

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

Poway Unified School District



Volume 1, Issue 1

September 2023



POWAY UNIFIED

Empowering world-class learners

Board of Education



Dr. Darshana Patel
President



Michelle O'Connor-Ratcliff
Vice-President



Dr. Cindy Sytsma
Clerk



Ginger Couvrette
Member



Heather Plotzke
Member



Nirja Trivedi
Student Member

Believe in Your Magic!



Dr. Marian Kim Phelps
Superintendent

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome each and every one of you to the start of the 2023-24 school year. This is my 7th year welcoming staff and families back to school at Poway Unified – my favorite time of year. Whether your little one is a TK-er or Kindergartener starting for the first time, or your child is entering their senior year, the beginning of the school year is always an exciting time, brimming with possibilities.

Every year, we try to capture the spirit of our PUSD students and staff with a fun and inspiring music video to welcome everyone back. This year's song is "The Magic in Me." Watch it here! https://youtu.be/jl5b_AwYVme?si=yybQFFaGulyZDW5Q. Here in Poway Unified, we believe everybody has a little magic inside of them; how you use it is up to you! Each of our students and staff members bring their unique strengths (or superpowers) to leverage in the teaching and learning that happens every day in our classrooms and on our campuses. I can't wait to see how this magic spreads across Poway Unified this year!

In my kick off remarks with PUSD leadership, we focused on the theme of "Believe" (inspired by the popular and uplifting show *Ted Lasso* about an American football coach and a British soccer team). Whether or not you're familiar with the series, the concept of believing in ourselves and each other resonates universally. Just as the characters in the show work together toward a common goal, our school community's shared objective is to empower our students as world-class learners who will grow into productive and valuable members of our larger society. We accomplish this in many ways, from academic to social-emotional learning. A recent article showed that Poway Unified has the highest college enrollment rate (82%) of any school district in San Diego County and our graduation rate is over 95%. But our success can also be measured in the ways our students and staff are directly improving and impacting our community through their service, care, and relationships as well.

And despite experiencing some of the hardest years in education over the last few years, we have collectively risen to the challenge. Never forget that the people of Poway Unified — our staff, families, and students are what makes PUSD so special. You are making a difference every day, even when you might not realize it.



Dr. Phelps celebrated Valley Elementary's first day of school with this group of 4th graders.

Also fundamental to our success is the involvement of our parents, community, and business partners. These partnerships lead to students' higher academic performance, better attendance, and improved social skills. Poway Unified is fortunate to have so many families and community members who are highly involved in education, support our schools, and embrace our mission and values. I encourage you to volunteer, attend games or performances, go to Back to School Night, and join your school site's PTA, Foundation, or School Site Council. I look forward to working alongside you toward the success of each and every student.

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin this new school year!

New to Poway Unified?

This publication is a great way to get started! We hear from families all the time: our schools are the reason they moved here. The Poway Unified School District (PUSD) is an award-winning, national leader in TK-12 public education. PUSD is located in the northern suburbs of San Diego, California, serving the communities of Poway, Sabre Springs, Torrey Highlands, Rancho Peñasquitos, Black Mountain Ranch, Del Sur, 4S Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, and Carmel Mountain Ranch. PUSD operates 41 schools: 25 elementary schools (TK-5), two elementary/middle school combination schools (TK-8th), six middle schools (6-8), one continuation high school, five comprehensive high schools (9-12), one middle college and one adult school. We serve 35,000 students and our District is the third largest school district in San Diego County. Keep reading to find out more, or visit our website www.powayusd.com to learn more about our schools and programs.

We are putting
C.A.R.E. into
Home Caregiving



TUITION-FREE HOME CAREGIVER CERTIFICATION

This 7-hour course is available at no cost to employees of local businesses and to individuals who are providing direct non-medical care to loved ones at home.

- 🕒 Convenient 7 Hour Course
- 📄 Free voucher for state registration application fee
- 🏠 Free LiveScan
- 🧼 Vouchers for Scrubs
- 🎓 Two Free Optional Courses

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- 🌐 powayadultschool.com
- ☎ 858-668-4024
- 📍 13626 Twin Peaks Rd,
Poway, Ca 92064

Save the date!

Find out what's happening in PUSD

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5PM
Poway Center for the Performing Arts



Put the **U** in PUSD...Enroll today!

visit bit.ly/u-in-pusd for more information



SUPERHEROES WANTED

BRING YOUR MAGIC TO POWAY UNIFIED



APPLY:
bit.ly/pusd-heroes



Join #TeamPUSD and make a difference in children's lives today. From Bus Drivers to Teachers, Admin. Assistants to Food & Nutrition Specialists - there's a spot for every hero!



Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



Netragrednik

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com

Covering the
POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOUNDER/PUBLISHER: Kay Coop
562/493-3193 • kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com

ADVERTISING SALES: 562/493-3193

CONTENT COORDINATOR: Barbra Longiny

GRAPHIC DESIGNER/PRODUCTION:
Emily Ung and Mie Kawamura

COPY EDITORS: Kate Karp, Anna Zappia

SOCIAL MEDIA: Nancy Lueder

Netragrednik by Neta Madison



@SchoolNewsRC



SchoolNewsRollCall



SchoolNewsRollCall



SCHOOL NEWS ROLL CALL, LLC
P.O. Box 728, Seal Beach, CA 90740
562/493-3193

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com
Copyright © 2006, School News Roll Call, LLC
Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission is strictly prohibited unless otherwise stated. Opinions expressed by contributing writers and guest columnists are their views and not necessarily those of *School News Roll Call*. This publication is privately owned and the right is reserved to select and edit content. The Poway Unified School District does not endorse the advertisers in this publication.

Welcome back to another new school year. We are pleased to be collaborating with the Poway Unified School District to publish their digital *School News Roll Call*. Thank you for your interest in public education and our future generations.

Superintendent Dr. Marian Kim Phelps begins this issue with her message on page 2 and the importance of believing in yourself

and others. She highlights the value of working together towards the common goal of success for students. Community partnerships and parental involvement are fundamental to the successful goal.

In this issue each principal shares information with you about their school and their focus for the year.

Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



2023 — 2024



Is your child ready?

Poway Unified Early Childhood Education is waiting for them!



Children 3-4 years old can enroll for preschool or transitional kindergarten classes depending on age eligibility.

Preschool* Eligibility:

Children born between April 3, 2019 - April 2, 2021

*state-funded or fee-based depending on income

Free Transitional Kindergarten Eligibility:

Children born between Sept. 2, 2018 - April 2, 2019

FIND OUT MORE: bit.ly/u-in-pusd

Early Childhood Education

15250 Avenue of Science, San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/521-2800 • preschool.powayusd.com



Christine Carrera
Director

PUSD Preschool

PUSD Preschool offers preschool opportunities to 3 and 4 year-old* children at 23 different school locations in the Poway Unified School District. Our programs focus on the academic and social-emotional needs of young children. We are a developmentally-based program that is guided by the California Preschool Learning Foundations and California Preschool

Curriculum Frameworks which allows us to prepare children for entry into PUSD's Transitional or Traditional Kindergarten classrooms. All classrooms use curriculum and learning materials that are developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive to provide safe and nurturing learning environments for young children that promote their emotional, social, cognitive, and physical development. PUSD Preschool recognizes that parents are a child's first and most influential teachers. A child's learning experiences both at home and at school are the foundation for lifelong feelings of self worth, competence, and a love of learning. Parents are our essential partners in supporting a child's success in our preschool programs. Our classrooms have an "open door" policy to encourage families to be involved in their child's early education experiences.

Preschool has multiple options to fit your family's needs:

- Tuition-based part-time or full-time programs
- State-funded 3-hour or 6-hour-a-day based on income eligibility

Go to our website preschool.powayusd.com to learn more.

*Children whose 5th birthday is between 9/2/2023 and 4/2/2024 are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), not preschool. See below for information on TK.

PUSD Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is designed as the first year of a free two-year kindergarten program at all elementary schools in PUSD. TK uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate for 4-year-olds. PUSD is currently in the third year of our Universal TK expansion. By the 2025-26 school year, all eligible 4-year-olds will have the option to enroll in TK. Please review the following birthday windows to determine TK eligibility:

- For the 2023-24 school year, if your child's 5th birthday is between September 2, 2023 and April 2, 2024 (born between September 2, 2018 and April 2, 2019), they will be eligible to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten
- For the 2024-25 school year, if your child's 5th birthday is between September 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025 (born between September 2, 2019 and June 2, 2020), they will be eligible to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten
- For the 2025-26 school year, if your child's 5th birthday is between September 2, 2025 and September 1, 2026 (born between September 2, 2020 and September 1, 2021), they will be eligible to enroll in Transitional Kindergarten

For more information on Transitional Kindergarten, go to bit.ly/u-in-pusd



A child's learning experiences both at home and at school are the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

Adobe Bluffs *Elementary School*

8707 Adobe Bluffs Dr., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/538-8403 • adobebluffs.powayusd.com

Welcome to Adobe Bluffs!

It is a privilege to partner with the amazing Adobe Bluffs community in our pursuit of academic excellence. As the school principal, I am committed to creating an accessible, approachable, and open-minded environment. We are an award-winning school, with the distinction of being the only Mandarin Immersion program in the Poway Unified School District. All of our students receive instruction in foreign languages and culture to foster cultural and global competency, thanks to our Foreign Language/Culture for Elementary Students (FLES) program.

Adobe Bluffs is a wonderful model of a neighborhood school and the pride and joy of the community. From the first moment after entering our campus, one immediately senses the caring, collaborative atmosphere that has become our trademark. Building on a strong tradition of volunteerism and business support, our school community has established a culture to work tirelessly, side by side, to maximize student academic and social growth.

The ABES community holds a special place in many hearts, and I eagerly anticipate another productive year. I promise to serve this community to the best of my ability, with humility and intentionality, to enhance the quality of learning for all students at Adobe Bluffs Elementary School. Our students become thoughtful, responsible, and successful global citizens through rigorous and engaging programs.

We invite you to visit the school and become involved, especially by joining the PTA and supporting the Adobe Bluffs Foundation. Our shared mission is to provide a supportive and collaborative environment that ensures academic and social growth for all students.



Hee-Jin Peterson
Principal

欢迎来到我们学校!

很荣幸能够与非凡的 Adobe Bluffs 社区合作，共同追求卓越的成绩。作为学校校长，我致力于创建一个机会公平思维开放的环境。Adobe Bluffs 小学是一所屡获殊荣的学校，有波威联合学区唯一的中文普通话沉浸式课程。在学区的全球语言文化 (GLES) 项目框架之下，我们所有的学生都有机会学习外语，以培养国际文化视野和能力。

Adobe Bluffs 是邻里学校的绝佳典范，社区也以它为荣为傲。从踏入我们校园的第一刻起，你就会立即感受到关怀、协作的氛围，这已成为我们的学校特色。在家长志愿服务和各项支持的基础上，我们已经形成了一种不懈努力、并肩合作的文化，从而最大限度地提升学生的学业进步和身心成长。

ABES 社区在许多人心目中占有特殊的位置，我非常期待接下来富有成果的一年。我承诺将尽我所能，以谦逊和有诚意的心态为社区服务，提高 Adobe Bluffs 小学所有学生的学习质量，让我们的学生通过参与高质量的课程成为有思想、有责任感且成功的国际公民。

我们邀请您参观学校并参与其中，特别是加入家长教师协会 (PTA) 并且支持 Adobe Bluffs 基金会。我们的共同使命是提供一个互相支持共同协作的环境，确保所有学生的学业和身心健康成长。



Adobe Bluffs hosts an annual Ability Awareness Celebration in partnership with Special Olympics. Students learn about different life experiences from guest speakers, and discuss the importance of treating people with fairness and respect.

Canyon View *Elementary School*

9225 Adolphia St., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-0981 • canyonview.powayusd.com



Erica Edmondston
Principal

Lifelong Learners

“Make it a great day, the choice is yours” resounds every morning through the classrooms of Canyon View Elementary School. We believe in choice, and ours is to make Canyon View the place where all our students are educated to be lifelong learners who reach their potential as productive members of our society.

Located in Rancho Peñasquitos, a community just 20 minutes north of downtown San Diego, Canyon View opened in 1987 and currently has 484 students in grades TK-5. Families from a variety of ethnic backgrounds make up the community. Our diverse cultural heritage adds to the richness of our learning environment and strengthens our day to day curriculum.

There is an emphasis at all grade levels on development of literacy, communication, math computation and problem solving. We strive to meet the needs of each child through the collaborative efforts of parents, teachers, support staff and students. There are no invisible children at Canyon View.

The Canyon View staff is the heart and soul of the school. Students walking onto campus feel the energy and enthusiasm that support their well-being and their success. Our staff is composed of teachers with diverse interests that benefit our students with a wide variety of teaching experiences. The Parent Teacher Organization and school Foundation raise tens of thousands of dollars annually to augment the school’s instructional programs.

Learning doesn’t happen in isolation, but rather, as a result of all stakeholders working together holding one vision – the education of all our students!



Students create a positive message of kindness and inclusiveness during Start with Hello Week.

Chaparral *Elementary School*

17250 Tannin Dr., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/485-0042 • chaparral.powayusd.com



Dr. Denise Goulart
Principal

Soar to Success

Chaparral Elementary School seems lifted from a Norman Rockwell painting, located on a sunny hillside in Poway, California, amid a residential neighborhood. It is an award winning National Blue Ribbon, National School of Character, and California Distinguished School.

Each week, our campus is alive with legions of volunteers, committed professionals, hardworking support staff, and enthusiastic students. From our school garden to fitness club, our school benefits from one of PUSD's largest forces of parent and community volunteers. Our site annually logs an average of 13,500 volunteer hours per year. Chaparral's 860 students, preschool through fifth grade, walk or ride buses from the neighboring areas of Rancho Bernardo and Poway.

Our school goals are to increase student responsibility for individual behavior and to promote academic excellence for all students. Chaparral is a district leader in integrating character education throughout our academic curriculum. Our mission statement reads: "The students, parents, and staff of Chaparral Elementary School create a positive and productive environment that instills in each child, strength of character, a sense of community, and love of learning." Teachers' teams have been trained in Responsive Classroom, a program highlighted on the federal list of best practices for character education. In our classrooms, one can observe strategies such as morning meetings, academic choice, and cooperative structures to teach and support appropriate social development and academic achievement. Chaparral Elementary School is a place where students and teachers can feel free to take educational risks. I encourage all students and staff to push their thinking, to tap into their imagination, and to increase the boundaries of possibility.



Students love their school garden, where they apply their math and science skills while enjoying the fruits of their labor.

Creekside *Elementary School*

12362 Springhurst Dr., San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/391-1514 • creekside.powayusd.com



**Terry
Worthington**
Principal

Gecko Greatness

Creekside Elementary School, a National Blue Ribbon School, is part of the award-winning Poway Unified School District. Creekside has the distinction of being the 21st elementary school in the district and the first school to open in the 21st century. Creekside was built with a vision for the future and preparing our students to be productive citizens and experience successful careers.

The physical structure of Creekside is unique, with classrooms organized into five villages. Each of the villages has a common area used for individualized instruction, groups to collaborate, space for technology, and parent volunteers to work.

The staff of Creekside represents a group of outstanding individuals who are well educated and trained to meet the needs of each child. Staff, parents, and students have come together to create a positive learning environment that provides numerous opportunities for all children to experience rigor, relevancy, and relationship building. We believe that all students should have access to a kind and caring community where they feel safe, included, and empowered to achieve.

With the support of our PTA and Creekside Educational Foundation, we are able to provide our students with enrichment opportunities in technology, math, art, and music. The support of parents and the numerous volunteers on campus each day contribute to the success of our students, as our community works toward our goal of each student leaving Creekside with Gecko Greatness, amazing memories, real world skills, and a lifelong love of learning.



The Gecko Run is a schoolwide fundraising event at Creekside, with older students cheering on younger students as they run around the track. Guest military instructors also lead the students in warmup exercises.

Deer Canyon *Elementary School*

13455 Russet Leaf Ln., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-6064 • deercanyon.powayusd.com



Katie Bendix
Principal

Developing the Whole Child

As our mission proclaims, we work to ensure all of our students develop a love of learning and become highly successful in school, society, and the workplace. Deer Canyon is a National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School located in a quiet residential neighborhood of Rancho Peñasquitos. Through close collaboration, and in partnership with our families and community, we provide challenging, real life learning opportunities to prepare our students for success in a diverse society and ever-changing world.

It is our vision that Deer Canyon becomes a school where all students have the individual support, encouragement and opportunity they need to achieve academically at very high levels and to develop the personal habits and values which will allow them to be successful both in

school and as productive members of our society. To achieve this, we offer a variety of learning experiences to help all students reach their full potential and experience success. We also encourage active involvement, cooperation and communication between the school, child, family, and community. The strength and commitment of Deer Canyon's PTA and Foundation are evident in the funding of music, PE, technology, art, and science, as well as assembly programs, parent education workshops, Partners in Print, study trips and library books.

The teachers and support staff at Deer Canyon believe that a strong academic focus supported by a positive and caring learning environment is essential to student success. Equally important is the emphasis here on developing the whole child through early mental health programs, character development and service learning opportunities. The school climate is truly peaceful with student rights and school rules maintained campus wide.



Deer Canyon's Transitional Kindergarten classes offer a nurturing learning environment for some of our youngest students. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is designed as the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum for 4-year-olds.

Del Sur *Elementary School*

15665 Paseo Del Sur, San Diego CA 92127 • 858/674-6200 • delsur.powayusd.com



Eric Takeshita
Principal

Future-Ready Explorers

Del Sur Elementary School opened in August of 2008, built on the notion of educating children for the world of the 21st century. Our balanced and rigorous program provides instruction in all content areas including the arts, STEM, world languages, and physical education. Learning opportunities foster curiosity and academic achievement through a standards-based curriculum that promotes inquiry and discovery. This will yield well-rounded, college ready students. On our beautiful and welcoming campus, every classroom is affiliated with a university, which ensures a college and career-ready mindset among all students.

Teachers, parents, and support staff are committed to educational excellence and work together in a collaborative,

supportive, and professional manner. Our talented and caring team is among the finest, continually seeking new ways to provide sustained, effective, and quality instruction that meets the needs of all students.

Our community of learners will become empathetic global citizens through service learning projects. Students will appreciate diversity, treat others with kindness, and be conscious of the natural environment and strive to preserve it. They follow “The Explorer Way,” coming to school every day, ready to explore their world.

It is our mission to be a technologically progressive school dedicated to providing high levels of learning for all students while being focused on exploring the richness of the past, the opportunities of the present, and the infinite possibilities of the future. Partnered with our state of the art technology, students at Del Sur will connect with the rest of the world giving them an unparalleled education.



Del Sur's student body consists of students from richly diverse cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious backgrounds. We view our Diversity as our Strength!

Garden Road *Elementary School*

14614 Garden Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-0230 • gardenroad.powayusd.com



Lisa Maguire
Principal

The Leader in Me – Great Happens Here

Garden Road Elementary School is Poway Unified's first "Leader in Me" school, giving students opportunities for meaningful leadership participation, ownership, and contributions. Student-led activities include pep rallies, tutoring younger students, facilitating playground games, working with special education students, and beautifying our campus. In classrooms, students have Leadership Portfolios, documenting their academic progress, schoolwide goals, and individual goals and accomplishments.

Our school mission is to empower learners to lead themselves and others to contribute to a better world. We are committed to helping our students develop a Growth Mindset, persevere with grit and motivation, and treat everyone with respect and kindness. We believe that

together we can help our students achieve and succeed by making connections and building bridges to learning and the greater world around them.

Garden Road Elementary School, tucked amid the foothills in southeast Poway, is one of the original PUSD schools. Constructed in 1961, we have a diverse population of over 520 students with approximately 9% of the students learning English as a second language. We are the heartbeat of our community, with multiple generations of families attending our school. In addition to a dedicated staff of teachers, support staff, and specialists, we are very fortunate to have an active parent population who support students and school programs through the PTA and Foundation.

Our goal is to support the highest level of academic achievement and social emotional growth of our students, and to promote and recognize student leadership and academic achievement.



Garden Road has implemented the Leader in Me program – to empower students to take on leadership roles, including tutoring younger students and leading schoolwide Friday Flag assemblies.

Highland Ranch *Elementary School*

14840 Waverly Downs Way, San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/674-4707 • highlandranch.powayusd.com



Melissa Barry
Principal

Everyone Belongs at the Ranch

The Highland Ranch community takes our responsibility to our students very seriously. It is our priority to provide an academically challenging and emotionally nurturing environment for our students. Staff and parents are expected to teach our students respect, responsibility and safety, by what we say and do. We believe children thrive when they are in an environment where everyone

is valued and respected.

Highland Ranch was built in 1992, and is located in Carmel Mountain Ranch, a residential neighborhood in suburban San Diego. There are 640 students in grades preschool through fifth, with a diverse population of ethnic groups. 180 of our students are identified as English Learners, and there are 24 different languages represented

by Hispanic, Pacific Islander, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, African, Japanese, Vietnamese and Middle Eastern students.

Every person has a right to feel safe and engaged at Highland Ranch. We respect and affirm the cultures and differences that make up our school community and are certified as a No Place for Hate School. Everyone belongs at Highland Ranch Elementary School.

Our PTA and our Foundation, as well as independent parent groups, work closely with staff to determine what our primary need areas are and to develop a plan to support those needs both financially and by volunteering. Highland Ranch lives up to its reputation as an outstanding school and instills in the students a commitment to lifelong learning, high achievement and dedication to the development of the Six Pillars of Character, and the modeling of these characteristics in staff and parents.



Highland Ranch teachers and staff work hard to create a welcoming environment – this class starts their day with a fun “Good Morning” greeting and activity to get students excited about the day.

Los Peñasquitos *Elementary School*

14125 Cuca St., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/672-3600 • lospenasquitos.powayusd.com



**Deanne
McLaughlin**
Principal

Welcome to the No Excuses University!

For those of you new to Los Peñasquitos you may wonder what the No Excuses University (NEU) is all about. Since 1996 the staff at Los Pen began making measurable changes in their daily work. The entire school culture is grounded on one pledge and one goal:

We are committed to creating a school that knows no limits to the academic success of each student. (Los Pen Pledge)

Every student without exception and without excuse will be proficient in reading, language arts and math. (Our One Goal)

These are unique and lofty statements however it is this culture which permeates the work at Los Peñasquitos. To reach our goal our staff believes that there are NO

EXCUSES for poor effort and that student achievement is our responsibility. Many exceptional systems are put in place to help achieve our goal.

Los Peñasquitos is the flagship of a network of schools across the country that embrace an umbrella of best practices supporting college readiness for every student. If you would like additional information regarding this network go to www.turnaroundschools.com. The staff dedication, collaboration and commitment are exemplary. They take one step after another, always seeking solutions, always keeping a positive and hopeful attitude and always expecting success.

Students are exposed to a unique program at Los Peñasquitos which has won numerous awards including the National Blue Ribbon School Award, The California Distinguished School Award and most recently the San Diego Impact Award. Welcome to NEU!



5th grade students enjoying a science experiment as they learn about chemical reactions and gas emissions.

Midland *Elementary School*

13910 Midland Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-0047 • midland.powayusd.com



Sidia Martinez
Principal

A Culture of Universal Achievement

Midland Elementary School is committed to preparing students to thrive in our global society. Our focus on college and career readiness is ingrained in our school culture, ensuring all students have diverse post-secondary options after high school. To achieve this vision, we organize ourselves through six systems, adopt colleges in

classrooms, and foster college spirit at school assemblies. We are proud to be the 100th school inducted into the No Excuses University Network, a nationwide organization promoting future readiness and breaking the cycle of poverty.

Established in 1925, Midland Elementary School is the oldest school in Poway Unified School District. Our school was completely remodeled in 2006, with our distinct red and white buildings serving as a unique landmark in Old Poway. Serving 630 students from diverse backgrounds, including 40% considered low socio-economic and 35% English Learners, we are dedicated to addressing individual needs. Our instructional program emphasizes SMART Goal data analysis and targeted interventions such as small group support, English Learner instruction, cross-age tutoring, counseling, and after-school programs.

Parent involvement is integral to our community. Parent representatives contribute to goal and budget development through the School Site Council, the Parent Teacher Association, and the Midland Educational Foundation (MEF). Parent engagement options include after-school childcare, parenting classes, newsletters, family-fun events, and academic-centered Family Nights.

Academic achievement is paramount to our vision. We have shown excellent progress with the majority of students demonstrating proficiency in Math and English/Language Arts based on California State Standards. Moving forward, we aim to help students discover their strengths and passions, ensuring a promising future.



Former Midland students (Poway High graduating seniors) returned to their alma mater to help celebrate the promoting class of 5th graders.



Morning Creek *Elementary School*

10925 Morning Creek Dr. S., San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/748-4334 • morningcreek.powayusd.com



Dr. Sheryl Fleming
Principal

Meeting Each and Every Student's Needs

At Morning Creek Elementary, we focus on meeting each and every student's needs academically, socially, and emotionally. Our staff is dedicated to helping our students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to be successful. We are a college-bound culture school that gives all students the tools to choose whether they would like to attend college one day. We also offer

opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills and take responsibility for their school. As a proud "No Place for Hate" school, we ensure all voices are valued, seen and heard.

Working alongside our school staff is a very committed parent community who assist in our classrooms, collaborate with teachers, and serve on many of our

school's decision making committees. We work together to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere with numerous family activities such as science nights, multicultural night, trunk-or-treat, and more.

Morning Creek enrollment is around 600 students and has a beautifully diverse population with learners who speak over 31 different languages.

As a college-focused school, each classroom at Morning Creek has adopted a college and students proudly represent their college by wearing their t-shirts and calling out their college cheers. Student goal setting is a core value at Morning Creek. It is the collective goal of staff to instill positive self-esteem and perseverance within each child. Students in grades 3-5 set personal academic goals for their learning, review their progress with their teacher, and develop a plan to achieve the goal. Goal setting helps students take responsibility for their learning and helps them see the relationship between effort and achievement.



Morning Creek students visit the STEAM lab every week to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Monterey Ridge *Elementary School*

17117 4S Ranch Pkwy., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/487-6887 • montereyridge.powayusd.com



Sal Embry
Principal

A Culture of Success

Monterey Ridge Elementary School opened in 2006 as PUSD's 23rd elementary school in the master planned community of 4S Ranch. We are proud to be a National Blue Ribbon School and a two-time California Distinguished School. The culture and climate of our school continue to remain a big draw for teachers, staff, and families. Our learning community is built on a foundation

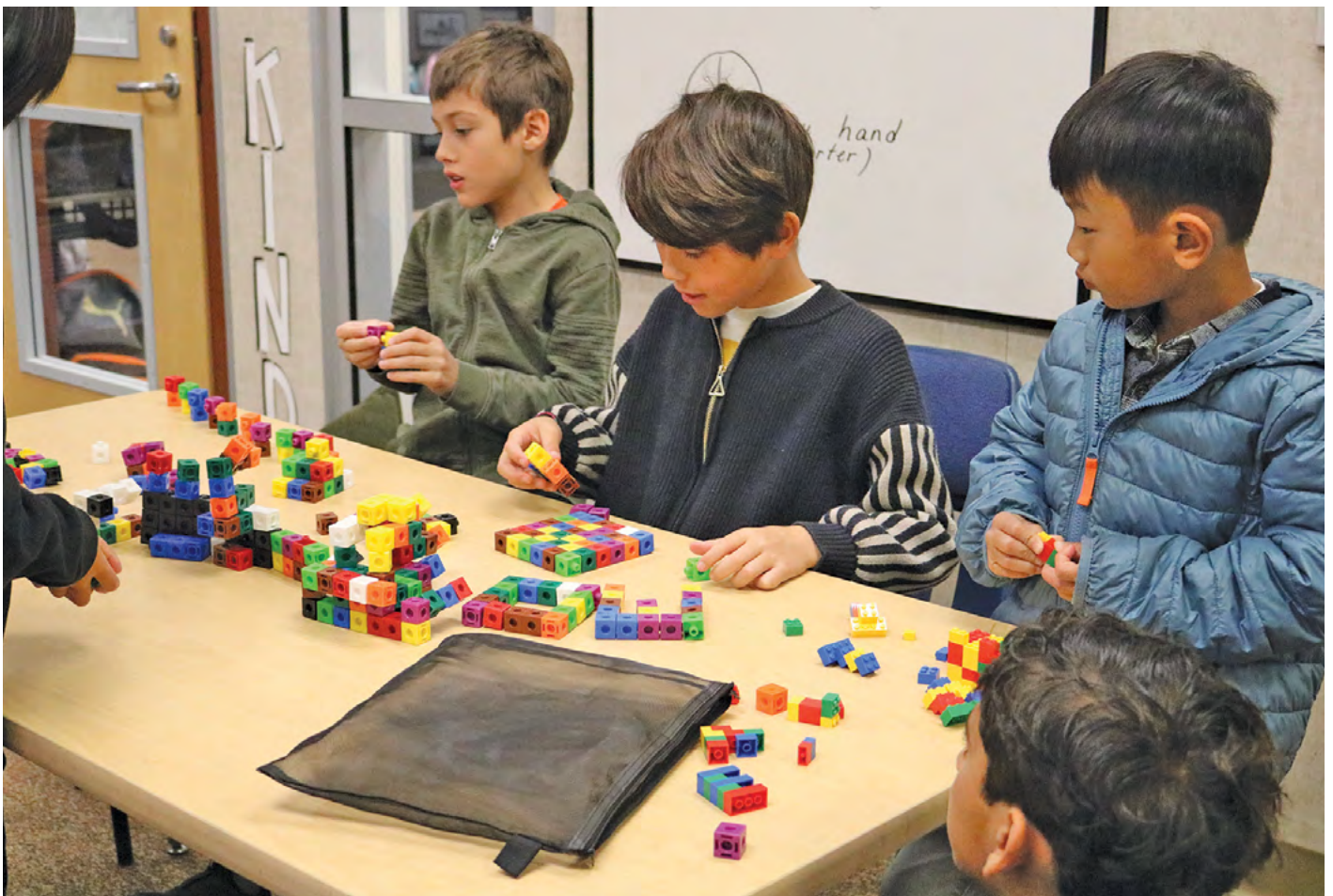
of strong character, confidence, and competence. We are committed to creating a culture of success for every student.

Our 850 students work in six small learning communities housed in "villages". Each village centers around a family room where students are able to work on laptop computers, receive small group instruction, or work with volunteers. Walking around our campus, you'll find many unique features, including a Creative Art Space as well as 20,000 square feet of solar panels which produce as much as 60% of the energy we consume each day.

Our excellent Monterey Ridge Elementary staff includes Poway Unified School District Teachers of the Year. We commit to:

- Collaborating effectively with staff and community
- Supporting all students learning and meeting or exceeding standards
- Communicating by listening to understand, and speaking to be understood
- Respecting and caring for all
- Holding all students responsible for good learning habits and appropriate behavior
- Fostering and modeling a life-long love of learning and a positive "can do" attitude

Our student population reflects the diversity of the surrounding community: 51% Asian, 8% Filipino, 7.8% Hispanic, 1.2% African American, and 22% Caucasian. We are thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community and continue to build and foster strong partnerships with our families and neighboring businesses.



Monterey Ridge students are introduced to coding and engineering via Lego building blocks.

Painted Rock *Elementary School*

16711 Martincoit Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/487-1180 • paintedrock.powayusd.com



Bryan Schultz
Principal

A Tradition of Excellence

Painted Rock Elementary School opened its doors in 1972 in the community of North Poway, beginning a tradition of academic excellence and parental involvement. The Painted Rock staff are a group of outstanding individuals who are highly qualified and committed to meeting the needs of each child. Together, staff, parents and students have created a positive learning environment

that provides numerous opportunities for all children to experience rigor, relevancy, and relationship building. Walk through our campus and you will see the six pillars of character represented in our architecture and artwork, as well as reflected in our student council leaders. Families join in the school spirit and fun, attending our Friday Flag assemblies.

Our Mission Statement is that we believe that every child can learn. To fulfill our mission, we provide a comprehensive TK-5 program to maximize a wide variety of learning strategies, experiences, and levels of support to promote student learning. We provide students with a rich and rigorous academic program, successful fine arts and technology device initiative programs, character building and self-esteem programs, and a variety of physical education activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our goal is for every student at Painted Rock to reach their highest potential through our challenging and differentiated educational program. We believe that as elementary educators we have a professional and moral obligation to successfully establish a firm learning foundation for all our students. We are committed to ensuring that all students are solidly equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and character qualities to be successful at the secondary level and beyond.



Painted Rock students enjoy free breakfast and lunch at school, as part of California's Universal School Meal Program. All Poway Unified students have access to free breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday.

Park Village *Elementary School*

7930 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-5621 • parkvillage.powayusd.com



Amie Tillman
Principal

Fostering Excellence and Joy in Learning

Located in Rancho Peñasquitos, Park Village Elementary School serves approximately 600 students. Park Village has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon school of excellence and a California Distinguished School. The teachers, staff and families of Park Village share a remarkable enthusiasm for educating our children.

We are dedicated to creating an atmosphere where students are inspired to explore, question, and think creatively. Our dedicated team of educators is passionate about providing learning opportunities that encourage critical thinking and ignite curiosity. We want to develop well-rounded humans who not only excel academically but also contribute positively to their communities. Character development and social emotional learning are woven throughout lessons providing

multiple opportunities for students to practice positive citizenship.

Park Village is committed to providing a nurturing and inspiring educational program for all our students. It is our goal that our students realize their potential. Our program not only includes an emphasis on academics, but also the development of a strong self esteem, an appreciation of the fine arts, an interest in science and an understanding of technology as an important tool. Communication and collaboration are key elements to the success of this school. E-mail, voicemail, Penguin News newsletters, student and teacher newsletters, and a yearbook represent a partnership between staff, parents, and students.

Each year PTA and Foundation volunteers provide over 20,000 hours of service and other community members help enrich student experiences with programs. Learning comes first at Park Village Elementary School where each child is valued and recognized.



Park Village students learn about the anatomy of an eye and the science behind vision and sight in a dissection lab.

Pomerado *Elementary School*

12321 Ninth St., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-1320 • pomerado.powayusd.com



Julie Goldberg
Principal

An Exceptional Community of Learners

Pomerado Elementary School, established in 1960, has proudly served generations of Poway families. Currently educating around 400 students from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade, our school is recognized as a whole-school Federally Funded Title 1 institution. Pomerado embraces diversity, welcoming and valuing every student as a Wildcat.

As a part of the No Excuses University network, Pomerado sets high expectations for its students, fostering a safe and supportive learning environment that emphasizes universal achievement. With a growth mindset, staff and students persevere through challenges, utilizing personalized learning approaches such as flexible seating, blended learning, and innovative spaces. These include the Launch Lab, where students engage in coding, robotics, video production, research, and marketing, as well as a Maker Space. Integrating activities with Benchmark

Language Arts themes and career exploration, students have the opportunity to discover their strengths and interests.

Pomerado places great importance on academic achievement, understanding that the quality of its teachers determines the instructional program's excellence. With a stable teaching and support staff, the school offers various academic support programs for students who require assistance. Special education services are embedded in general education classes, and there is a comprehensive English Language Learner program. Additionally, Pomerado provides a counselor, a Student Services Aide, and restorative justice practices to support students' social and emotional needs.

Creating a safe and engaging environment, Pomerado instills higher-level thinking skills in students and promotes kindness, perseverance, and readiness for college and careers. Pomerado values each child's academic and emotional development, fostering a high-energy atmosphere with dedicated parents and expert instructional staff.



Mrs. Ouellet's students celebrate their teacher receiving KYXY's Tribute to Teachers Award.

Rolling Hills *Elementary School*

15255 Penasquitos Dr., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/672-3400 • rollinghills.powayusd.com



Mindy Davis
Principal

Helping Students Learn and Grow

Built in 1978, in the middle of a residential neighborhood in Rancho Peñasquitos, Rolling Hills Elementary School has enjoyed a long history of helping students learn and grow. Currently our school educates over 470 students in Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade, including students with disabilities who receive services through inclusive programming designed to meet their unique needs.

Most of the students live within walking distance of the school. The homes from which the students come range from middle class to subsidized low-income apartments. The ethnic diversity of the school is apparent, as over 20% of our students represent 21 worldwide languages and cultures. This rich cultural mix allows students to interact and learn about diversity

and cultural literacy. Some of our families are military households.

Rolling Hills enjoys the support of an active school Foundation and many parent and community volunteers. The Foundation supports our school and community goals to provide resources that address the needs of the “whole child.” In addition to providing resources for academic intervention, our Foundation provides funds for instruction in music, physical education, and technology, areas that we consider essential components to a well-rounded education. By providing a rich educational experience for all students with multiple pathways to access learning, we believe our students gain confidence in themselves, advocate for their learning, and understand the importance of being a lifelong learner. Our community members often refer to Rolling Hills as a “hidden gem” in Poway; we are proud of the positive energy and joy in learning evident throughout our campus as we work together to meet and exceed our goals.



Rolling Hills students love visiting the STEM & Innovation Lab to create and collaborate with hands-on projects.

Shoal Creek *Elementary School*

11775 Shoal Creek Dr., San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/613-9080 • shoalcreek.powayusd.com



Harmeena Omoto
Principal

Celebrating 25 Years of Student Achievement

Shoal Creek Elementary School, built in 1998, serves approximately 500 students from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade, from a rich diversity of cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds. The pristine campus is located on top of a commanding bluff in the residential community of Carmel Mountain Ranch.

The expertise of the staff, the dedication of the parents and the enthusiasm of the students have formed a professional learning community where all partners collaborate together toward the common goal of doing what is best for children and their learning. The community spirit is embodied in our vision statement that proclaims, “You are entering a community where learning is the focus, creativity is encouraged, each individual is valued and success is ensured.” Our Student Council

and the community are active with service projects for our school, as well as projects that benefit the outside community.

The parents of Shoal Creek are an invaluable resource in supporting school programs. Volunteers help in the classroom and with schoolwide events throughout the year. In addition, the PTA supports a variety of activities and programs throughout the school year, including school assemblies, the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin, a harvest festival, parent/child events and guest readers. Shoal Creek has established an Educational Foundation to raise funds for the betterment of education at the site. Foundation events include Parents’ Night Out, monthly “Dinner Out” events, and Otter Café.

During our 25th anniversary year, we are celebrating that one of our greatest assets is our strong parent/student/staff relationship that maximizes student achievement. This is the embodiment of what a united school community can accomplish.



Shoal Creek Otters love giving back to the community, including the annual Stuff the Bus drive, to provide much-needed food to families in need.

Stone Ranch *Elementary School*

16150 4S Ranch Pkwy., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/487-8474 • stoneranch.powayusd.com



Lisa Wilken
Principal

Be Here, Be You, We All Belong

Stone Ranch Elementary School is a dynamic learning community which opened August 26, 2004 in the community of 4S Ranch. The dramatic buildings, clustered around the Center Courtyard, are home to over 750 eager, inquisitive, energetic Trailblazers who are active participants in their learning. The school is one of the largest elementary schools in Poway.

At our school, we realize that it is our shared and individual stories that connect us as a community. Stone Ranch strives to “Honor Our Past, Explore Our Present, & Discover Our Future” with a commitment to ensuring that all Trailblazers feel safe, valued, and inspired to be themselves and belong.

We place an emphasis on the Character Counts! pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness,

Caring, and good Citizenship (TRRFCC). Weekly TRRFCC Thursday morning gatherings build community and establish the Trailblazers traditions of celebrating each other, honoring our country, and having fun together. Our school reflects the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of our broader community. We provide our learners with a rigorous, supportive culture that includes comprehensive instruction in basic skills, integrative units, problem/project-based learning, small group activities, and writing-reading and math workshops. A strong sense of community is built upon mutual respect and the meaningful contribution of all members.

Trailblazers enjoy a rich learning environment and the respect and admiration of their teachers, support staff, and fellow students. They know they are the center of our school, decisions are made in their best interest, and that adults encourage them to learn, explore, and discover.



Stone Ranch Trailblazers proudly showed off their newly painted murals at a ribbon cutting ceremony with artist Harry Marasigan.

Sundance *Elementary School*

8944 Twin Trails Dr., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-2950 • sundance.powayusd.com



Raquel Katz
Principal

Excellence and Innovation at Sundance

Sundance Elementary is a small and diverse school of 420 students where we strive to provide our students with the finest educational experience possible. We achieve this by blending strong foundational skills with multiple opportunities to use those skills in creative and innovative ways. Sundance is a welcoming, inclusive campus where every child is seen, heard, and valued.

This year, Sundance Elementary is engaging in Project Lead the Way and Voyager. Our students will learn about the engineering design process in flexible learning spaces. While always encouraging academic excellence, we also work to ensure that our children are socially and emotionally prepared. We have created a culture where all of our staff is caring, collaborative, resourceful, and team-oriented. Knowing how very important it is to have a positive relationship with our school community, we

continue to maintain and sustain this vital connection through several site initiatives such as No Place for Hate, Start With Hello Week, Restorative Practices, and Zones of Regulation.

Because we have created a tight-knit relationship, we are able to provide the resources for a plethora of activities for our students. We know that we cannot reach these goals without working in partnership with our students' families and, therefore, have established strong parental engagement systems. Our active volunteer program, Foundation, and Parent Activity Committee (PAC) provide academic and social enrichment to our students. Our Foundation and PAC support the IMPACT teacher, fund assemblies, author book talks, family and community nights such as the annual Sock Hop, Talent Show, parent education nights, as well as a host of other wonderful monthly activities. We are proud that families remain our most important partners in the education of our children.



Sundance Elementary students celebrated International Dot Day, a global celebration of creativity, self-expression, and collaboration with a design challenge.

Sunset Hills *Elementary School*

9291 Oviedo St., San Diego CA 92129 • 858/484-1600 • sunsethills.powayusd.com



Jessica Pineda
Principal

Every Student, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

Sunset Hills Elementary School, established in 1974 in the community of Rancho Peñasquitos, has a reputation for providing an excellent learning environment for students. We currently serve 400 students in Transitional kindergarten through fifth grade and use an inclusive school model to welcome and support the diverse academic, social, emotional, and communication needs of all students.

Sunset Hills benefits from the support of a well-organized, energetic, and passionate PTA that provides many community and school wide events each year. Our Foundation provides financial support for additional support staff and additional STEAM resources/opportunities for students. Many parents serve on campus as classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones, and academic mentors.

We value and acknowledge the importance of our students thinking and collaborating around real world ideas through the lenses of social justice, anti-bias, and cultural education. Sunset Hills is a place where students are lifelong learners and are inspired to reach their full potential by discovering strengths and passions through hands-on exploration.

Students walking onto campus feel the energy and enthusiasm that supports their well-being and success in all academic and social emotional endeavors. Our staff is composed of teachers with diverse interests, that benefit our students with a wide variety of teaching experiences, and classified personnel who work diligently to support the education of all our students.

Our dedicated staff and supportive community work together to realize our collective commitment, "Every Student, Every Day, Whatever it Takes."



Sunset Hills Elementary School was proud to be named an Inclusive Practices School of Excellence, serving as a role model to other schools in PUSD so their practices benefiting students with special needs will be adopted by more educators.

Tierra Bonita *Elementary School*

14678 Tierra Bonita Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-8540 • tierrabonita.powayusd.com



**Michele
Tsutagawa-Ward**
Principal

Striving for Excellence, Focused on the Future

At Tierra Bonita Elementary School, we are “Striving for Excellence . . . Focused on the Future.” In a dynamic, child-centered environment, all students have opportunities to learn and grow academically, physically, and socially. Eager students, a highly competent and caring staff, and a very supportive community led to our designation as an Apple Distinguished School for multiple consecutive years.

In 2021-2022 we began our Japanese Language and Cultural program for all K-5 students. This program provides a standards-based learning which supports cultures from other countries and provides a more diverse understanding of the world around them.

Our mission states “Through rigorous instruction, relevant content, powerful relationships and the

investment of all stakeholders, Tierra Bonita Elementary students will develop attitudes, skills and knowledge essential to their future success in school and in a global society.” To fulfill our mission we will have a caring, competent staff who instill a desire for learning, mutual respect and personal worth in every student. We provide an integrated, comprehensive curriculum for TK-5 students utilizing a wide variety of learning strategies.

We work to ensure that each student will gain the knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes essential for success in both school and in life. Students at Tierra Bonita have an educational experience that is focused around real-life experiences. Our PTA and our Foundation are strong supporters of our school programs and our traditions that make our school a unique and special place. At Tierra Bonita Elementary School we are “Doing school differently by design for college, career and civic readiness for all students.”



Tierra Bonita students were proud to present to the PUSD Board of Education, speaking on the importance of creating belonging so that all students feel welcomed and celebrated.

Turtleback *Elementary School*

15855 Turtleback Rd., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/673-5514 • turtleback.powayusd.com



Adam Carlin
Principal

Welcome to a Caring Place

“Welcome to a Caring Place” proclaim the placards posted at each entrance to Turtleback Elementary School. We pride ourselves on our reputation as a warm and inviting place where all members of the Turtleback family can imagine, explore, create, play, learn and grow together.

Turtleback proudly serves as the hub of a close-knit, predominantly middle class, suburban neighborhood. Turtleback’s enrollment hovers around 600 kindergarten through fifth grade students. Our mission at Turtleback Elementary School is to empower each other to create, communicate, collaborate, and think critically in a community where Character Counts!”

As elementary educators, we feel morally obligated to teach, coach, support, and inspire our students to reach their academic potential during their time with us. We believe that every student who achieves optimal academic progress in elementary school will travel up the educational ladder and beyond with greater ease because they are solidly equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills and habits of mind to ultimately lead meaningful and productive adult lives.

Turtleback proudly serves as a nurturing and inspiring place for learning where staff is dedicated and committed to the development of the whole child. This commitment is exemplified through our rich and rigorous academic program, our successful fine arts and technology device initiative program, our character building and self esteem program, and our emphasis on a variety of physical education activities to promote a healthy lifestyle.



Promoting 5th graders from Turtleback Elementary celebrated with their classmates before heading to middle school.

College Readiness for All Students

Built in 1962, Valley Elementary School is one of the three original elementary schools located in the heart of the community of Poway. Valley Elementary School's mission reflects that of the Poway Unified School District: to build college-readiness for all students through a rigorous, engaging, standards-based curriculum. At Valley, we believe that the awareness of post-secondary opportunities must be built from the first day students enter school. Classes adopt a university of their own and display college paraphernalia to bring the presence of the university into our classrooms. To provide a strong, coherent instructional program for all our students, teachers work together both within and across grade levels to coordinate curriculum, track student achievement data, and plan together for the success of each Valley student. Valley is proud to be a part of the No Excuses University network of schools.

Approximately 700 students are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Enrollment at Valley Elementary has remained stable, but the ethnic make-up and number of English Learners has been steadily increasing over the last several years. Valley is home to Poway Unified's only Dual Language (Spanish) Immersion program for students K through fifth grade.

Valley Elementary is a Targeted Assistance Title 1 school, meaning that the school receives federal funding to provide services to eligible children, such as an on-site homework club and before and after school program. The Boys and Girls Club located next door to the school also provides after school care for first through fifth grade for a nominal annual fee.



Dr. Pablo Chavarin
Principal

Preparación universitaria para todos los estudiantes

La Escuela Primaria Valley fue construida en el 1962 y es una de las tres escuelas primarias originales ubicadas en el corazón de la comunidad de Poway. La misión de la Escuela Primaria Valley refleja la del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Poway: desarrollar la preparación universitaria para todos los estudiantes a través de un plan de estudios riguroso, atractivo y basado en estándares. En Valley, creemos que se debe crear conciencia sobre las oportunidades postsecundarias desde el primer día que los estudiantes ingresan a la escuela. Las clases adoptan una universidad propia y exhiben varios objetos universitarios para llevar la presencia de la universidad a nuestras aulas. Para proporcionar un programa de instrucción sólido y coherente para todos nuestros estudiantes, los maestros trabajan juntos dentro y entre niveles de grado para coordinar el plan de estudios, realizar un seguimiento de los datos de rendimiento de los estudiantes y planificar juntos el éxito de cada estudiante en la escuela Valley. Valley se enorgullece de ser parte de la red de escuelas de No Excuses University.

Aproximadamente 700 estudiantes están actualmente matriculados desde el kínder hasta el quinto grado. La inscripción en la Escuela Primaria Valley se ha mantenido estable, pero la composición étnica y el número de estudiantes aprendices del inglés han aumentado constantemente durante los últimos años. Valley es el hogar del único programa de inmersión en dos idiomas (español) del Distrito Unificado de Poway para estudiantes desde el kínder hasta el quinto grado.

Valley Elementary es una escuela denominada Título 1 de Asistencia Dirigida, lo que significa que la escuela recibe fondos federales para brindar servicios a los niños elegibles, como un club de tareas en el lugar y

un programa antes y después de la escuela. El Boys and Girls Club, ubicado al lado de la escuela, también brinda cuidado después de la escuela para niños de primero a quinto grado por una tarifa anual nominal.

Students and staff celebrated loved ones on Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead with beautiful and elaborate ofrendas.

Los estudiantes y el personal celebraron a sus seres queridos el Día de los Muertos con hermosas y elaboradas ofrendas.



Westwood *Elementary School*

17449 Matinal Rd., San Diego, CA 92127-1299 • 858/487-2026 • westwood.powayusd.com



Jennie Mikels
Principal

Collaboration and Innovation

Westwood has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Westwood Elementary School is a shining example of a school serving a community with diverse needs and interests, bolstered by a strong tradition of volunteerism.

Adults are visible throughout the campus, supporting student learning. Students, in turn, give back to the community by entertaining residents, raising funds for service organizations, collecting Valentines and writing letters to deployed troops, and other community service projects. A spirit of collaboration and innovation pervades the school as teachers and parents work together to maximize student learning.

Built in 1971, Westwood is located in a neighborhood of Rancho Bernardo, with a pleasant mix of families and retirees. Our 830 students represent a rich diversity of cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds. Dynamic partnerships include the Rancho Bernardo Chamber of Commerce, Casa De Las Campanas, a retirement community, Rancho Bernardo Foundation and The Bernardo Gardeners Club.

Westwood recently completed a Technology Refresh providing all 3rd through 5th grade students with 1:1 Chromebooks. Students in grades K-2 also have access to Chromebooks at school.

Staff, parents, and community members agree that the collaborative spirit on campus is Westwood's greatest strength. By working together, an environment exists where learning is stimulating, child-centered, and focused on the unique qualities that all children bring to the classroom.



Westwood Elementary paid tribute to members of the military during their Friday Flag assembly in honor of Veterans Day.

Willow Grove *Elementary School*

14727 Via Azul, San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/674-6300 • willowgrove.powayusd.com



Katie Lynn
Principal

Grizzly Pride Every Day

Willow Grove Elementary School first opened its doors to students in 2008.

The school serves students in high socio-economic areas as well as students who are receiving financial assistance. Willow Grove is proud of the varying cultures represented in our community.

The beauty of our campus is only surpassed in beauty by the heart of its students, staff, and families. Grizzly Pride is evident on campus every day. Students and staff show their pride by following the Three Grizzly Ground Rules: Respect yourself, Respect others, and Respect the environment.

Willow Grove has 5 “roots” upon which the mission, vision and goals are built. They are:

- Professional Learning Community - Our teachers are committed to working together for the success of each child.

- Cultural Proficiency - We know our own values, traditions and backgrounds and recognize and respect the cultures of others.
- College Readiness - We prepare students so they may choose from a variety of postsecondary options upon high school graduation.
- Rigor, Relevance and Relationships (The Three “R”s) - High academic standards for all, connections between learning and the global world, and solid relationships among students, staff, families and the business community.
- State of the Art Technology - We assist students as they learn with access to technology tools such as smart boards, document cameras and more.

Since opening our doors, staff has been instrumental in turning these five roots into reality. Three of our teachers have been top 10 San Diego County Teachers of the Year. We have been named a California Gold Ribbon School, California Distinguished School, and California Pivotal Practice School.



Willow Grove students dressed up and did crafts for Colonial Day as part of their history exploration.

Connect Academy @ Park Village *Elementary School*

7930 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/357-8455 • connectacademy.powayusd.com



Amie Tillman
Principal

Innovation and Independence

Connect Academy is a K-8 hybrid learning pathway in the Poway Unified School District, providing a future-focused approach to teaching and learning, blending together the best elements of an on-campus experience and online learning. We offer our students and families an innovative, flexible, and modern learner-centered independent study program.

Connect Academy students receive live, virtual instruction from some of the best teachers in the Poway Unified School District 3 days a week, as well as 2 days a week of on campus learning that includes labs, experiments, gardening, music/art, physical education (such as hiking and exploration), and play. We are housed on the Park Village Elementary School campus in Rancho Penasquitos.

Connect Academy encourages students to explore the PUSD curriculum with their interests, strengths, and passions at the forefront while becoming a community of creative, collaborative, empowered learners. On any given day, our older students may be diving into Disney Imagineering and learning about graphics, mapping, and color options while our younger students might be learning how to code and program robots or video games.

We strive to develop resilience, kindness, courage, empathy, and creativity in our students through a flexible digital learning experience. We accomplish this by building trust and understanding within our community and creating partnerships and connections to share knowledge and extend our network to explore career pathways and opportunities for life readiness. We invite you to learn more!



Connect Academy kindergarten students hosted a Farmers Market, where they showed off products grown in their school garden alongside the knowledge they learned about science and math.

Design39Campus

17050 Del Sur Ridge Rd., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/676-6639 • design39campus.powaysd.com



Dr. Robert Caughey
Principal

Changing the Way We Do School

At Design39Campus, learning experiences are designed with the individual learner in mind. As a collaborative community and LearningCentered Lab School, we nurture creative confidence, practice design thinking, learn through inquiry, connect globally, use technology and real world tools, and promote the courage and growth mindset necessary to change the world.

Established in August 2014,

Design39Campus supports a population of 1,200 TK-8th grade students and serves as a model for education transformation from “what we teach” to “how we learn”. The mission of Design39Campus, “Life Ready, Thought Leaders, Elevating Humanity” is propelled by the belief that learners can best create meaning and make sense of their world through environments that support complex, varied relationships between people, the world, and ideas.

One of our marquee events is Maker39 – featuring student-run businesses, that culminate in a highly anticipated and interactive market where students are eager to sell their curated goods to the public. There are maker labs, a music program in which students learn how to read and compose their own music, and Minds in Motion – a version of PE that has students design their activities. Explorations, which are four – to six – week electives conceived of and voted on by students, take a deep dive into students’ and teachers’ passions, like photography or foreign languages.

Our beautiful campus features glass walls to facilitate openness and transparency; flexible seating and writable surfaces to encourage student and colleague collaboration; and easy-to-move furniture to allow adaptability of the space over time. Educators come from around the world to learn how we are changing the way we do school. Once you visit, we know you will be impressed too!



Design39Campus hosts “Maker39,” an annual program where students of all ages create their own businesses, product pitches, prototypes, and then finally sell their products.

Bernardo Heights *Middle School*

12990 Paseo Lucido, San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/485-4850 • bernardoheights.powayusd.com



Marie Galaz
Principal

Bobcat PRIDE

BHMS has been recognized as a California Distinguished School and is a National Blue Ribbon winner. Our Bobcat PRIDE helps to set the tone for a school climate which fosters mutual respect and acceptance. We teach our Bobcats to be Positive, to be Responsible, to have Integrity, to be Determined and to be Engaged.

Bernardo Heights Middle School began as a trailer campus of 6th graders in 1988. Since 1990 our modern and well-maintained campus has shared a central driveway to the neighboring campus of Rancho Bernardo High School.

Our dynamic and talented staff works and plans together to provide students with outstanding standards-based educational experiences and academic growth opportunities in all content areas. Sixth grade serves

as a transition year in which students begin changing teachers, adjust to locker rooms in PE, select electives, go to camp, and learn organizational skills. Our 7th and 8th graders build their organizational and content area skills to prepare them to be world class learners. With our Block Schedule, students attend (3) 94-minute classes each day and our rotating schedule allows teachers and students to optimize learning by not always having a difficult class last period.

Our Before and After School Program, ASES, provides a safe haven for students to work on homework in the Library or the computer lab, play in the gym or the Bobcat Center, and participate in athletic or small group activities after school.

From our unique architecture to the exciting learning environment within our classrooms, Bernardo Heights is a vigorous, active educational center filled with the promise of tomorrow.



Bernardo Heights student leaders host an annual Bobcat Day at the beginning of the school year to welcome 6th graders and new students to middle school.

Black Mountain *Middle School*

9353 Oviedo St., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-1300 • blackmountain.powayusd.com



Darcel Glover
Principal

College, Career, and Life Readiness

Black Mountain Middle School is located in the community of Rancho Peñasquitos. As a California Distinguished School and National AVID Demonstration School and AVID Site of Distinction, we are the proud home of 1,120 students. In 2009, the school completed a full remodel, in which its infrastructure, buildings and landscaping were updated. We provide our students with a “home field advantage,” where each and every Raider feels safe and part of a community where they are supported, empowered, and united.

Our staff works hard to foster and sustain an environment in which all students feel safe, supported and have high expectations. In alignment with our district’s

mission of “College, Career, and Life Readiness,” our teachers expose all students to quality instruction and experiences designed to prepare students for success beyond middle school. Assisting our teachers in this work is our Wednesday ACT time; this professional time is set aside for our teachers each Wednesday to work on curriculum, instruction and assessment.

It is recognized on our campus that memorizing facts and information are not the most important skills for our students to master. While there is a time and place for these skills, we understand the need for our students to think more deeply, read with a powerful lens, and write with purpose. One of the ways that we achieve this is through our belief of AVID and its focus on critical reading, writing and thinking. We utilize AVID strategies and its best practices in all our classrooms.



As a National AVID Demonstration School since 2009 and AVID Site of Distinction since 2019, Black Mountain strives to create a schoolwide culture of college, career, and life readiness. These 8th grade students recently displayed their public speaking skills and school pride at an AVID showcase to recruit future AVID students.

Meadowbrook *Middle School*

12320 Meadowbrook Ln., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-0802 • meadowbrook.powayusd.com



Crystal Brownlee
Principal

P.R.I.D.E. in Everything We Do

Meadowbrook Middle School is an energetic and nurturing middle school where our students are valued and respected. Meadowbrook was built in 1964 to house 800 students. The current enrollment of over 1,300 students has necessitated the addition of twelve new classrooms, including two science labs. These were added as part of an extensive modernization project.

Meadowbrook serves a culturally and ethnically diverse population of students with 39 different languages represented. At the center of our work is P.R.I.D.E.: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Empathy. Our staff provides the support and instruction needed for students to receive an excellent education. From our digital media classes, to science olympiad, to ASB, there is something for every student.

Meadowbrook has received many awards including the California Distinguished School, National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools 2008 Educating for Democracy School of Distinction Award, and most recently has been recognized as a Gold Ribbon School. Parents and community members serve as volunteers and are actively involved members of decision and policy-making committees, including the School Site Council. The PTSA has a membership of over 650 parents, students, and teachers. In addition, the Meadowbrook Educational Foundation provides financial support for technology including classroom computers, LCD's, document cameras, a physical education fitness lab, Chromebook carts, and iPads.

Meadowbrook's vision is to ensure that every student will master the knowledge and develop the skills and attitudes essential for college readiness and future success in life.



Many promoting Meadowbrook Middle School students have the option to choose whether they attend Poway High School or Rancho Bernardo High School, while others attend Mt. Carmel High School. Students should confirm their attendance eligibility with their school or PUSD's planning department.

Mesa Verde *Middle School*

8375 Entrekem Wy., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/538-5478 • mesaverde.powayusd.com



Kellie Moore
Principal

Reaching New Heights

Mesa Verde Middle School exemplifies the educational heights that can be attained when a solid partnership exists between school and community. Our award-winning teachers and staff strive to provide the very best educational experience possible for the 1,100 students who call Mesa Verde home.

The staff at Mesa Verde is committed to pursuing three main goals: 1) Improvement of Writing and Math Instruction, 2) Using Data to Inform Instructional Priorities, and 3) Increasing Parental Participation (Parents as Partners).

Mesa Verde Middle School enjoys an excellent reputation and became the first school at the secondary level within the Poway Unified School District to achieve an API score over 900. MVMS is a California Distinguished School and

a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Students and teachers from MVMS are routinely honored for excellence each year from outside agencies like the San Diego County Office of Education, the California Association of Directors of Activities, the California Association of Student Leaders, the Science Olympiad, and from various service clubs (e.g.: Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc.) and Regional and State Band and Orchestra organizations.

MVMS parents are actively involved members of decision and policy-making committees. The PTSA and School Site Council place parents in decision-making roles within the school. In addition, the MV Foundation's membership has grown exponentially, and in the last two-and-a-half years, this parent-group has tripled its annual operating budget allowing it to support the Library, Art, Drama, Robotics, and Band programs, and the Math, Physical Education and Science Departments.



Mesa Verde's award-winning band and orchestra program, under the direction of Jay Posteraro, is one of the school's most popular electives among students.

Oak Valley *Middle School*

16055 Winecreek Rd., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/487-2939 • oakvalley.powayusd.com



Colin Young
Principal

Forever Falcons

Oak Valley Middle School looks forward to continuing to provide an exceptional educational experience to all students. We are firm believers that all students should have access to a kind and caring educational institution where they feel safe and empowered to achieve their academic and personal goals.

Our focus will be to make quality, lasting, and trusting relationships with all stakeholders, inspire staff to strive for continual personal growth, ensure that all students have a safe learning environment conducive to personal development and educational mastery, and most importantly, carry out the vision of Oak Valley Middle School. At the center of our school is a staff of caring employees and high quality teachers who provide an educational experience second to none.

Falcon parents are invited to be actively involved members of our school community and join organizations such as our PTSA, Oak Valley Falcon Foundation, and Music Boosters. Our volunteers make programs such as Science Olympiad and Art Corps an exceptional experience for everyone involved. We also encourage parents to be a part of decision making committees such as our School Site Council, and to represent Oak Valley on the District Advisory Committee and English Language Advisory Committee.

As the largest middle school in PUSD, our goal is for our students to leave Oak Valley as Forever Falcons with amazing memories, real world skills, and a lifelong love of learning. We look forward to partnering together for another successful school year.



Oak Valley's cybersecurity teams have won multiple national championships at the annual CyberPatriot Competition in Baltimore, Maryland.

Twin Peaks *Middle School*

14640 Tierra Bonita Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-5131 • twinpeaks.powayusd.com



Steve Mills
Principal

T.I.P. - Totally Incredible People!

Twin Peaks Middle School is a place where totally incredible people work together to build success and inspire every child, every day. This mission statement is the foundation for our staff's commitment towards continual growth and improvement in instructional design and practices, school safety policies and procedures, and is evident in our overall school culture. Our modified rotating block schedule allows teachers and students to really delve into topics by allowing more discussion time, lab time, and independent work time.

We are focused on increasing student engagement through personalized learning and differentiated instruction. Twin Peaks is a proud Inclusive Practices model school in which all students are treated as general education students first. Students of all ability levels are supported with appropriate scaffolding and opportunities for extended learning.

As an AVID Site of Distinction, we value and implement research-based strategies school-wide. These strategies help to ensure that each and every student has equitable access to a rich core curriculum that promotes academic discourse, critical thinking, and inquiry.

Twin Peaks believes the development of the whole child is important during the middle school years. The counseling team along with the Student Service Specialist design interactive programs tailored for each grade level and as needs arise. We are a proud No Place for Hate school and encourage student leaders to take ownership for building a more inclusive school culture.

At Twin Peaks, the student experience is not limited to academics. Students can choose to participate in a variety of clubs and intramural sports, including basketball, golf, wrestling, cross country, lacrosse, flag football and volleyball. Students also have access to leadership opportunities such as Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) and ASB.



Twin Peaks Middle School is a proud Inclusive Practices School of Excellence, which is a recognition by the Poway Unified School District for efforts to include students with special needs in general education lessons and activities

Abraxas High School

12450 Glen Oak Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-5900 • abraxas.powayusd.com



Alain Henry
Principal

Flexible and Future-Focused

Abraxas High School is a continuation high school that serves students who need an educational environment that is smaller, more intimate, and more flexible than what is typically found at comprehensive high schools. Abraxas students typically select this school because they are at risk of not receiving a high school diploma, and they believe that

Abraxas can help to make that goal a reality. Abraxas has been named a Model Continuation School by the State of California, with our award-winning garden and culinary program attracting visitors from across the country.

We believe that education must embrace not only academic growth, but also personal development and career exploration. Our teachers and counselors provide focused care and attention to the unique personal development goals of each student. As a small

school, we are able to work closely with every student to develop individualized plans to achieve graduation goals and beyond. Our curriculum emphasizes project-based learning to equip students with skills that will carry over into real-world experiences. Our Career Development Program provides post-secondary education options, internships, volunteer opportunities, and elective courses to enable our students to make informed decisions regarding their future career alternatives. Our flexible environment provides support for those with jobs as they balance work and school.

Also on campus, the Transition Program is a community-based program designed to enhance and promote greater independence of practical life skills for young adults with developmental disabilities. The program serves as a link between the public school system and the world of post-school activities and services. At Abraxas, we are committed to provide our students with the best support and resources they need to progress successfully to the next stage in their lives.



Abraxas High School is home to two programs: the Continuation Program for high school students earning their diploma, as well as the Transition Program for young adults with developmental disabilities. Students and staff from both programs work together to create a fun, flexible, and supportive on-campus culture.

Del Norte *High School*

16601 Nighthawk Ln., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/487-0877 • delnorte.powayusd.com



Ty Eveleth
Principal

Home Court Advantage

Coming to Del Norte should feel like coming HOME. From the very beginning, we have intentionally attempted to create an environment where every person walking onto this campus feels welcomed. Additionally, we want every student to feel safe and supported. We believe when every student is safe, Nighthawks are free to SOAR.

We strongly encourage our students to pursue leadership opportunities - playing a sport, joining one of over 100 clubs on campus, performing in choir, improv, or theater, writing for a school publication, producing videos, or performing community service projects. We focus on helping our students discover their individual passion. An assortment of STEM, VAPA, business and engineering, and technology based elective classes allow our students unique opportunities to explore new interests as well as develop marketable skill sets.

An inclusive school by design, we encourage every student attending DNHS to extend themselves outside their comfort zones - taking rigorous courses to prepare them for college, career and life. We offer over 20 different Advanced Placement courses and encourage every student attending DNHS to consider taking at least one AP level course prior to graduation. Special Education students have access to CSU/UC "a-g" courses as a result of our utilization of the collaborative model of instruction. Our students are expected to graduate future focused and globally aware.

The dream for Del Norte has always been to create a school environment where everyone belongs, where everyone is valued, supported, and safe, and where everyone contributes. We call it Home Court Advantage. We don't want students to simply attend this school; we want them to identify with it - to feel a sense of ownership and pride.



Del Norte High School is Poway Unified's largest high school with approximately 2,500 students, and a graduating senior class of 600. The trimester system allows students maximum flexibility as they create their four-year academic plans.

Mt. Carmel *High School*

9550 Carmel Mountain Rd., San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/484-1180 • mtcarmel.powayusd.com



Dr. Yael Bozzay
Principal

Experience The Sundevil Way

Mt. Carmel High School is excited to be celebrating 50 years of student success for the 2023-24 school year. We have a long tradition of providing an amazing student experience through the Sundevil Way. Approximately 30% of MCHS students attend through voluntary transfer from all areas of PUSD and from around the county. Our indomitable school spirit via The Red Sea,

has earned us the title of CIF San Diego “Battle of the Fans” four times!

Our entire campus community works together in the six Sundevil Way Core areas:

- The Learning Experience in classrooms, in extra-curricular activities, and in the community.
- The Culture of Academic Achievement that exists in our classrooms, in student activities, and on campus.

- The Staff Learning Experience.
- The Data collected and used to understand the student and staff experience.
- Building and fostering a Culture of Shared Leadership.
- Understanding and addressing Wellness.

In addition, Mt. Carmel emphasizes the Sundevil Core Experiences, which include College Readiness, Advanced Placement experience and Career Experience. Our students participate in seven Career and Technical programs and are supported by our Education Foundation through seminars on finance, job interviews and resume writing. Unique programs include sports medicine, fire science and EMT, and 3D animation.

Our mission is to have all students develop the broadest set of choices for college and/or career paths upon graduation and to have the skill-sets, mindsets, and knowledge to succeed on their chosen path.



Mt. Carmel High School’s unique career technical education programs include a public services pathway, with fire science and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses that meet requirements at Palomar College.

Poway High School

15500 Espola Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/748-0245 • powayhigh.powayusd.com



Richard Nash
Principal

Embracing R.I.G.O.R.

Poway High motivates and prepares our students for success in College, Career, and Life by instilling critical thinking skills and global perspective while embracing our core values of R.I.G.O.R. - Respect, Integrity, Growth, Ownership, Responsibility.

Our strong academic record reflects a commitment to excellence. Instruction includes a wide range of AP, honors and college prep courses in addition to a variety of elective and career education offerings.

The PHS staff take pride in the breadth and depth of our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs. Visual and Performing Arts programs include a marching band that has achieved top ratings in the state, a choir that has received awards in national competitions, and a photography program which has earned top honors

locally and statewide. Past digital media students have won multiple awards for video and film. Our Automotive Technology and Engineering students have also earned top honors in state and national level contests.

Part of the Titan Experience is the wide variety of programs benefiting and, in some cases, run by students, including ASB, Peer Counseling, Link Crew, Student Advisory Board, and over 70 clubs. The Student Services Office offers support groups, conflict mediation and substance abuse awareness and cessation classes as well as support in applying to colleges, work permits and internships. We also have a full-time therapist on site to help manage student's chronic and acute issues that affect their academic performance. Poway High athletes have earned hundreds of Palomar League, CIF, and State Championship Titles over the years.

All PHS staff, students, and parents support, and have a personal connection to the Poway High School Mission and Vision.



Poway High's Esports Arena provides a unique pathway for students to pursue future college scholarships and esports careers. The arena is a first for the Poway Unified School District, and the home of gaming practice and competitions for students across PUSD.

Poway to Palomar *Middle College*

11111 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92127 • 858/675-6616 • powaytopalomar.powayusd.com



Patty Hurtt
Director

Foundation for the Future

Poway to Palomar Middle College (PPMC), PUSD's newest high school, opened in August of 2022 with an inaugural class of 11th grade students. PPMC now has both 11th and 12th grade students in its second year. Students take classes concurrently with PUSD teachers for their high school requirements and Palomar College instructors for their select college courses. Along with earning high school and college credits, students will participate in an internship program for credit. All credits earned will be posted on their high school transcripts. All college credits earned will post to their high school and college transcripts. This program is at no cost to the student.

Students who graduate from PPMC will possess a profound sense of self-awareness and a clear vision for their future, establishing a meaningful connection between their

educational journey and personal aspirations. Throughout their academic experience, they will actively engage in creating purposeful and relevant projects and products across all subject areas, fostering their creativity and critical thinking skills. These graduates will benefit from a wide range of unconventional choices, allowing them to tailor their educational path to their unique strengths and interests.

Additionally, they will actively participate in work-based learning experiences, including internships and practical work opportunities, equipping them with valuable real-world skills. By the time they graduate from the middle college program, these students will possess the essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for success in college, career, and life. Notably, they will achieve the remarkable feat of earning both a high school diploma and college units, setting a solid foundation for their future endeavors.



Returning PPMC students served as Senior Ambassadors, to welcome incoming juniors and seniors during their first week of school. With fewer than 100 students, PPMC students are able to take ownership of and design their own student experience.

Rancho Bernardo *High School*

13010 Paseo Lucido, San Diego, CA 92128 • 858/485-4800 • ranchobernardo.powayusd.com



Hans Becker
Principal

The RB Experience

At Rancho Bernardo High School, we believe in fostering a healthy, positive, and professional environment for students and staff, empowering each and every student to pursue and achieve their individual goals, and forging strong partnerships with families and the community. The RB Experience is focused on embracing the characteristics of being S.T.A.B.L.E.: Self-Aware, Tenacious, Accepting, Balanced, Learning, and Engaged.

Rancho Bernardo HS first opened in September, 1990, as the third comprehensive high school in the Poway Unified School District, and is now home to nearly 2,300 students. RBHS offers a full range of academic programs and activities designed to meet the needs of all students. Over 90% of our graduates enroll in either two or four year college programs after graduation.

Our school offers a wide range of academic programs including AVID and Advanced Placement, as well as nationally recognized athletic and extracurricular programs, such as marching band, orchestra, color guard, Science Olympiad, robotics, and Speech and Debate teams.

The RBHS staff is award-winning, with multiple teachers and employees of the year. Teachers and staff participate in three staff development days each year as well as one hour of professional time every Wednesday morning. The RBHS School Site Council works diligently to monitor and support school improvement and student achievement at all levels. Parents serve as volunteers in many aspects of school life and enjoy open communication with the school. The RBHS Foundation, PTSA, the Friends of the RBHS Library, and numerous booster clubs support student activities, programs, and student achievement.

All of these facets work in concert to support the District's vision to create culture and conditions to empower world-class learners.



Rancho Bernardo High School student leaders host an annual Human Relations Conference to encourage students to connect despite their differences; the day is filled with bonding activities, deeper conversations, and guest speakers.

Westview High School

13500 Camino Del Sur, San Diego, CA 92129 • 858/780-2000 • westview.powayusd.com



Ernie Remillard
Principal

Priority on Personnel Connectedness

Westview High School is a thriving learning community in which all members feel connected. The culture of Westview is one of respectful communication and interdependence while still celebrating the uniqueness of each individual in which all students are expected to connect, engage, and explore their educational experience.

Westview received the 2022 National Blue Ribbon award based on our school's exemplary academic performance and as one of the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments. With a student enrollment of over 2,200, Westview provides students with an array of choices, both in academics and extracurriculars. More than 90% of our graduates enroll in a college.

Westview opened its doors in the fall of 2002, with the goal of changing from the "Factory Model" to a school

that supports personal connectedness. We operate on a 4X4 block schedule that allows students to create learning plans to meet their individual academic needs and goals. Westview is a learning community that is positive, with high expectations for all learners, including special education and English learners through strong instructional delivery. The Wolverine Way guides our schoolwide expectations through the acronym CARE: all students are expected to be Critical Thinkers, Accomplished Lifelong Learners, Responsible Citizens, and Effective Communicators.

High levels of student and parent involvement contribute to Westview's vision and success. Stakeholders support the vision through involvement in ASB leadership, the Student Senate, PTSA, the Foundation and student/parent participation on school and district decision-making bodies. We work collaboratively to make a positive impact in the community and to enhance the culture and overall well-being of our students, staff and families.



Westview High School Seniors showed off their school spirit during the first pep rally of the new school year, organized by Westview's ASB (Associated Student Body).

Poway Adult School

13626 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/668-4024 • powayadultschool.powayusd.com



Kathleen Porter
Executive Director

Live. And learn.

Established in 1965, the Poway Adult School serves more than 10,000 adult students every year, with 240 personal enrichment and professional development classes. Some of the most popular courses include fitness activities such as pickleball and spin cycling, new trends such as gluten-free cooking and artificial intelligence, and fine arts such as sculpting and watercolor.

We also help our students earn certifications in various career pathways as well as their GEDs. Most of our classes sell out or have a waiting list, so we encourage anyone who is interested in a class to register right away on our website. Registration for our fall quarter is underway.

The mission of the Poway Adult School is to provide adults with exemplary learning opportunities by offering timely and relevant courses, programs, and services that are responsive to our community's needs. Poway Adult

School works with students to identify and reach their individual goals, including career advancement, college preparation, and life enrichment.

Our student learning outcomes include:

- Own ~ Students thoughtfully choose their goals and pathways taking ownership of their learning.
- Prepare ~ Students attain their goals at Poway Adult School and are well prepared for civic participation, the workforce and future success.
- Achieve ~ Students achieve their goals through individualized programs that are challenging, meaningful, adaptable, and relevant.

We are always looking for new teachers and class ideas! If you have a special skill, interest or hobby, you might qualify to become a Poway Adult School instructor or guest lecturer. Bring your ideas, expertise in your area and enthusiasm for sharing!

To learn more about our teaching opportunities, please contact David Guzman at dguzman@powayusd.com.



After two serious car accidents, years of rehabilitation, and a mishap with the records system, Stefanie Gonzalez has finally completed her GED for the second time with the help of the Poway Adult School.

Poway Unified School District Foundation

13626 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway, CA 92064 • 858/668-4028 • pusdfoundation.powayusd.com



Kathleen Porter
Executive Director

Did you know that Poway Unified School District is one of the lowest funded K12 school districts in our region? The limited funding Poway Unified School District receives from the state does not allow us to offer the depth and array of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs and experiences our students deserve and other districts are able to provide. For that reason, we count

on your financial support every year so that all 35,000 students in our District continue to flourish and achieve extraordinary academic results.

Your donation means more than just a monetary donation. With your donation, the PUSD Foundation will continue to fund a variety of programs and experiences that will prepare our students to be world-class learners and to be college-, career-, and life-ready. These experiences and programs include STEAM-focused support, academic competitions, and leadership development opportunities including:

- Academic competitions, such as FIRST Robotics, Science Olympiad, CyberPatriot, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), SkillsUSA, and DECA
- Visual and Performing Arts and the Media, Arts, & Entertainment pathways
- Annual Recognition to Showcase Excellence among District Teachers, Classified Staff, and Volunteers
- Middle and High School College and Career Fairs
- Districtwide Professional Development Events
- Participation in Junior Achievement programs (BizTown, JA Company Program, Finance Park and JA Ambassador Programs)

Sponsorships

By sponsoring one or more PUSD Foundation events or programs, you will support enhanced educational opportunities for students and staff. Upcoming Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Red Ribbon Week - October 21 to 31, 2023
- College and Career Information Night - November 29, 2023
- Starstruck Recognition Gala - January 12, 2024
- White Coat Ceremony - April 30, 2024
- PUSD College and Career Fair - April 3, 2024
- Partners in Education Golf Classic - May 2, 2024
- Career Technical Education Expo - May 16, 2024

Partners in Education

Through our Partners in Education program, Poway Unified School District fosters and maintains relationships with our local business and community partners. These relationships result in a variety of connections between what happens in our classrooms and what is needed in the workforce or larger community. By providing a variety of work-based or community-based learning experiences to students, our Partners in Education help to ensure that curriculum is relevant and that students develop the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in school, career, and life.

Opportunities for Partnership:

- Advise on our Career Technical Education Advisory Committee
- Advise on an Industry-Specific Advisory Committee
- Participate in a Work-Based Learning Experience
- Mentor Students in a CTE Student Organization
- Provide financial assistance to a CTE program or student organization

For more information, please contact Dolores Canizales, acanizales@powayusd.com.



Give to our Annual Giving Campaign – “Dream to STEAM,” to raise money for science, technology, engineering, arts and math programs across Poway Unified schools. Donate today!



Poway Unified School District
FOUNDATION
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Thank you to our top sponsors:

LEGACY SPONSORS

FISKE FAMILY
FOUNDATION

McCARTHY
FAMILY FOUNDATION

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

VISIONARY SPONSORS



***The Norman and Charlotte
Ulmer Family Foundation***

**For a full list of supporters and
ways to get involved visit:
pusdfoundation.powayusd.com**