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Welcome Back to School



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!



Happy students enjoying the first day of the 23-24 school year at Lake View Elementary!

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SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Michael
Conroy**
Superintendent

The 2023-2024 School Year is here and Safety Remains an OVSD Priority!

Ocean View School District opened the 2023-24 school year with a lot of fanfare from excited parents and students, in addition to happy teachers, staff, and principals! First day of school excitement could be seen on the faces of everyone!

Student Safety is a top priority in Ocean View School District (OVSD). To this end, OVSD is collaborating with the Huntington

Beach Police Department (HBPD) to provide an e-bike and bike safety awareness training for middle school students. This innovative safety initiative aims to enhance road safety awareness and ensure safe commutes for middle school students who use bicycles or e-bicycles to travel to school.



Students who successfully complete the online training and safety quiz will be given a sticker to attach to their e-bike or bike, authorizing them to ride e-bikes or bikes to school and secure them in the school bike enclosure. All students may watch the bike safety training video for their information.

By September 15, all middle school students riding an e-bike or bike to school must have completed the online e-bike/bike safety training, successfully completed the safety quiz, and have the HBPD authorized sticker adhered to their bike.

As a reminder, state law requires all students to wear helmets securely fastened on their heads when riding bikes or e-bikes.

Bike & E-Bike Safety Training



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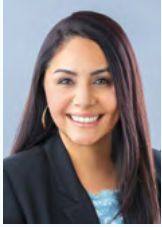
Steps to complete for authorization to ride an e-bike or bike to middle school include:

- Student views the safety training video on the Student Portal;
- Student takes and passes the safety quiz;
- Student brings proof of passing the quiz to the school office or notifies the school office they have passed the quiz, and staff will confirm online;
- Students are provided HBPD sticker which must be adhered to their bike or e-bike when riding to school;
- Staff will monitor the school bike enclosure for proof of authorization (HBPD sticker).

With an increasing number of students relying on bicycles and e-bicycles as their transportation to school, ensuring their safety on the road is a priority for the Ocean View School District and the HBPD. The joint program represents an initiative-taking approach to addressing safety concerns and promoting responsible riding practices among young cyclists. This program provides students with essential skills and knowledge in safely navigating the road with vehicle traffic.

Looking forward to a fantastic, safe school year!

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By Patricia Singer, President, Board of Trustees

As the President of our Board of Trustees, I am excited about the 2023-2024 school year in the Ocean View School District! We had a fantastic start on the first day of school at all our campuses — excitement was everywhere as students found their new classrooms, teachers, and friends!



It was a 'special' opening day at one of our schools - Star View Elementary! Students, parents, and staff celebrated at the Grand Reopening Ceremony of the newly modernized Star View on the first day of school! Smiles were everywhere during the ribbon-cutting celebration, as we all enjoyed hearing about the highlights of the new campus.

Star View's modernization started in August 2022 and concluded right on time to welcome students and staff in September 2023!

The first thing anyone will see when visiting Star View Elementary School is a revised parking lot and school entryway, which will provide easy access into and out of the school. There is new visitor parking, a new student drop off area, and a beautiful new school office building!



As with all schools in the Ocean View School District, there is a single point of entry to the school, supported by video cameras and touch button control to allow access into the school office.

Along with an upgraded lunch area with a permanent shelter, there is a newly designed outdoor stage/theater, which is also located across from the brand new food service facility for students. The new age-appropriate colorful playground areas provide opportunities for students to develop motor skills, practice agility, and have a lot of fun!

Classrooms have been reconfigured with newly designed heating and air conditioning systems, carpeting, painting, and new electrical and lighting to go along with the upgraded technology our teachers and students deserve! They have been reimaged to provide the teaching and learning environment that is conducive to student achievement, and will be enjoyed by students and staff alike for years to come. It is the start of a new era for Star View Elementary School and the communities which it serves — Midway City, Westminster, and Huntington Beach.

Ocean View School District takes the education of children seriously, and will continue to provide a safe and secure environment in which our students can excel... beyond our imagination!





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Welcome back to another new school year. This is always an exciting time for students as they reconnect with old friends, make new friends, meet their teachers and settle into a routine.

Superintendent Dr. Conroy begins this issue on page 2 with his message about school safety. As you read the articles in this issue you can feel the excitement in the classrooms.

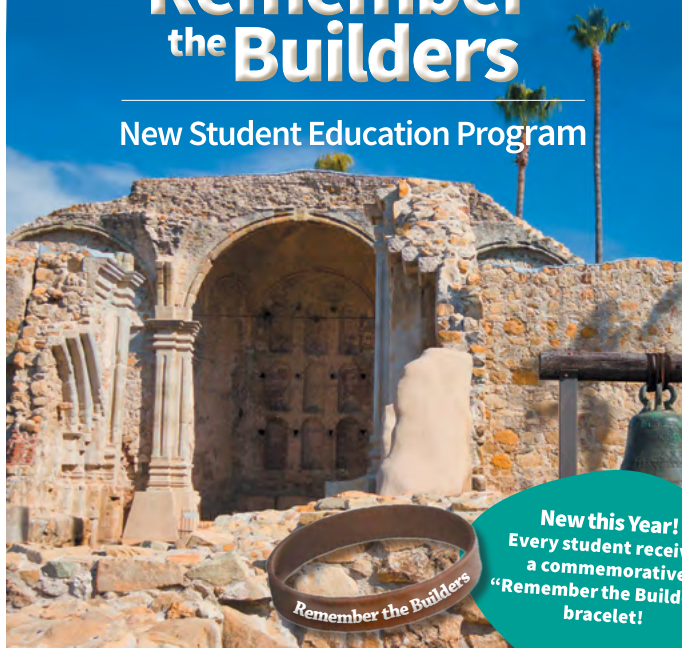
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Welcome to a New School Year!

By Laura Jenkins, Senior Youth Services Librarian

As students settle into their classes and receive their first homework assignments, the Huntington Beach Public Library invites them to explore its many student success resources available both online and in-person at our locations.

Library cardholders have access to 24/7 homework assistance through Brainfuse HelpNow, an online, on-demand tutoring and study resource. Prefer in-person assistance? The Homework Help Program at the Oak View Branch Library offers free assistance with school assignments and reading support to children attending kindergarten through 12th grade. Need help finding a title for your next book report? Drop in to any of our five library locations to receive personalized book recommendations based on each student's specific developmental needs and interests.

To learn more about resources, services, and materials for students at the Huntington Beach Children's Library, visit us online at bit.ly/hbplkids.



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Sue Broderson
Coordinator

Fun Activities During the Summer

What a wonderful summer we had in the Ocean View School District! We had over 1,300 students participate in our Summer Education Academy funded through the Expanded Learning Opportunities program. The purpose of the summer program is to help students retain and improve their reading and math skills, as well as provide various enrichment opportunities and social

emotional support.

Our students participated in morning academic sessions, and then had the opportunity to extend their day with enrichment activities such as art, hands-on science, a laser show, a bird and reptile show, and fun field trips to places like a mud park, a wetlands, a farm visit, and our community parks.

The summer childcare program served over 400 students in kindergarten through the sixth grade, and an additional 135 students in the full-day summer camp. While our elementary students were having fun, our youngest students, our preschoolers, were having a blast during summer camp. The hands-down favorite activity for our preschoolers was water day! The children wore their bathing suits and played with the water table activities, and had lots of fun squealing with delight every time they got splashed!

We are so proud that we could serve our community with these fun activities. Our parents were surveyed at the conclusion of the program, and they gave us a 97 percent approval rating about how they would recommend it to others. Thank you, Ocean View families! We will continue to listen to your feedback and strive for continuous improvement until we get to 100 percent satisfaction. Have a great 2023-2024 school year!



Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jessica Haag
Principal

Welcome Back!

We are so excited for another school year! While other districts may begin in August, we have kept our tradition in the Ocean View School District of starting after Labor Day. But so much has already happened!

We had our first day of school on Sept. 5, Back to School Night on Sept. 6 and a Coffee with the Principal for parents. Our Circle View PTO hosted a meet-and-greet for parents on the first day, and we had our first family night of the

school year—a movie night! We love our Circle View Community and all the chances we get to gather together as a community.

We can already tell it's going to be another amazing school year! Our Circle View PTO also arranged a fun day for our TK and kindergarten students to meet before school started. They organized a Chalk the Walk, and students saw fun and inspiring messages on their first day. They do so much to support our students, staff and school throughout the year!

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Mrs. Autry's 3rd grade class on their first day of school.

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College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Allen Mendrin
Principal

Building Relationships

Hello! I am the proud new principal at College View. Being new to the school and the district, it is important for me to build strong relationships with the staff, community, and students. My theme this year with my College View staff members originated from the candy “Now and Later.” My thought was, what can we do now to build relationships to help College View School later!

At College View, we intentionally focus on building relationships with our students based on trust, empathy, respecting themselves and others, and respecting school property. We try to build a sense of belonging and

community in and out of the classroom, and we believe that all students can behave in a safe and appropriate manner. With this in mind, our staff works hard to take a unified approach to social/emotional learning, appropriate behavior, and the school climate.

Therefore, at College View, building relationships with

students is the “now” so that the “later” can soon come, which will result in increased academic achievement, social emotional growth, and being good humans! Such activities also include greeting all students at the doors, daily check-ins, getting-to-know-you activities, and classroom circle times.

I look forward to developing our relationships this year with all our College View stakeholders. I am excited about the opportunity, and know that this will be a great school year. Building relationships with students and staff is pivotal in establishing trust and starting off the school year strong!



Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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Lori Florgan
Principal

Reading Stars are Ready to Shine at Golden View!

Golden View students are making reading a top priority and starting the school year off strong!

Students are excited to read a whole series of books and make it up on the Principal's

Wall of Fame along with being part of the Millionaires club once they reach the goal of reading one million words! Students are engaged in Accelerated Reading daily at school and have a school goal to reach towards a celebration at the end of the year. We are giving out monthly AR awards and getting kids excited about reading new authors. We are sooooo excited to celebrate our reading achievements this school year!



Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

Building Community through Circles

Harbour View School opened the school year with a warm welcome. Our caring teachers create inclusive classrooms right from the start. Building relationships with students and helping students make connections with one another was our focus for the first few weeks. All of our teachers have been trained in facilitating circles with their classes. This is a part of Restorative Practices and is a strategy

we have implemented for two years now. Students have opportunities to share and learn about themselves and other students through thoughtful questions that the teachers presents and gives each child an opportunity to respond. An opening question is usually a low risk, one word answer. The questions gradually become more reflective and bring out some deeper feelings or insights. Empathy and respecting differences within the class are embedded learnings in each Circle and built on throughout the school year. “Students don’t care what you know until they know you care.”



Mrs. Schleich’s First graders engaged in a Circle.

Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

PBIS Systems and Supports

At Hope View we know the importance of ensuring our students know the systems and routines on campus to be successful. We also know that holding high expectations for student behaviors will increase student learning and self-efficacy. This is a very important part of the learning process and for this reason, all areas of our campus have a “behavior matrix” that requires the explicit teaching and practicing of learned skills. Pictured here are a few locations where teachers are teaching the students what the expectations are for this game/area. Teachers and staff take this time at the beginning and middle of each year to ensure ALL students have been taught what to expect. Hope View’s Making a Difference tickets (MAD tickets) are one way we continue to encourage good decisions on campus once behaviors are taught. Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports go beyond just the playground rules but this is a very important piece to our PBIS systems and supports.



Lake View Elementary (K-5)

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**Jill
Van Der Linden**
Principal

Ready to Grow

Lake View is off to a great start! This year our theme is “Ready to Grow”. We have expectations for our students to grow and thrive academically, socially and emotionally. As a fun classroom project, each classroom has their own plant they will name and care for. This will be a wonderful way for students to work together on a common goal. We will have period updates on classroom plants that we will share in my Monday zoom announcements. We will also grow academically. We have started the first diagnostic i-Ready assessment to set the baseline. From there teachers will meet with students and together set goals in areas they want to work on. I am excited about what we will accomplish this year and all the fun we’ll have along the way.



Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

Orientation Week

There was much excitement in the air as our students returned to campus for the 2023–24 school year! Marine View students were greeted to campus with positive messages from our leadership students.

The positive energy continued as our students participated in orientation activities throughout the week.

Through these activities, students were able to learn more about our campus and schoolwide expectations. They were able to get to know a little more about the teachers and staff on campus as well as opportunities to get to know each other. During this time, students also participated in various team-building activities where collaboration and teamwork were essential to completing the task at hand.

As the week continued, students learned the keys to becoming a scholar, put their organizational skills to work, and gained insight on how to be a successful middle school student. Students continued to learn about Mariner PRIDE, which stands for Preparation, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. Our teachers and staff have been busy distributing PRIDE tickets to any student they see demonstrating PRIDE around campus!



Mesa View Middle School (6–8)

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Jadyn Grunbaum
Principal

Camping Out!

This year, Mesa View Middle School is “camping out” at OVSD’s Interim School Site, the former Sun View campus, while our campus undergoes an amazing transformation and modernization thanks to Measure R funding. We broke ground on the modernization project on Aug. 14, and work has begun over on Avilla Lane to reimagine our over-60-year-old campus. We will patiently await returning to our new campus for the 2024–24 school year as we “camp out.”

This year, we are adopting a camping theme and look forward to surprising the students with activities, bonding and team-building. In fact, we started off strong with a very successful sixth-grade orientation facilitated by our two Leadership classes, WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) and ASB (Associated Student Body) and with an amazing first week of school. During our first week, students received “camp tours” from their teachers, learned about one another, and engaged in connecting activities because we know how much connection matters here in Ocean View!



We want to give a big shout-out to our facilities and transportation teams in Ocean View who have supported a very successful start to the school year, to our outstanding staff who worked tirelessly over the summer to prepare classrooms and the

campus for students, and to our families and students, who have positively embraced our home away from home for the 2023–24 school year. It’s going to be a great year, and we look forward to this adventure together.



Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jenna Landero
Principal

Off to an Excellent Start

It has been an excellent start to the school year as we kicked off the 23-24 year welcoming our Mighty Owls back on campus!

Launching a new year and a new theme, Together We Will Move Mountains, always keeping our eye on student achievement and success!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Mrs. Landero and I am the proud principal of Oak View ready to set off on my 6th year here. This year marks my 24th year in education, spending most of my time in Special Education. I am proud of the continued work we do at Oak View, cultivating courageous and kind students who are rooted in their culture, community, education, and family.

Now let's go move mountains!



Spring View Middle School (6-8)

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Isis Ortiz
Principal

Excitement!

Hello, my name is Isis Ortiz, principal at Spring View Middle School. I am excited to be collaborating once again alongside Jared de Lachia, assistant principal. Our motto at Spring View is "Do the Right Thing." We both model our L.E.A.D. ("Lead

by Example, Exhibit Safe Behaviors, Act Respectfully, Demonstrate Responsibility"). As Spring View leaders, our goal as administrators is to make sure students feel safe and ready to learn. This year, our primary focus is "What it means to be a Spring View Family." We are not merely a school; we are a family, and each member plays a vital role in making the Spring View community special.

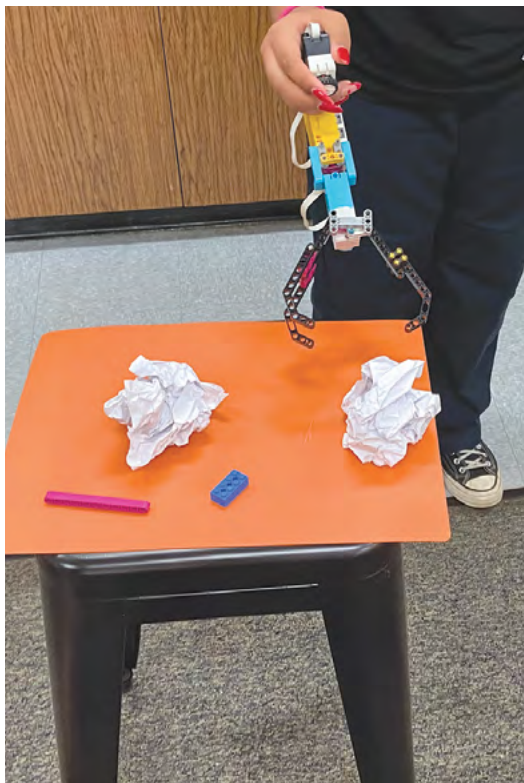
This year, we are continuing to grow and refine our AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program. We are excited to have over 90 students enrolled in our AVID elective classes, and they will learn strategies



that revolve around five important components of education: writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading, which will help prepare them for high school and college. We are excited for our AVID students to visit various college field trips and experience the college campus atmosphere. Sixth-graders will have a semester-long introduction class to AVID in which students will be taught to use critical-thinking skills to implement various WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading) strategies.

We were also able to infuse yearlong electives into our master schedule this year. We are excited to announce that we are offering an advanced woodshop class and a robotics class. We are excited to see what our students will be able to create and build in both these hands-on technical classes.

The Spring View staff is looking forward to engaging with each student and providing them with the tools necessary to have a successful school year. I look forward to a fun-filled year as a Spring View Spartan.



Star View Elementary (K-5)

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Jeanne Bentley
Principal

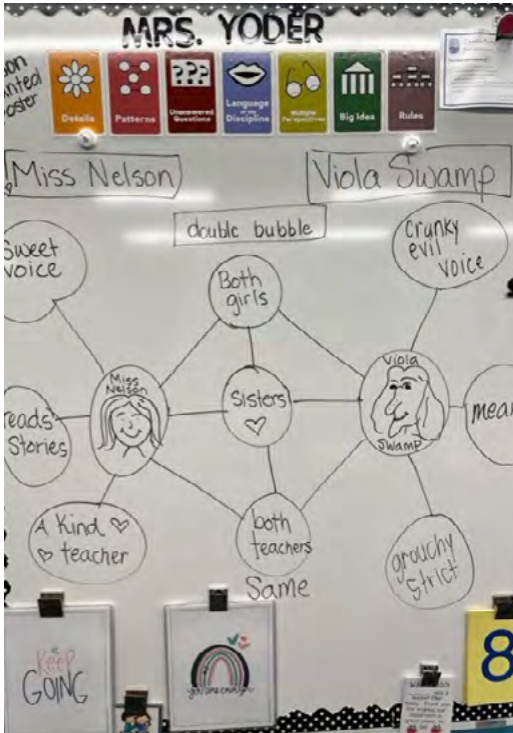
Academic Vocabulary

Star View students apply academic vocabulary to enhance their comprehension and communication skills as they work towards the goal of improving their informational reading and writing.

Understanding precise language is critical when dissecting and analyzing complex concepts. In Mr. Dybas' fourth-grade classroom, students work as engineers to create paper helicopters. The classroom rings out in the language of his disciples, with words like "rotors," "gravity," "forces," "resistance," and "variables."

In Mrs. Yoder's first- and second-grade classroom, and in Mrs. Mullin's fifth-grade class, the Thinking Maps program supports children in organizing their writing and by using advanced vocabulary. Mrs. Nguyen, a bilingual instructional assistant, works with a small group of children to guide them to communicate their ideas through a Circle Map as they learn to define their new terms and concepts.

The third- through fifth-grade GATE students use programs like Worldly Wise or Junior Great Books, which offer many engaging opportunities to develop a link between vocabulary and reading comprehension in intellectual debate. Vocabulary-building can be interactive and engaging for students when the learning is meaningful.



Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tami Benane
Principal

I Spy

Village View students are beginning the school year in our Marine Science Wet Lab. Students used an “I Spy,” question and answer template provided

by the teachers. Students recorded observations they made from each of the eight aquariums in the Marine Science Lab. Students are making scientific discoveries and recording their findings. We are so excited to begin the school year making new observations and discoveries just like real scientists.



Vista View Middle School (6–8)

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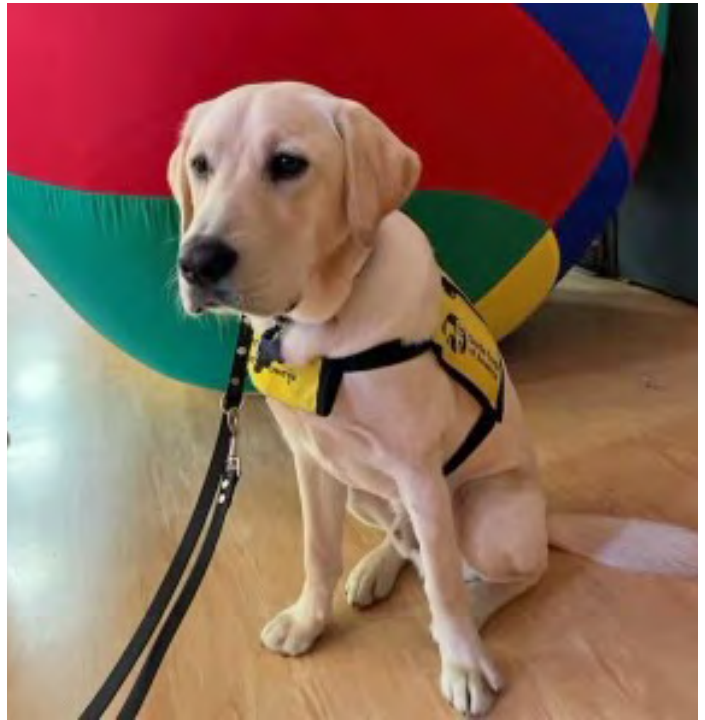


Dr. Rasheedah Gates
Principal

Bogey, Campus Guide Dog!

The Ocean View School District has always been dedicated to fostering meaningful connections within its educational community. One remarkable initiative that embodies this commitment is the integration of having a dog in training on campus.

This year, Vista View is thrilled to welcome Bogey into our Falcon family. At just 8 months old, Bogey is in the early stages of his training to potentially be of service as a support animal to an adult or a child. From the moment Bogey set foot on our campus, his presence has had a profound effect on our students. He serves as a stabilizing force, helping to anchor them within the school environment. This newfound sense of stability translates into various areas that include increasing communication skills. Bogey's arrival has proven to be a catalyst for stimulating conversations among students, teachers and staff. His friendly demeanor and approachable nature provide a natural conversation starter. Students who may have previously been reticent to engage in social interactions now find themselves drawn to Bogey, creating opportunities for meaningful connections.



overall learning experience for our students. Beyond their invaluable assistance to those with visual impairments, these remarkable animals play a multifaceted role in our educational ecosystem. From providing emotional support to facilitating social interactions, Bogey's presence enriches the lives of everyone on campus. Vista Falcons soar!



Bogey's presence has also revealed a heartwarming aspect of our student population – a genuine affection for dogs. This newfound awareness of the shared love for canine companionship fosters a sense of camaraderie among students. It has become a unifying factor that transcends academic pursuits, creating a stronger sense of community within our campus.

We look forward to having Bogey with us on campus until December. The positive impact he has had thus far is a testament to the profound benefits of integrating guide dogs within an educational setting. The Ocean View School District remains committed to initiatives that promote inclusivity, foster connections, and enhance the



Westmont Elementary

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Diana Bianco
Principal

Welcome, Westmont!

Over 450 students and staff members were welcomed back to school on Tuesday, September 5. Our wonderful Westmont staff surrounded the campus to greet each student, make them feel safe, help them locate their new classrooms, and make their transition from parent to teacher seamless.

Our fabulous PTO volunteers were there to set up a welcome banner and balloons, which quickly became the background photo op for many of our families. In addition to welcoming everyone back, we also opened our arms to our new principal, Mrs. Diana Bianco, who was eager to get to know the students and families of Westmont. There was so much excitement in the air, and the positive energy was definitely felt throughout the school. It was a great first day!

As the week continued, all students participated in a school rules assembly. This allowed them to understand the importance of following rules and why they are needed at school. Students made a pledge to be responsible, to be respectful, and to be safe, which is aligned with our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support plan.

As we look ahead, we are excited to provide top quality instruction for all students, build and promote our visual and performing arts program, and strengthen our partnerships with the families of Westmont School. We are off to a great 2023-2024 school year.



Halloween Word Search Contest

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