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Students Donate Books & Dolls to Local Hospitals

Ocean View School District (OVSD) students participated in a 3-week Reading Makes a Difference — Literacy & Kindness Program sponsored by the Jester & Pharley Phund. Students throughout seven OVSD

Dr. Michael Conroy
Superintendent

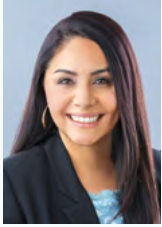
schools (College View, Golden View, Lake View, Star View, Westmont, Spring View and Vista View) read a total of 463,392 minutes or nearly 8,000 hours! Based on the number of minutes read Districtwide, the Jester & Pharley Phund donated 275 The Jester Has Lost His Jingle books and 125 Jester dolls to sick children at Children's Hospital of Orange

County (CHOC), Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Huntington Beach Hospital, and Miller Children's Hospital. In addition, the top readers at each school received a free copy of the book *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* and each classroom received a *Jester Bilingual Book*.

The top readers at the participating OVSD schools include: Audrey Lhen Bandola, a fourth-grader at College View Elementary; Abby Wakeland, a fifth-grader at Golden View Elementary; Yara Deek, a fifth-grader at Star View Elementary; Arielle Valadez Cortez, a fifth-grader at Westmont Elementary; Lincoln Kakimoto, a fifth-grader at Lake View Elementary; Taylee Tran, a seventh-grader at Vista View Middle School, and Desmond Orozco Herrera, a seventh-grader at Spring View Middle School.



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Students Shine in Oratorical & Essay Contests

By Patricia Singer, President, Board of Trustees

A total of 15 middle school students from the Ocean View School District (OVSD) participated in this year's Oratorical and Essay Contests, hosted by the Surf City Optimist Club and OVSD. The theme for the speech was "Discovering the optimism within me." The theme for the essay was "Who is an everyday hero that brings out the optimism in you?"

Students presented their four- to five- minute speeches and 700 word essays to a large audience. Poised beyond their years and representing each of OVSD's four middle schools, students touched on the themes of family, school, strength, overcoming adversity and happiness. Their

speeches and essays were insightful and poignant.

I commend these students for their remarkable speaking and writing abilities as well as their maturity and ability to convey deep introspection. After a tough deliberation, judges announced the top three winners in each contest.

The Oratorical Contest winners were 1st Place Tea Lenore (Marine View), 2nd Place Trinh Tran (Mesa View), and 3rd Place Nola Emralino (Marine View). The Essay Contest winners were 1st Place Nola Emralino (Marine View), 2nd Place Vivienne Umlas (Mesa View), and 3rd Place Owen Hartman (Mesa View).

Both first place students will now compete in the regional Optimist Zone Competition this month. Congratulations to all our winners!



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Dr. Conroy begins this issue with his message on page 3. It is wonderful to see students enjoying the love of reading and donating books and dolls to local hospitals.

Have a fun summer and please remember to include the library among your activities.

Be sure to enter our word search contests on page 24 (all ages may enter) for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

By Laura Jenkins, Senior Youth Services Librarian

During the month of May, the Huntington Beach Public Library recognizes Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, an annual celebration of the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental to its future success. Join us at special events celebrating this cultural heritage month, or explore our Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month resource guide for families online at bit.ly/apahmkids.

Kits available while supplies last starting Monday, March 1. Explore Asian and Pacific American cultures through take-home activity kits celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month! Each kit will include a brief cultural heritage description, activity instructions, resources for further exploration, and most activity materials. Kits are available while supplies last from all HBPL locations, starting Monday, May 1.

Wise Owl Tween Book Club: *The Lost Ryu*

Thursday, May 11, 4-5pm at the Central Library.

Wise Owl Book Club is a book discussion and activity group just for tweens, ages 8-12! This month, in celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we're reading *The Lost Ryu*, by Emi Watanabe Cohen. Emi will join us virtually for our meeting to answer questions and chat about the book. Registration is required; register online at hbpl.libcal.com.

Lion Dance Festival

Wednesday, May 24, 4-6pm at the Central Library.

Celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month at HBPL's first ever Lion Dance Festival, open to all ages! We'll have crafts, snacks, and activities, as well as a special Lion Dance performance by students from Magnolia High School. The performance will be followed by a Q&A to learn more about the students' experiences with culture and dance.

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Mayor's Spotlight Awards Recognizes Good Work



Tony Strickland
Mayor

This year is flying by so quickly! Last month we hosted a successful event at our Central Park with the OC Cherry Blossom Festival. Thousands of people came out to celebrate with members of our Sister City Association supporting Anjo, Japan.

As part of my Mayor's initiatives, I have been busy in the community actively meeting with businesses and residents. From hosting Town Hall meetings, to Coffee with the Mayor events, to promoting pet adoptions, I am passionate about getting to know our community on a personal level and make a difference by listening to my constituents. Like I always say, "God gave me two ears and one mouth for a reason!"

Over the past four months, I have praised hundreds of individuals, businesses and sports teams through my Mayor's Community Spotlight Awards. Each month, I like to take a few hours to recognize those in the community doing great work! From acknowledging top sponsors of the City's major events, to celebrating the accomplishment of our high school athletic teams, I love being able to applaud your efforts! If you have someone that deserves a certificate, please email media@surfcity-hb.org.

Lastly, you can reach me at tony.strickland@surfcity-hb.org or call 714.536.5553 to set up a meeting. For a list of upcoming events and the latest news, visit SurfCityBreak.com.

Orange County Department of Education

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.

On May 9, Carranza and Ponce learned they are also among California's Classified School Employees of the Year for 2023. Their selection means nine of the last 27 state honorees have served at schools and districts in Orange County. That is a truly astonishing statistic.

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.

Your work is seen, your contributions are valued, and your actions are essential to creating safe, nurturing and inspiring learning environments for all of our students.



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Mental Health in Children

By: Ioana Pal, Psy.D., clinical psychologist, Stramski Children's Developmental Center, MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

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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A Successful State Audit

By Norma Vazquez, Early Learning Educator

Our preschools had an exciting April when we underwent a meticulous state audit. Preschool programs are required to be evaluated and rated through two classroom assessments. The first is the Classroom Assessment Scoring System that assesses the quality of teacher-child interactions. The second is part of the Quality Counts California program, which is a statewide, locally implemented Quality Rating and Improvement System. The QRIS assesses program quality comparable across provider types throughout the state. Both assessments are important to ensure the quality of the services that we provide to our families.

During the four-day visit, the auditor reviewed numerous documents with our office staff, who worked closely with the auditor for clarifications and logistics regarding the program, such as operations, attendance,

enrollment, parents' rights, responsibilities, and program finances. The assessor also evaluated the policies and procedures for licensing to guarantee the effectiveness and protection of our preschoolers. He also reviewed student portfolios that support the documentation for the Desired Results Developmental Profile.

On the last day, he reviewed the quality rating summary findings of our preschool classrooms known as ECERS, a tool that assesses teacher-child interactions and the classroom environment. This was also the day that the auditor visited a classroom and witnessed what our early learning program provides our preschoolers. At the end of the day we received the great news that we had passed our state audit.

It is important to mention that this accomplishment was possible because of all the amazing preschool staff members who every day contribute to the success of our program. Congratulations to all of you, because you are truly the heart of our Early Learning Programs.



Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jessica Haag
Principal

Outdoor Learning!

Circle View 5th graders have been going to AstroCamp for over 30 years! This outdoor science overnight field trip is a Circle View tradition that we love. Our Eagles spent three days and two nights in beautiful Idyllwild. The camp has students explore the sciences of physics and astronomy, develop as individuals, and fosters their sense of wonder. Students learned about atmosphere and gases, lights

and lasers, electricity and magnetism, and more. There were also STEM activities, rope courses, a microgravity astronaut training, and so much fun. We are so grateful to our 5th grade teachers who work and commit to making this field trip happen every year. Our AstroCamp Parent Committee worked incredibly hard to plan and organize fundraising events and opportunities. It takes a big team to continue to provide our students with this overnight field trip. AstroCamp's outdoor science program definitely gave our students an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



5th grade student high-flying on the zip line in beautiful Idyllwild.

College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

Great things are Happening in Kindergarten!

Spring has sprung in College View's Kindergarten! We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with students bringing in their home-made leprechaun traps! They enjoyed sharing their creative and unique designs! They loved the delicious rainbow fruit salad put together by our awesome volunteer parents! For Easter, we held an Easter Egg

hunt! The Kinder Cats had to find eggs with their names on them and were rewarded with surprises inside! Best of all, the Kinder Cats are learning to ride Strider bikes. We received a class set of Strider Bikes last year from the All Kids Bike program and are continuing to learn how to ride bikes. Each week, we're amazed watching the students' balance and ability to steer improve! It won't be long before the Kinder Cats are riding two wheeler bikes on their own! The Kinder Cats love coming to school with so many great things happening in Kindergarten this spring!





Lori Florgan
Principal

Different Types of Habitats

After learning about different types of habitats, the second graders at Golden View have been working on a unit about frogs. As an environmental science school, the focus on frogs is important because as the children learned, frogs are good indicators of the health of an environment. Our second graders learned that water and air pollution affect frogs and that it is vital that we protect their habitats.

The frog unit has been integrated across the curriculum. The children have read

nonfiction as well fiction books about frogs. They have written narrative, expository and opinion pieces about frogs. In math, they have made graphs and completed word problems about frogs. In science, the children have learned about the life cycle of a frog. Our second graders have completed multiple art projects involving frogs. For music, they have even learned a few fun songs about frogs!

As our students have found out, frogs are amazing animals. To protect frogs and other living creatures, our second graders know that we need to continue to work on making sure that we have a clean and healthy environment for everyone!



Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

Differentiation for Gifted and Talented Students

At Harbour View we are always seeking ways to build capacity and provide differentiation to all our students. This year, we had four teachers take on GATE Certification to learn how to better serve and differentiate within our GATE Cluster classes. These amazing teachers participated in a rigorous self-paced learning module and renewed their practices with the most

up-to-date research on how GATE students learn and what they need to be successful. Whether being an expert of a discipline, adding puzzlements, using the frames or menus to capture the critical thinking and creativity of our students, our teachers learned how to weave the added challenges and collaborative opportunities with a classroom so that all students benefit and receive the support they need. At the same time, give our students deeper academic experiences. I am so thrilled to congratulate Mrs. deLachica, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Goldbach and Mrs. Perry for this achievement!



Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

Making Memories

Hope View school is a great place to be! Over the past few months there has been a lot going on with academics and the preparation of art projects for our Open House showcase. We also held our first ever Color Run!

To keep things fresh and inspiring for all students this year, our PTO helped to organize Hope View's first annual Color Run, and everyone had a great time. Students were all smiles as they were building on a healthy lifestyle of being active with this run. Circles of running may seem unexciting, but when you have fun colors to run through, it's great. And if you didn't want to run through colors, you could always run through the middle course along with your friends and enjoy the fun activity as a class.

Our teachers and volunteers enjoyed the time on the field as much as the students, as the classes ran in groups around the field all enjoying this outdoor activity. Pictured here are two students from Mrs. Weschler's first-grade class, Summer and June, along with Hope View teachers Mrs. Paulino, Mrs. Broussard, and Mrs. Krattiger, who are

sporting their Hope View Color Run shirts, sunglasses to protect their eyes, and big smiles just showing how great the day was.

After the run was wrapped up, each class then took a picture, as seen here, to show their efforts at running through the colors. Our PTO and staff are always working hard to help our students make memories that will last a lifetime.



Lake View Elementary (K-5)

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Jill Van Der Linden
Principal

Lake View Penny Wars!

Penny Wars is an annual event at Lake View and definitely a favorite.

Penny War is a fundraiser where grades compete for the most points. Students bring in coins and bills to feed their grades “Piggy Bank”. Pennies and bills count as positive points while silver coins decrease points.

There is a daily update each and grade level strategize. There is valuable academic value as students learn to differentiate coin values and practice counting money. The event also builds classroom camaraderie as they plan strategy and how to sabotage the other teams.

The grade level in the lead at the end gets to toss water balloons at their teachers and staff as they ride tricycles around a track. The whole school is involved as the other students sit in the audience cheering on their teachers and the winning grade level. School spirit is at a high when everyone is having fun for a good cause.



Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

Sports Opportunities Increase

The intramural sports program at Marine View is having its most exciting year in recent memory! Input from the student body influenced the introduction of new sports never attempted before during lunch. For the first time soccer and flag football were added to the traditional list of matches that include volleyball, basketball, and kickball.

Intramural Coordinator Andy Becker, along with the assistance from the Leadership class, put together a schedule of events for both of our lunches. Marine View's Google Classroom SAIL page allowed students to sign up with a fun/creative team name and a roster of players.

By far the biggest challenge has been all the rain. However, during dry conditions the inside of our track has rarely seen so many students gathering to compete and support their friends.

Currently we are finishing up our last week of flag football, and we await to hear from the student body as to

which sports they would like to see. It has been a great opportunity to seek student input and voice, and to provide access to the various sports that some of our students wouldn't typically play or have access to outside of school.

With the program being student-organized and based upon student input, it has definitely brought more excitement to our lunch periods than ever before!



Mesa View Middle School (6–8)

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Jady Grunbaum
Principal

The Mesa Garden is in Bloom!

Mesa View's garden with its gardening elective is such a wonderful place to visit. Teacher Frank Spates has done a fantastic job this year in working with our Mesa students. Students learn about environmental science, agriculture, composting, and general gardening. They work from seedlings to harvest with a variety of plants, with some floral to attract our pollinators, and some fruit or vegetable producing.

Walking through our garden, one will find several fruit trees, rosemary bushes, and raised planter beds with multiple plants. Students help maintain the "butterfly garden," which at this point in the year is filled with butterflies and bees! In addition, they plant and manage a variety of vegetable plants and herbs, including cilantro, onions, carrots, snap peas, broccoli, parsley, lettuce of varying types, kale, and more!

Each semester a new group of students switches into the class so that everyone can enjoy the opportunity. Over the years community members, staff, and parents have supported the growth of our garden, and we are so appreciative of this community support.

Currently, we have two amazing community volunteers in Sheri Shipley and Linda Morris, who not only tend to the garden on school breaks, but also volunteer to work with our classes periodically, thus benefiting them with their years of experience and knowledge.

As Mesa View looks to the future with school modernization, we are excited to be continuing the garden tradition, and will return to an even bigger garden so that more students can enjoy these valuable life skills and learn about the many different career pathways. If you drive by Mesa or talk a walk outside of school hours, take a look at the beautiful blooms!



Oak View Elementary (K-5)

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Jenna Landero
Principal

OVHS AVID Day of Service with our Mighty Owls

Cultivating our Education and Community Root with special guests on campus is so much fun! On the last Friday in April, Ocean View High School's AVID students descended upon Oak View for a fun and exciting "Day of Service". Each class on campus welcomed 2-3 AVID students and participated in different engaging and enriching experiences for all involved. At Oak View, we pride ourselves in the connections and collaboration we have with our partner schools and surrounding community. Continuing the connection between elementary, middle school, high school and beyond enriches our youngest students' lives in ways they do not realize. Engagement is key in creating lifelong learners and by having these experiences we ensure this! We also love to have our former Mighty Owls come back to their elementary school and serve the next generation.



Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Isis Ortiz
Interim Principal

Spring View's Action Sports

Spring View Middle School not only focuses on academic achievement, we also have a focus on strong athletic recreational activities. Our seventh- and eighth-grade students have the opportunity to be exposed to cross country, basketball, volleyball, and track and field. Students who participate in these sports are challenged to compete against the other three middle schools in the Ocean View School District. Students also participate in end-of-the-season tournaments to crown the overall champions.

There are different opportunities in each sport. For example, in cross country, all students are invited to participate. Meets are held at the Huntington Beach Central Library Park. Students are able to run through the scenic park and perfect their times. Spring View also offers volleyball and basketball during the school year. Students are invited to try out to be part of the Spartan team.

They work hard and attend practice after school to

perfect their game so that when tournament season rolls around our mighty Spartans will be ready to take on the Vista View Falcons, Marine View Mariners, and Mesa View Eagles in our spacious school gym. In these sports, the students learn how to communicate and work together as a team by acquiring the communications and collaboration skills that will lead them to become victorious.

New to school this year, we recently introduced the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) with after-school sports activities for our sixth- graders, where they learn fundamental skills in basketball and volleyball so that they can be prepared for next year's sports tryouts.

With the help of generous donations, and our school principal, Mrs. Isis Ortiz, archery has also come to Spring View. Archery helps to develop "Mindfulness" through the aiming process. Our student-athletes learn to shut off their worries and life-stressors as they focus on biofeedback and arrow placement on the target. We are hoping that by having archery at Spring View, our students will learn about communication, math, physics, and most importantly, respectfulness to others and themselves.



Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

Racing into Spring

Star View School raced into spring with our amazing students involved in many engaging school-wide activities.

Kindergarten dedicated the month to learning all about plants and insects. In first grade, the students were busy learning about the life cycles of both plants and butterflies. Reading and writing were on display in the second grade this month. After learning interesting facts about a famous person, the students then created biographies.

The third-graders headed to Laguna Canyon to hike through our community's beautiful natural environment. They also prepared to visit the Shipley Nature Center to

walk through the life of the Gabrielino/Tongva natives as a culminating unit on these native tribes. Fourth-grade students honed their mapping skills and learned about the California Gold Rush.

In the fifth grade, students completed their American History Wax Museum. The fifth-graders also had a visit from Benjamin Franklin and learned about the the printing press and its history.

Finally, parents of students in grades three to five participated in an educational activity learning about the CAASPP practice tests, ensuring that they can support their students by practicing at home. During this evening, the students from the GATE classes also held a robotics exhibition in which they could try out robots and other STEM projects.



5th Grader Gillian Oberbeck as Betsy Ross for the 5th Grade Wax Museum at Star View elementary School.

Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tami Benane
Principal

This April the Marine Science focus is Jellyfish. Students from Mrs. Leslie Alpert's class added art to a research project for these amazing sea creatures. Students created an art project using paper, cling wrap and glitter. Students then had a choice of showing their learning through a pictorial, diagram of body parts or writing a haiku poem. The final project turned out to be a wonderful learning experience and will be displayed for families at Open House.



Vista View Middle School (6-8)

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Principal

Inspiring for the Future

At Vista View, our staff and students are renowned for their innovative thinking and creative approach to problem-solving. A shining example of this is the incredibly successful STEAM Day that we held on April 20, 2023.

In the past, this event was typically held in the evening, but our visionary leadership team recognized the need for equitable access to enhanced learning opportunities. That's why we decided to redesign the day, creating an all-day interactive STEAM experience led by teacher-leader Bruce Willis.

Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of cutting-edge STEAM activities. These included Crashing into Innovation: Presenting the Impact Attenuator Module Project; Microbits: Small Yet Mighty Devices for Inventive Minds; Brushing Through the Zen of Chinese Bamboo Painting; and Unleashing the Power: Building Catapult Models to Showcase the Battle Between Stored and Kinetic Energy.



The students also had the opportunity to participate in The 7 Elements of Music in Percussion, and Reviving the Art of Mandala in Ancient India. Our parents were also invited to join their children for one or two periods to observe or participate in the classroom activities. This provided an excellent opportunity for families to connect and share in their child's educational journey.

Moreover, Vista was thrilled to partner with a leading Los Angeles hospital and host a computer scientist speaker who shared insights on how their engineering team creates life-changing cardiac imaging software.

The speakers inspired our students, opening their minds to what's possible and changing lives in the process. We cannot wait to host this event again next year, and continue to provide innovative learning experiences for our students. At Vista, we are committed to helping our Falcons Soar!

Westmont Elementary (K-5)

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Sharon Ahlman
Principal

Reading is fun with Jester and Pharley!

Westmont students participated in a three week Read-a-Thon through the last weeks of March that was supported by the Jester and Pharley Phund. The students were introduced to the book “The Jester Who Lost His Jingle” during kick-off assemblies that emphasized the importance of reading and the message presented in the book by its author, David Saltzman. Students

logged the number of minutes they read during the three week span and at the end of the read-a-thon, students and classes with the most minutes were honored with certificates and prizes. The best part was that Westmont students were able to donate books to CHOC Hospital to be given to their young patients. This was a special piece to further promote why reading is important for all. A school-wide assembly was held on April 19th to honor our students and teachers and their great efforts in reading every day.



Day at the Beach –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 Please put Ocean View in the subject line.

Entries must be received by July 15, 2023

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win
a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| SWIM SUIT | SHIRT |
| SUNGLASSES | SANDWICHES |
| UMBRELLA | SHORTS |
| HAT | CHAP STICK |
| FLIP FLOPS | FIRST AID KIT |
| PAIL | COOLER |
| SHOVEL | DRINKS |
| BLANKET | SNACKS |
| BOOK | |



Summer Fun Word Search Contest

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| Barbeque | Lifeguard | Surfing |
| Beach | Picnics | Swimming |
| Fireworks | Pool | Vacation |
| Fun | Popsicles | Volleyball |
| Hot | Sand | Water |
| Ice Cream | Summer | Wave |
| Lemonade | Sunny | |



**Congratulations Marta Galloway
Winner of our March Word Search Contest**