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Mindful Students Make a Mindful World



LiveWell Kids, a garden and nutrition education program at all elementary schools, is one example of how RBUSD supports mental health and wellness.

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Dr. Nicole Wesley
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Summer Zen

The bustle of life, school, and work can feel overwhelming at times. Summer is a great time to unwind. I have been asked what I like to do on my downtime and decided I would share my favorite place to relax my mind and enjoy nature's beauty. The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino is a place I discovered in high school, when a friend invited me to take an adventure outside of the South Bay bubble.

I have been mesmerized by the gardens ever since and continue to take my daughter and friends, as there is never a dull moment and a lot to learn while strolling through the splendor of the Huntington Estate. The Huntington has a wealth of history with one of the world's greatest research libraries and several art museums with over 45,000 pieces from Europe, Asia, and America. Yet, I find pure delight strolling through the now 16 themed gardens, which showcase rare and endangered species, as well as culture and history. My favorite is the Chinese garden. The architecture, hand-laid landscape, art, and textiles flown in from China are captivating. The Chinese Garden also has a restaurant, where you can enjoy Chinese cuisine outside among the beauty.

About an hour away, but well worth it, The Huntington is an outing you will want to revisit, because you cannot possibly see it all in one visit. Their Rose Garden Tea House is reopening after renovations and is a fun place for high tea and time to be in the moment. Go to <https://huntington.org/> for more information.

If you would like to enter into a free drawing for two (2) tickets, please fill out this form by 4 p.m. on May 31 - <https://forms.gle/8FbhynxULLPwa5B7>. Whatever you decide to do, please relax, reset, and enjoy the summer!

Board of Education



Byung Cho
Member

Excellence by Inclusion

Happy Spring! I cannot tell you how excited I am to be serving as your newest school board member.

I have been contemplating and asking how we can elevate our school district from great to excellent. What is best for every student in RBUSD?

When my family immigrated to the U.S. from Seoul, Korea, I was 17. I did not speak fluent English. My counselor took the time to review my transcripts from Korea and asked what supports I needed. My counselors, teachers, and peers were kind; they listened to my broken English and watched my gestures carefully. They took the time to explain and practiced abundant patience when they sensed I was frustrated with myself. My values, needs, opinions, and thoughts mattered. Quite simply, I felt heard and respected. I learned from them, and we learned together. Because I was included and accepted, I was able to adapt, develop friendships, and succeed in school and in life.

This is the experience I want for every student in RBUSD: to know they are welcomed, valued, and accepted. How can we put this into practice? We can literally practice being kind and respectful to each other; to observe and listen instead of dismiss or argue, and invite everyone to join in. I believe this is the first meaningful step to foster a culture that encourages unique expressions, talents, and gifts to flourish. Let's start by including everyone.

Supporting the social-emotional well-being of our students, teachers, staff, and families will lead to improved student achievement. Let's continue to work together in making our educational community excellent for every student. It is important work, and we will need everyone's active and intentional participation.

Let's get to work, Redondo!

I look forward to meeting with, listening to, and learning from all of you!

Board of Education Meeting Dates

2023			2024		
May 23	August 8	October 10	January 23*	March 26	June 11
June 13	August 22	October 24	February 13	April 30*	June 25
June 27	September 12	November 14*	February 27	May 14	
July 25**	September 26	December 12*	March 12	May 28	

**** Due to Summer recess, only one Regular Board meeting in July.
(4/30/24 – Swearing-In and Organizational Special Meeting Only)**

*** Due to holiday/local holiday schedule, only one Regular Board meeting in November, December, January and April.**



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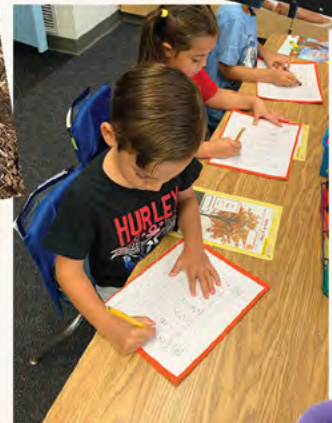


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Doris Donlou-Richmond
President

The Impact of RBEF

Music and PE are some of our students' favorite RBEF funded programs. But did you know that music also supports math and language development? It allows kids to develop spatial intelligence allowing students to visualize how elements fit together which is required to solve math problems. It also stimulates the left side of the brain which is the language center. Learning music is in fact learning another language.

How about that physical activity increases self-discipline, judgment and goal-setting skills? The inclusion of Physical Education in the school day helps students strengthen relationships with their peers, reduces stress and improves self-confidence and self-esteem. Learning to work together as a team to achieve common goals is an essential life skill that starts on the field.

Did you also know music and PE are the first programs to be eliminated at schools across the country due to budget cuts? This is where the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation steps in. RBEF recognizes how critical Music and PE are for our students to receive a well-rounded education. We are PROUD to fund these valuable programs in our schools and we couldn't do it without your support.



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Emory Chen
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Youth Services

Mental Health is Health

Mental health is one of Beach Cities Health District's (BCHD) four health priorities. This is fueled by the fact that while our Beach Cities community has a healthy presentation on the outside, there continues to be concerning rates of reported stress, bullying and substance use. Suicidal ideation and feelings of chronic sadness/hopelessness are high for our 11th graders. Adult suicide rates are greater than

Los Angeles County and our level of stress remains equal to post-Katrina New Orleans, while our anger is on par with urban populations such as Detroit, Michigan. Focusing on mental health across the lifespan presents an opportunity for dramatic improvement in well-being.

BCHD is kicking off the month of May with our community-wide campaign "Mental Health is Health" with partners including the Redondo Beach Unified School District. The campaign's message aims to decrease stigma,



increase help seeking behaviors, increase awareness of and access to resources for mental health, and build community capacity to support individuals who need mental health resources. BCHD looks forward to collaborating with the school district to spread the word on mental health at the Perras Middle School Mindfulness Summit (May 6), Adams Middle School PTSA Health and Wellness Festival (May 13) and the Redondo Union High School Mental Health Fair (May 17). For more information on Mental Health Awareness Month, visit bchd.org/mentalhealthawareness.

Free mental health resources and other services for young people ages 12-25 are also now available at allcove Beach Cities. Monthly and weekly events include Open Mic Night, Movie Night, Study Lounge and Game Night.

The center is located at BCHD's campus, 514 N. Prospect Ave., 4th floor and is open Tuesday through Friday from 1-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To learn more, visit allcove.org/beach-cities/ or call 310-374-5706.

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Heather Willoughby
President

Your Kind of PTA

Your PTA leaders have worked hard throughout this past year to reestablish the kind of PTA that we have all known and loved. Our first year back in action with events on campus and oh how wonderful that has been. We have seen programs and assemblies return, field trips, fun runs, movie nights and book fairs galore. They continue to support the amazing teachers and administrators while working to further our partnership with RBEF and BCHD.

This hard work has been well received and recognized. Adams Middle School was designated a National

PTA School of Excellence, RUHS PTSA brought back Academic Letter Night to 589 students with a 3.5 or higher GPA, and the Redondo Beach Council was honored with winning the 2023 Jan Harp Domene Diversity & Inclusion Award recognizing PTAs who have succeeded and continue to make diversity, equity and inclusion a priority. This prestigious award is given out to one council NATIONWIDE each year. So much greatness at every level.

We hope we have been YOUR KIND OF PTA, exceeding your expectations in making sure every child, family and staff member feels fully supported. We are thankful for you and your continued support through your membership and donations. Have a great summer!



Redondo Beach representing at the annual 33rd District PTA Presidents and Administrators Conference.

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Jens Brandt
Principal

Art at Patricia Dreizler High School (PDHS)

The art program at PDHS seeks to provide students with the history, cultural connections, tools, and experiences to appreciate the world of fine arts. A wide variety of approaches based on both Western and Non-Western cultures are integrated into courses that are oriented toward creativity, imagination, and critical thinking. Our PDHS students are able to explore art through courses in graphic arts, drawing & painting, and photography. Teenagers spend so much time in high school attempting to create and understand their sense of self; in the art room, they do so with color, lines, reflection, and discussion. While art functions as a means of self-expression, it also helps students in forming a broader worldview. Through the "Succulent Macro-Drawings" project, students at Dreizler take photos of the gardens and vegetation on campus and draw large scale versions of their own. Please enjoy their work!



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Theresa Van Dusen
Director

PE in Preschool

By Kimberly Quon and Iryna Kuzmich, Preschool Co-Teachers

At the Alta Vista Child Development Center, you will find an amazing preschool program for children ages 3 and 4. The program focuses on self-regulation, social and emotional development,

language and literacy development, cognition (math and science), health and physical education. Our preschool provides both structured and unstructured physical-activity time. Unstructured physical activity fosters individual creativity, enables exploration, and allows children time to show that they can play safely and cooperatively with others in social environments.

As for the structured physical-activity time, we start every morning with it to help our students get ready for a fun-filled day of learning. Students are able to learn by using music, beanbags, Hula-Hoops, balls, ropes, balance



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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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Summer Learning

The 2022-23 school year marked our first year back to what once would have been considered a “normal” school year; students and staff fully engaging in all RBUSD has to offer. With normalcy, came the space for not only students, but also teachers and staff to engage as learners to rethink about teaching and learning in classrooms.

Learning, however, does not stop on the last day of school. So many teachers, staff, and administrators use summer time to continue to learn and enrich their pedagogy. They reflect on successes and challenges of the past year and refine plans for the year ahead. They engage in college coursework, professional development options, and conferences. Their dedication outside the school year enriches learning opportunities during the school year. RBUSD wishes all staff, students, and families a rejuvenating summer, whether that means relaxation, recreation, or learning opportunities that inspire the new year.



Secondary teachers diving into learning about equitable and meaningful grading practices.

South Bay Adult School

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Dr. Suzanne Webb
Director

South Bay Adult School Programs Focus on EL Civics

Enrolling in South Bay Adult School English as a Second Language (ESL) classes is not just about learning to read, speak, listen, and write in English. Our ESL curriculum is primarily focused on delivering EL Civics content to English language learners. EL Civics competency areas include

consumer economics, community resources, health, employment, government and law, and workforce training. For example, in a health unit, students learn about symptoms of various illnesses, medication that can be purchased at a store or pharmacy, and how to communicate with a doctor during a visit. The picture below shows a computer literacy class where students learn how to write professional emails to communicate with employers and use technology to research an area of interest.



SBAS students are excited to develop computer literacy skills.

Adams Middle School (6–8)

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Dr. Tanaz Bruna
Principal

Renaissance Comes to Life!

One of the greatest ways that students can engage in history and social science is through enrichment days organized by teachers and sponsored by our wonderful PTSA. This year, seventh-grade students learned that when Europe transformed from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, the daily life of the average person changed as well. People began to enjoy more luxuries, nicer clothes, finer foods and the arts. There were more craftsmen, artisans and merchants who developed into a middle class of people who had money but who weren't nobles or royalty.

Adams Middle School was excited for the return of our seventh-grade Renaissance History Day. The seventh-grade team made sure the day was a great success for our students.

Renaissance Day is a full day of fun events, highlighting the seventh-grade Social Science Standards. Advisement classes represented one of the 12 city-states and competed to become the overall best city-state. Culminating scores on a class-created flag, knowledge of historical facts and a jousting competition determined the best city-state.

The event would not be possible without the support of the Adams PTSA and countless hours given by our volunteers. It was a great day to watch students engage with history come to life!



Teacher Mr. Morlock serving as the master of ceremonies.



Students participating in the "jousting" competition in the Adams gym.

Alta Vista *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Karin Sato
Principal

Summer Learning

Summer break is typically a time for children to relax, indulge in some extra screen time, play outside, and enjoy the unstructured hours. However, too much free time can lead to a “summer slide” or regression in academic proficiency. The good news is that there are a number of ways to keep your children engaged in reading and math over the summer.

For starters, give your children access to a wide variety of the kind of books that they enjoy reading or listening to, and are fully able to comprehend. Locally, the Redondo Beach Public Library offers a Summer Reading Program that provides multiple opportunities for both students and their families to read. Additionally, Alta Vista also has reading lists for independent summer reading posted on our website.

Games and puzzles are another great way for students to keep up with their foundational skills and promote

pro-social play. Another novelty that stimulates the brain and promotes learning is visiting historical sites, planetariums, museums, and other places. This will help to reinforce in a real-life setting what the children are learning from books.

Children who use their imaginations are also expanding their vocabulary at the same time, and are experimenting with new concepts. So let your children craft, conduct science experiments, cook, act, invent, or build Legos.

Research shows that physically active students tend to have better grades and classroom behavior. Higher physical activity is also associated with improved cognitive performance. For these reasons, try to continue the physical activities that our Wildcats have been taking part in this year, such as the Wildcat Run Club. Summer also gives students a time to run, hike, jog, or walk in different environments like the strand, the Palos Verdes trails, or our local parks.

Have a wonderful summer getting lost in a book, exploring the outdoors, or playing games with family and friends. We will see all of our Wildcats in the Fall!

Madison *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Dr. Heather Cash
Principal

The Heart of a School

Laughter and clever quips, song lyrics and personal endearments—these are the sounds of the Madison School office, all courtesy of a remarkable person who truly keeps this school running—Mrs. Brandi Binder. Administrative assistants literally do EVERYTHING—from enrollments to ice packs, phone counseling to technology troubleshooting. Mrs. Binder runs this office

with professionalism, grace, courtesy, kindness and humor. “It’s banana pants in here!” she laughs when the heat turns on. Every Madison Comet has been touched by this genuinely devoted and hard working person. Beginning as a Madison parent, then an active PTA volunteer, and now as the cog in the center of the Madison wheel. Brandi has truly shared herself completely with our families and staff, even mentoring others in her same role throughout RBUSD. We are blessed to be the recipients of her talents with us and her energy will ripple indefinitely through our school. Brandi, thank you for your laughter, for your tears, for your vast heart and for your precious time. You have made a difference.



Beryl Heights *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Joshua Stern
Principal

We Love to Read!

Our students at Beryl Heights love diving into a good book! They get excited about the opportunity to talk about what they are reading, dress as their favorite storybook characters, and even compete to see who knows the most about their stories. With the coming of spring, we've seen some fun opportunities for students to explore their love of reading.

Our teachers provide daily time for students to read both within our curriculum and by student choice. During this time of year, we got to participate in Read Across America. During this week, we devoted special time to reading, including having guest readers come into the classrooms to read to students. Teachers swapped classes to read to them. Grade levels partnered up, with upper grades reading to the lower grades with what we called Reading Buddies. We welcomed an old friend, our former

principal Karen Mohr, as a guest mystery reader. Mr. Stern also joined in on the fun by reading to each grade level.

Each day was a special day. We also had a visit from RBPB to help celebrate our love of reading as students came to school dressed as their favorite book characters. We concluded the week with the Great Beryl Readout, where all our students came out onto our turf with blankets and beach towels. They enjoyed the sun and also enjoyed a good book together.

Our students have continued this love of reading as a competition: the Battle of the Books. They have been tasked with reading up to 28 different books. Students in grades three through five compete monthly in various quiz-show styles to answer questions about the books they've read. We held our grade-level competitions and sent a group of fifth-graders to compete at the District Battle of the Books competition. Our amazing Beryl Students came out victorious as the Battle of the Books Champions!



Birney *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Eileen Leckenby
Principal

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Physical activity is an important aspect of a healthy life, and a strong Physical Education program in elementary school sets the stage for a lifetime of healthy habits. Physical activity helps a student think, concentrate, and focus, so we start our days with Morning Exercises to get moving early. Students also participate in PE with their classroom teacher and our passionate District PE Teachers, Coach Barajas and Coach Barrows.

Physical activity is also part of our school celebrations. At the end of the American Heart Association fundraiser, students celebrated reaching our goal and learning about heart health with an inflatable obstacle course generously provided by the Beach Cities Health District. Our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year, Jog-A-Thon, also promotes healthy physical activity, and is a great extension to our Running Club program. The Birney Bobcats are happy to move our bodies, relieve stress, and strengthen our hearts!



Jefferson Elementary School (K-5)

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Jeff Winckler
Principal

Summer Sunshine

With summer break just around the corner, it's important to make plans to keep the mind and body healthy and active. A balance of academic, as well as physical activities during the summer, gives students an opportunity for greater success in the fall. As well, doing academic related activities, exercising, and relaxing are also excellent ways to have some family time during the summer.

Locally, the Redondo Beach public library offers its Summer Reading Program, which provides multiple

opportunities for students and their families to read. The program is a wonderful way to keep students' reading skills sharp. In the greater LA area, students can visit museums, cultural centers, aquariums, zoos, and historical sites. Most of these locations provide activity centers to visit which allow students to not only see concepts first hand but also engage in 'hands-on' activities as they learn and explore. These are great places to visit for families too.

We hope that everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer. Enjoy your time together as a family and we look forward to beginning another amazing school year at Jefferson come summer's end.



Jefferson students at the Main Branch of the Redondo Beach Public Library.

Lincoln Elementary School (K-5)

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Marvin Brown
Principal

Prepare for Testing

All of our Lincoln students participate in Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing throughout the school year. Our kindergarten students take the MAP test in the winter and spring, and our first- through fifth-grade students take the MAP test in the fall, winter and spring. The MAP test assesses reading and math and gives Lexile (reading) and Quantile (math) scores. It not

only measures achievement but, more importantly, also measures growth.

Our school and district use this data to better understand the impact of what we are teaching and what students are learning. This May, Lincoln third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students will take the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), also known as state testing. Beyond the CAASPP and MAP assessments, our Lincoln students prepare throughout the school year to become successful, lifelong learners.

Testing tips: To help your children do well on their testing, please make sure they get a good night's sleep. Also, make sure that you provide a light, healthy breakfast, and have your children dress comfortably and arrive at school on time. Most importantly, send your children off to school with confidence-building words of praise and support, like "You'll do great!" "Believe in yourself!" and "I love you!" Suggest that your children breathe deeply to relax before and during the test, and remind them to read directions carefully and be thoughtful when submitting their answers. Please do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pickups for testing days. Please make sure their Chromebooks are charged every night!

Most of all, remember that tests are just one indicator of how a child is doing, and communication throughout the year with your children's teachers is always the best way to determine their success. As always at Lincoln, we strive to be the best we can be, and with your help and support, our students will be successful in all that they do.



Kindergarten students taking the Spring MAP assessment

Parras Middle School (6–8)

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Dr. Jonathan Erickson
Principal

The Home Stretch

We are here: the final weeks of school in the 2022-2023 school year! This is always a time of mixed feelings, especially for our eighth-graders, who have been looking forward to their promotion ceremony day for several years, and now it may suddenly feel like it is arriving too soon. Meanwhile, our Parras staff members eagerly look forward to the new group of sixth-graders coming in the fall, and we proudly say a bittersweet goodbye to the eighth-graders we have gotten to know so well.

Of all the powerful sentiments that our school community feels during the critical month of June, we would like to promote appreciation, gratitude, and

celebration as especially important to focus on. For our current eighth-grade students going to high school, you will probably make new friends, but do not forget to show appreciation for the incredible time you spent together and the friendships you built with other Parras students.

If you are thinking about how much you will miss your favorite teachers, you can also thank them for the great experiences you had, and show your gratitude for their hard work. And finally, as you may feel a little tired, and be ready for classes to end and summer to begin (as soon as possible!), you can celebrate your amazing accomplishments in getting to where you are now.

So hang in there, and finish strong in your classes for Quarter 4—we are in the home stretch, and summer will be here before you know it.



Redondo Union *High School*

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Anthony Bridi
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RUHS Brings Art to the Community

By Molly Lower, Assistant Principal

The end of the school year is approaching quickly, and with it comes many opportunities for our artistic Sea Hawks to showcase their talents to the community.

Let's start with the visual arts: RUHS is incredibly proud of our representation in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition!

Not only were we the most represented high school in California's 36th District, with 35 submissions, but two of our Sea Hawks in particular received acclaim. Congratulations goes to Catharine Clare Maloney ("Coral Bleaching"; Mixed Media, Honorable Mention) and to Ginger Khan ("Does Our Name Define Us?"; third place), whose submission will hang in Congressman Ted Lieu's office for one year. If you would like to immerse yourself in art then be sure to attend our Evening of the Arts event on May 17th. The reception will begin at 5 pm in Noble Gallery with a performance by the RUHS Jazz Band.

If you are more musically inclined, don't miss the RUHS Choir's Pops Concert in the Auditorium on June 1st! This is a great opportunity if you missed the Spring Concert on April 6th, when the RUHS Choir and Adams Middle School Choir teamed up to put on a great performance.

Sea Hawks, did you hear the people sing? RUHS Performing Arts recently produced *Les Misérables*, and it was a stunning success! The talent and dedication of the cast and crew at our RUHS' performances never ceases to amaze. This awe-inspiring production was made possible by 123 students; with 24 students in the live orchestra, 45 students in the cast, and 54 students on the crew. RUHS also broke last year's single night attendance record with over 1,025 people attending the closing performance!

Under the guidance of the esteemed teachers in our VAPA department, our RUHS students are unstoppable! We welcome you to join in our upcoming events and celebrate the arts. Go, Sea Hawks!



The cast of *Les Misérables* salutes the crew.

Tulita Elementary School (K-5)

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Andrew Estrada
Principal

Summer is Here!

Summer is a great opportunity to enhance your child's knowledge through real-life experiences as well as reviewing the essential skills from the school year. Studies have shown that students may lose up to 60% of reading and math skills over the summer if not engaged with learning opportunities.

To continue being lifelong learners, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Here are some ideas for your child to keep their minds sharp and explore new experiences:

- Read at least ONE Raz-Kids book a day. Remember to first listen to the book, read the book aloud to practice fluency, and take the comprehension test.
- Make visiting the library a weekly event. The Redondo Beach Library has some - activities.

Encourage your child to get lost in a favorite series, a favorite character, or genre. Plan a book club playdate with friends that focuses on a common book, or that allows each friend to share a book that they would recommend to each other. Remind your child that a book recommendation gives a "teaser" of a summary and why they believe others would like it too!

- For grades K-2, log onto Reading Eggs for 15 minutes daily to complete at least ONE full lesson.
 - For grades 3-5, download the Battle of the Books reading list (on our school website) and get a jump start for the 2023-24 battle!
 - Visit a museum. Admission to the Science Center is free. There are lots of great hands-on exhibits for kids.
 - Go to a concert on the Redondo Beach Pier every Thursday or Saturday night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in July and August. Concerts are free and fun for the whole family!
 - Purchase or create a special "Summer Journal." Find 10-15 minutes daily to write about the events of the day. Encourage your child to read their journal daily to allow them to write for a real audience.
 - Have your children help prepare a meal or dish for the family. Before you go to the supermarket, find a recipe, write what you need and how much. At the supermarket, choose the best-priced option.
- Enjoy your time with family and friends. Happy summer!

Washington Elementary School (K-5)

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Mira Baskaron
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Vocal Music

It is no surprise that whole child education is what we believe is best for our students district-wide. Students within the Redondo Beach Unified School District are exposed to many enriching opportunities to ensure that they will receive a well-balanced education.

Thanks to the support of the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation (RBEF), students in grades one to four receive vocal music within the RBEF with our music teacher Mr. Hughes, who is funded by the RBEF. Mr. Hughes engages students in lessons each week that not only meet our visual and performing arts standards, but are also fun and engaging.

Students learn an enormous amount during their weekly vocal music lessons. This includes how to read and notate

music; how to listen to, analyze, and describe music; how to apply vocal and instrumental skills; how to compose, arrange, and improvise; the role and diversity of music in relation to a historical and cultural context, and so much more.

Although students dig deep into understanding and learning the various components within our visual and performing arts standards, they are also strengthening their language skills, improving their self-esteem, and contributing to their brain working harder.

Whole child education will continue to be at the forefront of what we believe is best for our students. With the support of the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation, we can have programs such as vocal music where students can reap many benefits and learn to perform better academically.

Have a FUN summer!

Aubtin's Review



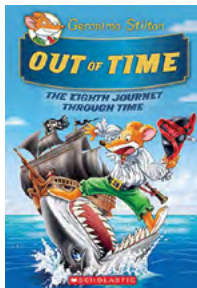
Aubtin M.

Fun Ride through History

Title: *Geronimo Stilton – Out Of Time*

Author: Elisabetta Dami

Geronimo Stilton is a best-selling author running a newspaper called The Rodent's Gazette. He lives in New Mouse City, Mouse Island. Geronimo and



his friends are at the museum for a very special event. Then three artifacts went missing and director of the museum asked Geronimo to help. Geronimo goes off on a journey through time by a time machine. He meets Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Sir Francis Drake and Mozart. Can Geronimo find all the artifacts before time runs out?

This is an adventurous, historical, educational and a very funny book. I enjoyed learning about famous people in the history in such a fun book. I hope you will too.

Aubtin is a 1st Grader. When not playing, Aubtin does writing, reading, and drawing. He also likes sports, swimming, music, computers, and trains. He cares a lot about his family and friends.

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David's Review



David H.

Father and Son

Title: *Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl is about Danny, who lives with his father, who runs a gas station. Danny's mom died when Danny

was a baby. He loves his father and thinks he is the best father in the world. Danny's father even taught him how to assemble a small car engine when he was 7! One night, Danny's father disappears and Danny goes out to find him. That's when Danny discovers his father's dark secret...

You'll have to read the book to find out more! I really liked this book because it has a lot of heartwarming moments, especially between Danny and his father. It also has many funny moments. I highly recommend this book!



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



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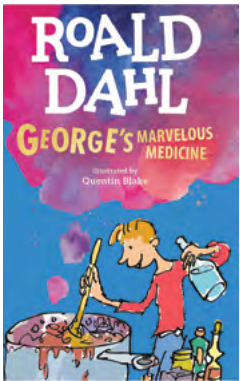
Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

Crazy Medicine

George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl is a really funny book about a boy, George, who has to give his mean grandmother her medicine one day. George decides that her medicine is not strong enough because she takes it every day but she doesn't get any nicer. Then he swaps his grandmother's medicine with medicine he makes using crazy ingredients. Funny things start to happen! You'll have to read the book to see what they are. It will make you laugh!



Daniel is in third grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, basketball, and bowling.

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Srihan's Review



Srihan S.

A Relatable Story

Room to Dream is the third book in the *Front Desk* series by Kelly Yang.

It's a realistic fiction about the hardships of a 12 year old immigrant kid named Mia. She dreams to become a writer and unknowingly breaches

journalistic guidelines in a school newsletter, jeopardizing her friendship.

The story highlights social injustices in the 80's like racism. It also talks about bullying, and how the characters deal with it. These issues exist even today. Thus the story is relatable to the kids of this generation. Read on to see how the story ends and how it inspires the readers.

People from ages 8-16 would enjoy this book. However, its slow pace and emotional journey might not be appealing to some.

I love this book. It captures relationships, the end of friendships, and new beginnings. In essence, this is life captured in a beautiful story. Read this immediately!

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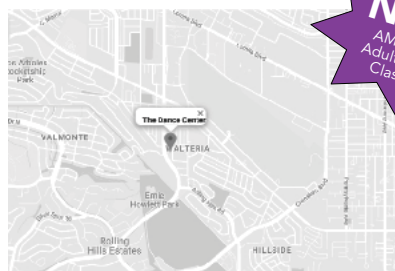
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Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

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The Parker Inheritance is a part historical and part realistic fiction written by Varian Johnson. The book is about a 12-year-old girl named Candice who spends a summer in her grandmother's house in



Lambert, South Carolina after her parents' divorce. Candice makes friends with Brandon, an 11-year-old neighbor. The children found an old mysterious letter in Candice's grandma's attic. The letter states that there is a multimillion-dollar fortune for whoever solves the clues. Is this letter real? What is the purpose of the person creating the clues? Will Candice and Brandon succeed in solving the mystery of the letter?

This is a complex book to read. I think readers can experience fun, mystery, and suspense all in this book. It is over 350 pages long, but I can hardly put the book down. There is also plenty of history readers can learn by reading this book. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars and would highly recommend it to anyone who likes mystery and suspense.

Kailani is a 5th grader who loves to read. When not reading, Kailani likes to play with her brother, jump on the trampoline, listen to music, and ride horses.

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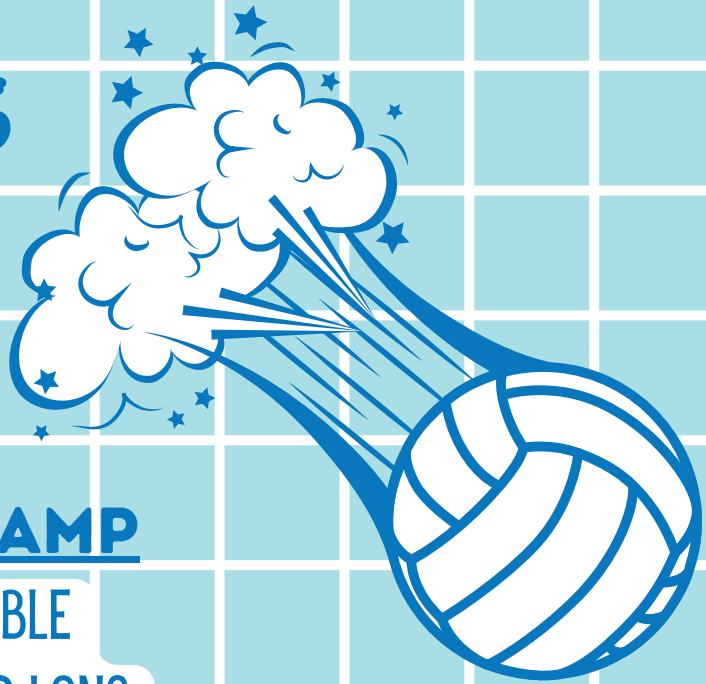
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