorders. These conditions can impact a child's ability to learn in school, interact with others, and develop healthy relationships.

Parents and teachers play a crucial role in promoting positive mental health among children. Some strategies for support include providing a safe and supportive environment, encouraging open communication, promoting healthy habits like exercise and good nutrition, and seeking help when needed.

Recognizing the warning signs of mental health issues in

children is important. These may include changes in behavior, mood, sleep, or appetite. Additionally, a child may express feelings of sadness, worry, or fear, have difficulty concentrating or completing tasks, or exhibit physical symptoms such as headaches or stomachaches. They may also isolate more than before.

It's important not to minimize their feelings. Children need to feel safe coming to parents with their issues, and as parents it's important to ask them how they feel if there is a change in behavior.

Early intervention and treatment can significantly improve a child's mental health outcome. Treatment options may include therapy, medication, lifestyle changes or a combination tailored to each child's needs. By supporting their mental health, we can help children develop into healthy, resilient adults.



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Dr. Albert Schweitzer Leadership Academy

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Marcy Chant
Principal

Educational, and Fun!

The Dr. Albert Schweitzer Leadership Academy Cooking Club is an exciting extracurricular activity that is held for our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders two days a week. The club provides a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their interest in cooking and to develop their culinary skills. The program is structured in a way that each grade level attends for one

trimester. The recipes are given to the student chefs to incorporate into their own recipe books.

Over 40 students participate in the club, and the classes include hygiene, allergies, food profiles, plating, main dishes, appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. The classes are taught by Schweitzer teachers Susana Verne and Kathleen Deemer, who have developed a comprehensive twelve-week curriculum. The teachers instruct the students about the importance of kitchen cleanliness, personal hygiene, and using tools correctly in the kitchen, in addition to the preparation of the food items. The club provides an opportunity for the students to take notes, make diagrams, and learn about the rules and expectations of quality cooking. The recipes provided are easy to follow. After cooking in class, the students can take them home and practice their skills with their families. The families are able to enjoy tasting the leftovers from each class!

In April, the club visited Fullerton High School to see their agriculture program, which includes the livestock area, fruit orchard, and greenhouse. The students learned about the process of getting food from the farm to the table. The students were also able to plant their own tomato plant to take home and start their own garden. This visit was a terrific opportunity for them to learn about the importance of sustainable farming and the environment.

The Dr. Albert Schweitzer Leadership Academy Cooking Club is a fun and educational program for our students. It

provides opportunities for them to further develop their leadership skills of planning, synergizing, and “sharpening the saw” while they develop their culinary skills. The students are excited about the club, and they look forward to attending it every week. We are very grateful to Mrs. Verne and Miss Deemer for all of their hard work!



Dr. Jonas E. Salk School

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Katie Brown
Principal

Gift of Sweatshirts

Having a warm jacket or sweatshirt doesn't seem like a big deal to us, but some Salk students come to school without these basic items. Salk School recently utilized a donation from Hyundai's gift-giving program to purchase 75 hoodie sweatshirts. Salk has always tried to support families, but the number of students needing support has immensely increased this school year, especially with the colder winter weather. In the hope of finding other resources to help the students at our school, Salk reached out to Hyundai's program that gives back to the community and we were the lucky recipient of this generous donation. This donation enabled Salk to purchase the sweatshirts. It is awesome to see our students proudly walking around the school, grateful for their new sweatshirts. Salk will continue to give out sweatshirts to help keep students warm. Go Seahawks!



Siblings, Thomas and Lily Mangiardi, both received sweatshirts.



Our first graders are thankful for the generous donation.



Seven lucky 6th graders received a new warm Salk hoodie.



Salk Kindergarteners showing off their new Salk hoodies.



Over 70 Salk students received the gift of warmth – a new sweatshirt - purchased with a generous donation from Hyundai.

Dr. Peter Marshall School

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Alma Guzmán
Principal

Beyond the Books

This year our school had an amazing opportunity to work with the Orange County Department of Education's (OCDE) Student Advocates for Mental Health program. A collaboration between our Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) group and Student Council (SC) was created to promote mental health awareness and share resources with our Scottie Scholars during Mental Health Awareness Month in May.

Our student leaders participated in workshops hosted by the OCDE's Youth Development Programs Educational Services Division. The workshops' focus was called "Understanding and Managing Emotions." These provided our student leaders with a foundational knowledge of social and emotional learning concepts that will help them build skills to recognize and respond to emotions safely and healthily, and to learn strategies for seeking support when needed.

Our student leaders were also given air time during our morning announcements to share practical strategies for keeping students' minds healthy. Teachers continued discussing the daily strategy and mental health focus shared by reviewing a visual deck that our school social worker/counselor had created. Parents also participated by attending a similar workshop facilitated by our parent liaison and the OCDE.

This collaboration sparked many ideas within the student leader groups of activities that can occur at recess to promote mental health. We are proud of our



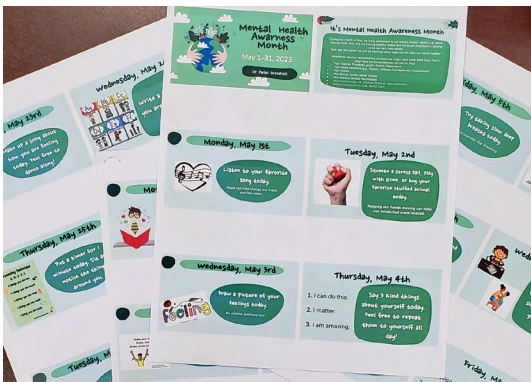
Students learn Calming strategies.

Scottie leaders for participating in developing awareness of how their emotions and actions are connected. We look forward to also expanding this awareness, and increasing the number of opportunities for our student leaders to facilitate workshops for their peers!

Many thanks go to the OCDE and Mrs. Stacey Ruiz, our school counselor, for bringing this opportunity to our school, as well as our PAL and Student Council advisers for collaborating with the project. Their creativity, time, and dedication will result in a PAWsitive legacy that will empower our students for many years!



Pictured are OCDE's Youth Development Program Facilitators, Student Council students, their Advisors, and School Social Worker after learning about the importance of keeping our minds and bodies healthy in order to be our best selves.



Every day in the month of May, students learned about ways to keep their minds healthy.



PAL Advisors and their Scottie leaders after attending a mental health awareness workshop.

Esther L. Walter School

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Rudy Aguila
Principal

A Collaborative Effort

Walter Elementary recently held its annual Read Across America reading marathon, and it was a huge success! Throughout the entire month of March our students were encouraged to read as many books as possible and to set personal goals for themselves. The goal of the event was to foster a love of reading and to encourage reading as a daily habit.

The reading marathon was open to students of all ages and skill levels, and it was a great way for them to challenge themselves and set personal goals. Some students set ambitious goals of reading 50 or more books during the month, while others aimed to read a book a day. No matter the goal, all students were encouraged to participate and read as much as possible.

At the end of the month, those students who completed the entire marathon of 26 books received a special medal to recognize their achievement. Those who completed

a half-marathon of 13 books received a commemorative bracelet. The medals and bracelets were a tangible way to celebrate our students' hard work and dedication to reading throughout the month.

The Read Across America reading marathon was a collaborative effort between teachers, librarians, and parents. Teachers helped to promote the event in their classrooms and provided reading suggestions and support to students. Librarians helped to provide access to a wide range of books, and parents were encouraged to read with their children at home.

Overall, the reading marathon was a huge success, and it helped instill a love of reading in our students. It also provided a fun and engaging way for students to challenge themselves and set personal goals. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and completed the marathon or half-marathon! We look forward to seeing even more students participate in next year's Read Across America event.



Juliette Low School of the Arts

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Dr. Roger Nguyen
Principal

Our New Green Thumbs

Juliette Low's Garden Club prides itself on its motto that, "Low Grows." The Garden Club helps students learn about the environment, sustainable living, and the importance of fresh produce. It provides an opportunity for students to learn about gardening, agriculture, and horticulture in a fun and interactive way. The club has been a perfect way for students to engage in outdoor activities that promote healthy living, and it encourages them to develop those "green thumbs."

Advisors Alicia Vera-Weddle, Nicole McCarthy, and Kimberly Saldivar encourage their members to work together in creating and maintaining their school garden. The club meets weekly, and is held during and after school hours. The garden has been designed to produce vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. Growing vegetables

has taught the students about the nutritional value of fresh produce, and helps them make healthy food choices.

The club recently incorporated composting into the garden, which has exposed students to the importance of recycling and reducing waste. Advisor Kimberly Saldivar shared how her students were so surprised to learn how earthworms break down food waste and turn it into valuable soil for their garden.

You will find members working together with weeding, watering, and tending to the school garden during their recess time on a daily basis. Each of the garden beds was specially designed by the students, and they tended every seed to grow to its full potential.

Our Garden Club has had a positive impact on the students. Their active participation in the club has taught them valuable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking. They have developed a sense of responsibility and ownership for the garden.



Lord Baden-Powell School

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Kathleen Chamblings
Principal

Monthly Family Fridays: Math!

Every Friday Lord Baden-Powell welcomes parents to campus for our weekly spirit assemblies. Students are recognized for their attendance, meeting reading goals, academic success, and behavior. At these spirit assemblies, students are often treated to performances from our dance and cheer clubs along with poems being recited and songs being sung by kindergarten and first grade students.

But, on the very last Friday of each month, parents are welcomed into our classrooms to participate in fun and engaging math activities created by their



6th graders compete with order of operations.

child's classroom teacher. Families join their child/children directly following our weekly spirit assembly to participate in math activities that support our school-wide focus on building and reinforcing math proficiencies. The Family Fridays for math have been a huge success with each month's family attendance growing larger and larger as 'the word spreads'. Lord Baden-Powell is so happy to welcome families back on campus and we look forward to our final Family Friday in May. Go Roadrunners!



Pre-K students show ways to count to five.



2nd graders create tangram figures.



5th graders play multiplication 'war'.



Kindergarteners add numbers using dice.

Mattie Lou Maxwell School

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Steve Pescetti
Principal

Fun Activities

As we look forward to the summer Maxwell School wrapped up the year with various fun activities. Our PTA sponsored a book fair that allowed our students the opportunity to purchase books to read and enjoy during the year and into the summer!

Our hockey teams competed in our annual Maxwell School hockey tournament for the opportunity to receive team trophies! There were winners in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade!

Our staff motivated our students during state testing! They wore “testing themed” shirts the first day of each week of testing as well as other motivational components throughout the week!

Open House and our annual talent show wrapped up the school year, and got us all excited for the summer and our return in August!





Dawn Bakker
Principal

Family STEM Night

During the evening of April 4, Pyles STEM Academy was proud to host our first Family STEM Night. Our partnership with Bob Harris and Infinity Community Solutions helped to make this night a possibility. In addition, 14 staff members volunteered their time to host STEM challenges, give a demonstration of our esports equipment and 3D printer, and offer food sales. This was an exciting evening of learning, collaborating and fun while families participated in the challenges.

STEM teaches science, math and engineering as a whole, using technology to relate learning to the real world. STEM education and training increase the number of college science and technology graduates entering a growing workforce. Our challenges included a paper-airplane challenge where families built a paper airplane to see how accurately they could fly, a puff-mobile challenge that included building a car to see how far air could make it go, a bungee egg-drop challenge where families built a bungee cord that would drop an egg from a set height to see how they can get it to the ground, and Help Harry! where Harry the Easter Bunny wanted to look over as much of the class as possible so families built him the highest and safest tower possible!

Families were guided to ask, imagine, plan, create, experiment, and improve. The projects that were produced were amazing, and learning and fun were had by all!



Walt Disney School

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Regina Ford
Principal

Disney GATE Scholar Academy

Throughout the school year Disney GATE identified students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades who had the opportunity to participate in an after-school Scholar Academy that focuses on career interests and strengths.

Approximately 55 fourth grade students and 41 fifth and sixth grade students met for two hours on Friday afternoons. During this time the students investigated topics such as the difference between talents and strengths and how to turn a talent into a life-long strength.

A favorite activity of the fourth grade students was determining what work they may be best suited for based on the RAISEC code. According to this acronym, students explored the combination of the Realistic, Artistic, Investigative, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional

skills of their personalities. They had a great time sharing their talents with their peers and showing them off by providing a visual that best represented them.

Students in the fifth and sixth grades focused on resilience and the importance of not giving up, even when presented with a difficult situation. During the roundtable discussions, many students expressed a desire to possess resilience, and then brainstormed the ways in which one might build up their resilience over the course of the year.

In addition, a focus on sharing talents was discussed, as many students viewed this as “bragging.” Throughout the year they slowly began to recognize that being proud of their accomplishments and talents is something to celebrate, rather than hide away. Overall, the GATE Scholar Academy has been a place of creativity, critical thinking about the future, a celebration of student talents, and a fun way to spend a Friday afternoon with friends!



Acknowledging Classified Employees



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

How do we begin to measure the importance of our classified school employees?

If you're not familiar with the term "classified," it's a designation that applies to office clerks, custodians, instructional assistants, technicians, bus drivers, IT professionals, accountants and other non-certificated staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our schools are running smoothly, and that our students have the support they need to thrive.

Classified workers are often the first to greet students and visitors when they arrive at a school, and they're responsible for making sure campuses are safe, equipped and ready to serve families on a daily basis. As such, their investment in our students and communities runs deep.

In May, OCDE and school districts across the county celebrated their efforts with activities and special messages tied to Classified School Employee Week. And particular attention was paid to nine staff members who further distinguished themselves as this year's Orange County Classified Employees. By job category, they are:

- **Clerical and Administrative Services:**
Adriana Ponce, Office Manager, Jordan Elementary School, Lowell Joint School District
- **Custodial and Maintenance Services:**
Gene Martinez, Maintenance Operations Division Lead, Magnolia School District
- **Food and Nutrition Services:** Jaime Carranza, Senior Warehouseman, Anaheim Union High School District
- **Health and Student Services:**
Emma Avalos, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Anaheim Elementary Online Academy, Anaheim Elementary School District
- **Paraprofessional:** Josephine Walberg, Paraeducator 4, Adult Transition Program, Capistrano Unified School District
- **Security Services:** Amira Hana, Playground Assistant, Melinda Heights Elementary School, Saddleback Valley Unified School District
- **Skilled Trades:** Karin Vizcaino, Skilled Maintenance - Electrician, Los Alamitos Unified School District
- **Technical Services:** Manjit Kaur Charaia, Senior Programmer Analyst, Garden Grove Unified School District
- **Transportation Services:** Eddie Vey, School Bus Driver, Ocean View School District

From working with our most vulnerable populations to providing students with nutritious meals, these outstanding professionals are rightly considered the best of the best based on their work performance, leadership, dedication and involvement with their schools and communities.

As county superintendent, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and commend the 2023 Orange County Classified Employees of the Year. At the same time, allow me to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our classified school employees for their commitment, compassion, creativity and character.

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