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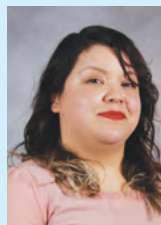
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Looking to Our Future, The Next Chapter

As we approach the last month of the school year, we reflect on the many challenges and opportunities that are now forever part of this school year. We continue to work hard to put behind us the impact that the pandemic had on our mission to provide a successful path for all our students after graduation. While we recognize that our entire district continues to come together to offer exceptional opportunities and programs for our students, we are hopeful that the conditions beyond our school graduations will be favorable for all our students as they pursue their goals and write their next chapter. This year, we have celebrated tremendous successes, from a Millennium scholar to schools recognized for their success in programs such as AVID and Schools to Watch. Our students have developed amazing collaborations between special needs students and Link Crew to participate in and win athletic competitions with other districts' schools. We are now celebrating those students who have almost completed their time in our district and have embarked on various school and career endeavors. Our district has enhanced the opportunities and pathways that our students can follow to achieve their academic goals, and I am very proud of the partnerships and collaborations within and outside the district. Personally, this has been a fantastic last year of my career as I retire, and look forward to my own next chapter. I am confident that our next Superintendent will continue moving our district forward, provide even more opportunities for success for all our students, and write the next chapter for our school district.



Ruben Frutos
Superintendent

Mirando hacia nuestro futuro, el próximo capítulo

A medida que nos acercamos al último mes del año escolar, reflexionamos sobre los muchos desafíos y oportunidades que ahora son parte para siempre de este año escolar. Continuamos trabajando arduamente para dejar atrás el impacto que la pandemia tuvo en nuestra misión de proporcionar un camino exitoso para todos nuestros estudiantes después de la graduación. Si bien reconocemos que todo nuestro distrito continúa uniéndose para ofrecer oportunidades y programas excepcionales para nuestros estudiantes, esperamos que las condiciones más allá de nuestras graduaciones escolares sean favorables para todos nuestros estudiantes a medida que persiguen sus metas y escriben su próximo capítulo. Este año, hemos celebrado tremendos éxitos, desde un becario del Milenio hasta escuelas reconocidas por su éxito en programas como AVID y Schools to Watch. Nuestros estudiantes han desarrollado increíbles colaboraciones entre estudiantes con necesidades especiales y los estudiantes de Link Crew para participar y ganar competencias atléticas con las escuelas de otros distritos. Ahora estamos celebrando a aquellos estudiantes que casi han completado su tiempo en nuestro distrito y se han embarcado en varios intereses escolares y profesionales. Nuestro distrito ha mejorado las oportunidades y vías de carreras que nuestros estudiantes pueden seguir para lograr sus metas académicas, y estoy muy orgulloso de las asociaciones y colaboraciones dentro y fuera del distrito. Personalmente, este ha sido un fantástico último año de mi carrera mientras me retiro, y espero con ansias mi próximo capítulo. Estoy seguro de que nuestro próximo Superintendente continuará haciendo avanzar a nuestro distrito, brindará aún más oportunidades de éxito para todos nuestros estudiantes y escribirá el próximo capítulo para nuestro distrito escolar.



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Have a fun summer. Be sure to see pages 19 & 20 for fun at Golf n' Stuff.

Please remember to include the library among your summer activities.

Our next issue is October 25.



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The City of Paramount will continue to run the STAR Afterschool Program for the 2023-24 school year at all PUSD elementary and middle school sites.

Enrollment will begin on May 22. Applications can be found at www.paramountcity.com/residents/star-program and will be accepted via email to each school (a list of addresses can be found on the webpage) or in-person at the Community Services Office, 15300 Downey Ave.

If you have any questions, please call (562) 220-2121.



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Rita Cruz-Wahl
Director

Spring Into Action

Mokler State Preschool invited families into the classroom for some quality time to create spring crafts. There were three activity stations set up in the classroom. At one station, families used colored tissue paper and pipe cleaners to make beautiful flowers. A second station required the use of fine motor skills as children threaded



Flowers are blooming.



Craft time.

beads to create wind chimes. The third activity station allowed children to design a spring wreath made from craft materials. These decorative items brought joy to children and memories were created. Parents enjoyed the crafts just as much as the children. This day also provided an opportunity for preschool families to meet one another. Thank you to Ms. Charlene Landry and the instructional assistants for preparing and planning interactive crafts that engaged children and their families.

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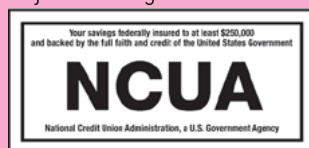
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Ask Dr. Shari

Good for the Mind & Great for the Heart



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

The way we choose to spend our time and the activities in which we engage help form our value system.

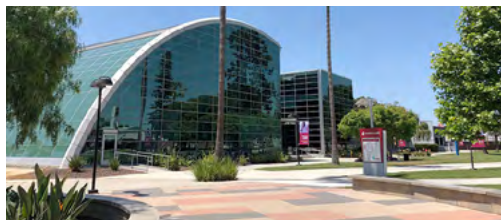
With a wide array of possibilities and opportunities, volunteering is a positive and vastly beneficial way of helping young people develop a strong sense of self.

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.

Additional Benefits of Volunteerism:

- **Learning:** Acquiring a new trade or skill can help teens see the world in a bigger picture and be inspired to continue to expand intellectually.
- **Networking:** Volunteering brings people of like minds, interests and values together. This will inevitably lead to positive interaction and healthy relationships.
- **Building the Résumé:** Engaging in service to others and taking the initiative to learn new trades or skills is a brilliant way to expand your portfolio. This is especially beneficial for students and young professionals.
- **Personal Growth:** 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

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.



Athena, Age 2



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**Dr. Andrea
Aguilar-Nuno**
Principal

Inclusion Matters!

In honor of National Disabilities Awareness month, Alondra Middle School partnered with the Special Education department to host its first annual Inclusion Field Day. It was a great way to showcase our students' abilities and come together to form a strong, diverse learning community at AMS. It was a wonderful sight to see our General Education and Life Skills students linked together while they played games, danced, and created masterpieces in the arts and crafts area. A special element of the event was when some of our students recited the song, Beautiful Day, in sign language. It truly was a beautiful day!



Singing, Dancing & More.



Parachute games for everyone.

We also wanted to thank our board members, district personnel, PTSA members, and families that came out to make this such a fun and uplifting event. We are already looking forward to next year's celebration. #WeAreBetterTogether

Buena Vista *High School*

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Morrie Kosareff
Principal

College and Career Fair

Buena Vista High School held our Annual College and Career Fair on March 30th. We had four 45-minute rotations, where Advisory classes made rotations to listen to presenters.

Our students listened to speakers discuss careers, what led them to their career fields and the training/education required for their careers.

The presenters included PUSD Resource Officer Deputy Phillips, a firefighter with the Los Angeles Fire Department, Derek Gordon (Director of Technology for the Lakers), George Casillas (Veterans Stand Together/Treston Security), Jeff Parker (AkinsParker Designs), and Mike Castro (Universal Technical Institute).

Our Information booths were staffed by representatives from Cerritos Community College, Long Beach City College, Compton Community College, the Army, Navy, Paramount Adult School, Downey Adult School and a local Beauty Academy. A generous flower shop had a booth where she showed students how to design flower arrangements. Popular radio stations provided entertainment and raffled off prizes to students.



Students designing floral arrangements.

Collins *Elementary School*

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Margie Domino
Principal

First Annual Soccer Tournament

Research shows that organized outdoor play in school can help increase student engagement, foster social and emotional learning, as well as develop leadership skills. Under the leadership of the Collins Noon Duty Aide staff, fourth and fifth grade students



Playing soccer.

have the opportunity to participate in the first annual Collins Soccer Tournament. This was supported by the District's fabulous Operations Department who came in and painted a regulation size soccer field. 72 soccer loving students signed up to participate. All students were placed on a team. Games will be played every Thursday until the end of the school year. Go Colts!



Advancing forward.

Gaines *Elementary School*

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Karen Sullivan
Principal

Crayons to College

Grizzlies were excited to participate in Career Week! We believe students should have many opportunities to explore future careers. Throughout the year, we highlight college and career options. During Career Week, we go more in depth to showcase paths that are available.

Students enjoyed interviews with professionals and community members sharing their roles in game design, firefighting, law, music industry, government and health care.



AVID Students Present Future Careers.



PHS students share CTE Pathways.

Our elementary students had another special treat as our very own Paramount students presented their future careers. Jackson AVID students shared creative and informative presentations about

their aspirations. CTE students from PHS provided demonstrations and talked about Career Technical Education options within our own district. Third grade students were treated to a cooking demonstration (and tasting!) from our Culinary Arts students while second grade students were wowed with a hands-on demonstration of patient care.

Our CUBS are on the right path for college and career!

Hollydale School K-8

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Hilda Mapp
Principal

Hornet Care Closet

The Hornet Care Closet store is open! We are excited to bring this store to our community. Students and families can place orders of any needed essentials weekly through our system. Although we have had these supplies available all year, we wanted a different experience for our families. Our goal was to make this a fun shopping experience that promoted advocacy. They are able to select what they need and get their supplies in a cute shopping bag. There was much excitement with our first delivery. We want our Hornet Care Closet to eliminate any barriers our community may have by providing basic essentials needed to be successful. Thank you to our district's Community Resource Center, teachers, participants, and parent volunteers who have worked together to bring this new program to our community! Go Hornets!



HCC Shopping Bags.



Jackson Middle School

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Kelly Anderson
Principal

AVID Recognition

Leona Jackson School was recently named an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) National Demonstration School. Jackson earned this honor, which has been given to roughly 1% of AVID schools nationwide, through a rigorous multi-year process that included coaching, screening, in-depth reviews, and multiple site visits. National Demonstration Schools are recognized for their ability to

successfully implement the AVID Elective course and utilize AVID strategies schoolwide to impact all students. AVID began at Jackson during the 2014-2015 school year and since then, the program has grown and helped prepare students for success in high school and college. As a National Demo School, Jackson will continue to serve as a model for new AVID schools. "It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for our work with AVID over the last nine years. We are so proud of the commitment of students and staff to using AVID strategies schoolwide," said Sandra Gonzalez, Jackson's AVID Coordinator.



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Jefferson Elementary School

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Kelly Williams
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Extended Learning Opportunities!

The Instructional Coaches and students at Jefferson have been taking full advantage of the Extended Learning Opportunities Program!

Miss Ruiz has been keeping her group of fifth graders very busy reading *Fever* and doing projects related to the time period in which the novel takes place. Mrs. Archuleta and her group have their hands full as well!

Between taking care of the garden and baking/cooking seasonal food items, there are always plenty of tasks to accomplish during their meetings.



Crazy for Carrots!



Fever Reading Club.

Each group meets once a week, for an hour and a half, which almost never seems like enough time for all of the fun they have planned. You know what they say, *"Time flies when you're having fun learning!"*

Keppel Elementary School

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Michael Naruko
Principal

"Full STEAM Ahead"

At Keppel Elementary School, learning is "Full STEAM Ahead!" "STEAM" is the acronym used to describe learning experiences that apply Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). In a STEAM activity, students are challenged to explore the world around them and identify solutions to real-world problems. Critical thinking and collaboration are key elements.

This year, students in TK-3rd grade are getting a hands-on experience as they learn about the life cycle of plants. By growing crops in the Keppel Garden, they are developing a deep understanding of different types of plants and their role in the farm to table concept. These students also learned about animal habitats as they appear

today compared to long ago as they explored habitats and food chains at the Los Angeles Zoo, Long Beach Aquarium, and La Brea Tarpits. Fourth grade students visited the Discovery Cube where they learned about concepts in engineering by observing and tinkering with real working models. We are also excited to see STEAM education in action as Keppel students across all grade levels participate in cooking classes. During these sessions, students apply mathematical concepts and chemistry as they explore the culinary arts to prepare and enjoy fun meals.

Lastly, a memorable moment in STEAM education was taking our fourth and fifth graders to the Pantages Theater to see the production of *The Lion King*. Students witnessed how visual and performing arts are integrated into science and technology to create an amazing Broadway musical. At Keppel, we are inspired to "Build STEAM" as we watch our students think, build, solve, and learn.

Lincoln *Elementary School*

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**Anastasia
Ferrarer-Bias**
Principal

Lincoln Career Day

Learning about career paths early helps students focus on their academics! Lincoln Lions are learning skills to function and thrive in the world. As an AVID school, our school culture promotes college and career preparedness and students exploring how they will apply what they are learning now to their future goals. To encourage this growth, community

members were invited to share their own college and career paths. Students enjoyed hearing from the City of Paramount's Councilmembers and a Parks and Recreation representative, business owners, Public Safety Deputies, Universities, Paramount Unified School District employees, and even our own former Lincoln students from the 2023 graduating class at Paramount High School! As part of the AVID strategies third – fifth grade students took notes and after all grades reflected by writing about what they learned. It was a terrific way to connect our community and students around future career opportunities.



Career Day presenters.



Lincoln Lions Learning!

Los Cerritos *Elementary School*

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**Linh
Tran-Roberts**
Principal

You Got a Friend in Me

Los Cerritos Bulldogs shine bright each day learning and growing academically and socially. This year a group of general and special education students came together to promote inclusivity at school. Inclusion means that

all students are part of the school community, regardless of their cultural background and strengths and abilities. Our School Social Worker, Counselor, and Special Education staff worked with groups of students for 10 weeks, providing social skills lessons that taught empathy, kindness, and patience. Students had a great time participating and using skills in activities such as creating art, having breakfast together, and playing games in fun and interactive ways. The 10-week program resulted in the development of new



Ambassadors working together.

friendships. We look forward to expanding our Ambassador Club and promoting kindness, empathy, and inclusion at Los Cerritos!

Mokler *Elementary School*

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Holly Hennessy
Principal

Creating a College Culture

Mokler Elementary took on the challenge of creating a college culture on campus for grades Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. They found by exposing students to colleges around the country great things can happen. Each class on campus was given the task of picking a college to research and presenting their research to the entire school during a morning assembly. Classes exhibited college spirit by performing cheers, chants, and even bringing in a college mascot. In addition, students



Go BSU!



Bruins Pride!

gave quality speeches regarding information on the college they researched. Now each classroom shows college pride through art, bulletin boards and posters representing their college of choice. The results are in, and even our youngest students enjoyed learning about post-secondary education and showing off what they learned. Moving forward, Mokler will continue to prioritize college and career readiness.

Odyssey *STEM Academy*

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Morrie Kosareff
Interim Principal

Eco-Friendly Fair

Odyssey STEM Academy was invited to participate in the Eco-Friendly Fair hosted by the City of Paramount on Saturday, April 15. This community event displayed the wonderful eco-friendly actions and partnerships Paramount has ventured into with the wellness of the environment and the community in mind. In partnership



OSA Team in Action.

with LA Trout Unlimited, our scholars were invited to share their Senior STEM Capstone projects in areas of restoration and the naturalization of the LA River adjacent to Dills Park. Seniors Deryen Lenon, Alessandra



Seniors Alessandra, Deryen, & Paul.

Soriano, and Paul Seehusen displayed and described their amazing projects with the purpose of supporting environmental health and sustainability with community members visiting our Odyssey booth. Their work included a robotic arm for water sample collection in polluted areas, beautification tiles to adorn the riverbed walls, and 3-D printed models of hydroelectric water filters designed to collect water for energy production. We feel our scholars did a fantastic job!

Paramount *Adult School / Community Day School*

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Dr. Yvonne Rodriguez
Principal

ESL Students Enrolled in Compton College

The English as a Second Language (ESL) students are enrolled in one of the ESL courses, levels three through six, and attend classes

Monday through Thursday at Paramount Adult School. They return on Friday to take Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) Medical Terminology offered by Compton College on the Adult School site. An instructor from Compton College teaches the course. VESL Medical Terminology is a high-intermediate ESL course where students study key medical terms in anatomy and physiology and vocabulary for diseases, symptoms, procedures, standard medical tests,



ESL students enrolled in VESL course.

and abbreviations. VESL courses allow ESL students to learn important Career Technical Education content while learning English. These students are preparing to study for an occupation in the medical field.

Paramount Park *Middle School*

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Kevin Longworth
Principal

Library Bliss

Our Panther Library is a wonderful place! Students look forward to not only reading and checking out material, but they also enjoy activities.

Six chessboards support year-round tournaments. Student, Josue Citalan, confidently comments, "I enjoy coming into the library to play chess and becoming chess tournament champ." Mancala is another favorite as students try to beat the undefeated librarian champ, Ms. Norma. If not, they are interacting with circuit boards, cubelets, and kinetic puzzles on STEM Fridays.



Panther Library.

The opposite end of the library is a calming place for coloring, reading or simply decompressing. Rebeka Rodriguez enjoys coming into the library as it is "peaceful and calming to do my work."

Seventh graders begin to shadow eighth-grade assistants for a chance to earn a job. Ms. Norma comments, "I may be in charge of the library, but the students run the library to ensure a positive community is maintained for all students."



Panther Chess Tournament.

Paramount High School - Senior Campus

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Elizabeth Salcido
Principal

Inclusfit Pirates: Better Together!

Paramount High School was fortunate to pair with Special Olympics to participate in their Unified Sports program. Unified Sports promotes physical activity and social interaction among students with and without disabilities. Special Education Life Skills classes and Link Crew formed The Inclusfit Pirates. The Inclusfit team competed in basketball at Mayfair High School and took first place. Next, was a soccer tournament hosted by Locke High School and our athletes not only won the championship but went undefeated. Our latest event was a track meet hosted by Warren High School and again our Pirates came home victorious! Link Crew teacher, Ricardo Herrera, has raved about how his students have gained, "An invaluable understanding of their fellow students and that it is something that can spread throughout the

rest of their lives." It is so awesome to see the teamwork between our students and how their hard work has paid off.



Inclusfit Pirates finish first.

Paramount High School - West Campus

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Dr. Damon Dragos
Principal

Honor Roll Scholars

Paramount High West Campus honored 460 students for the first semester Honor Roll (last year we had 429 students). Students were categorized in three tiers: Principal's Honor Roll (3.75 GPA or above), Pirate Honor Roll (3.5 - 3.74 GPA) and Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.49 GPA). Of the 460 honor roll students, 47% of the students made Principal's Honor Roll!

The counseling department delivered certificates to the students during class and were recognized in front of their peers. In addition, the students received Honor Roll medallion pins to showcase on their lanyards or backpacks. Many parents who attended Open House expressed their gratitude for recognizing their child and were even spotted wearing the medallion pins themselves.

Our young Pirates are almost near the end of their first year of high school and look to continue their Honor Roll trends for the end of second semester.



Counselor recognizes Pirate Scholar.

Roosevelt *Elementary School*

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Michelle Soto
Principal

Roosevelt's Women's History Month

On March 29, 2023, Roosevelt hosted its first Women's History Month Celebration where students were introduced to local successful women who make positive impacts on their daily lives. In attendance were the all-women-run Paramount City Council, members from PUSD Board of Education and Executive Cabinet, as well as other valuable members of the Paramount community who read in our classrooms.

Additionally, students participated in an art contest where they researched a famous woman and told her story. The winners were given the opportunity to present their work to our honored guests and enjoyed a delicious brunch prepared by our wonderful Nutrition Services Department.

The experience was meaningful for students as they had the chance to converse and be recognized for their achievements. Memories were created on this day, and we look forward to sparking the minds and hearts of future female leaders in our community!



Women's History Month Celebration

Tanner *Elementary School*

7210 Rosecrans Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 • 562/602-8060 • tanner.pusdschools.net



Belki McConnell
Principal

March Madness!

For the entire month of March our Tanner Tigers participated in a schoolwide March Madness competition to show their mastery of high frequency words and their fluency with math facts (FF).

Students received swag tags once they passed their high frequency words (HFW) challenge. On Pi Day, 3/14, every student who had a swag tag got a chance to throw pie at

the principal and teachers who volunteered. "I'm gonna pie your face!," exclaimed a First-Grade student excited to throw a pie in Ms. McConnell's face. It was a perfect throw.

March Madness results: 298 of our scholars passed the High Frequency Word Challenge, 381 passed their Fact Fluencies (FF). Our semifinalists, Ms. Diaz Pe's, Ms. Corrales', and Ms. Worcester's class got to enjoy their own themed class party. Our Champions for HFW and FF, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Corrales, will go on a class field trip. We are extremely proud of everyone's dedication.



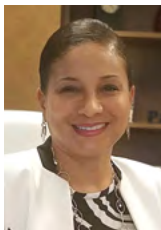
Pie in the principal's face.



Celebrating Pi Day.

Wirtz Elementary School

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Lisa Nunley-Macon
Principal

Baile Wizards!

Wirtz Fifth grade students journeyed on a field trip to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in March to observe and participate in a modern dance performance. They were among 2,700 students who attended and performed at the pavilion. Our students were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed seeing several dance performances as they

cheered and clapped during the show. When it came time for students to perform their rehearsed dance, they truly shined! Wirtz students looked amazing in their matching Wizards shirts and were all in sync with their dance moves. The volunteers praised our students for looking great and being very respectful and mannerable. Wirtz students and teachers truly enjoyed the opportunity to engage in the performing arts with professional dancers and other schools.



Wirtz Wizards.

Zamboni Middle School

15733 Orange Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 • 562/602-8048 • zamboni.pusdschools.net



Lisa Kirk
Principal

Families Support PTA

The 2022-2023 school year brought a revitalization to the Zamboni PTA with a full Board and the highest level of parent involvement seen in several years. The group began by brainstorming ideas for a fundraiser and decided to host a bi-annual family game night with the first being held in December. Fast forward to Thursday, March 30th. The doors of Zamboni's MPR open to



Game Night Fun.



Supporting PTA.

a line of families excited to enjoy fun games, door prizes, food, and community. Even with the inclement weather, Zamboni families, for the second time this school year, came to support the Zamboni PTA's in raising funds "to positively impact the lives of all children and families." Seventh grade student, Adrian Galeana, said of the event, "It was a good experience and I like how they did stuff for our community." A HUGE shout out to our amazing PTA Board and members!



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- 10 fichas

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*Se cobra por el envío de pizza.

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