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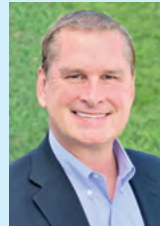
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Superintendent



Dr. Nicole Wesley
Superintendent

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

RBUSD is on the map, thanks to the numerous programs and experiences our students thrive in and enjoy. Let us not forget our primary focus...that each and every RBUSD student achieves academic growth and experiences social-emotional wellbeing. We (students, staff, admin, parents/guardians) all play an integral role and we must remain united and committed to excellence in RBUSD. Our partnership is what makes RBUSD GREAT!

Let us continue our road to excellence by challenging our students to acquire and refine three key characteristics that are essential for success and happiness at school, a future career, and in life: involvement, advocacy, and resilience.

Students, how will you enhance your educational experience and contribute to your amazing school community while igniting your personal interests? First and foremost, get involved! Whether it is an activity/event,

club, volunteering, student council/ASB, athletics, or an interest outside of school, find something that speaks to your passion and purpose. Let this be the year you try something new and challenge yourself. Every school has a lot to offer.

Students, we value your voice. As you journey through RBUSD, think of ways you can advocate for yourself and others. Ask questions. Ask for help. Assist a peer. Advocacy is key, in order to ensure others understand what you need to be successful.

Students, in life we encounter road bumps. It is inevitable. Having a positive mindset and the determination to persevere is essential; we recognize it is not always easy. It may take time and practice. Remember, your RBUSD support system (teachers, counselors, coaches, administrators, staff, your peers) are here to help you navigate life's hurdles. Believing you can learn from these moments will help you build resiliency.

Let's make this a year filled with passion, purpose, and positive memories!

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Rachel Silverman Nemeth
President

Chances: Embracing Mistakes When the Dog Eats Your Homework

It is with immense pleasure that I extend my heartfelt welcome to the incredible staff, students, and devoted guardians of the Redondo Beach Unified School District. The beginning of a school year marks the opening of countless opportunities for our students to succeed.

Academic achievement goes beyond grades alone. It encompasses the excitement of discovery, the development of critical thinking, and a love for learning. Showing students grace underscores the importance of empathy, understanding, and giving one another the benefit of the doubt. This year we will work to cultivate a community that embraces mistakes not as barriers, but rather as valuable opportunities for growth. I ask teachers, students, and families to take time to appreciate that students are navigating new responsibilities, life is full of unpredictable moments, and learning to manage setbacks is indispensable. When the dog eats a student's homework, take a deep breath and be a student-centered problem solver.

Embracing mistakes fosters resilience as students learn to view challenges as opportunities to improve. Students need to know that their time will not be wasted as they approach an assignment again. We all want to know that our time was not wasted as we try again. The second or third try may be the one that sticks for a lifetime.

No two students are alike. Situations will arise that we have never dealt with before. We want to have both the patience and problem-solving skills to approach new challenges with our students as partners. By creating an environment where students feel safe to learn, and sometimes stumble, we are nurturing their growth not just as learners, but as well-rounded individuals willing to do the work.

Wishing you a year filled with grace, creativity, and success.

Board of Education Meeting Dates 2023

September 12
September 26
October 10

October 24
November 14*
December 12*

2024

January 23*
February 13
February 27
March 12

March 26
April 30*
May 14
May 28

June 11
June 25

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

Beach Cities Health District

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Emory Chen, MSW, MA Ed
Director
Youth Services

Kicking Off the New School Year with a Healthy Start

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is celebrating 25 years of preventive health success and recognizing those key partners like Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) that have worked with us to make a healthy beach community.

We are excited to start another academic year of LiveWell Kids, our hybrid, farm-to-table garden and nutrition education program. The initiative is comprised of six, 30-minute interactive lessons which focus on educating students from kindergarten through 5th grade on the process and benefits of growing their own food and making healthy eating choices. All lessons will be delivered by trained volunteers in the fresh air of each respective school garden across all RBUSD elementary schools.

This complements our most recent spring data, which shows childhood obesity rates declining by 70.5%. The current obesity rate for elementary school students in RBUSD is 5.9%, the lowest it has been since 2007 when the rate was 20%.

We're also looking forward to International Walk and Roll to School Day returning on October 4 to encourage more kid-power and less horsepower. BCHD staff, local elected officials, police officers, RBUSD school administrators, parents, students and volunteers will walk along designated routes in promotion of active transportation and "Streets for All." Visit bchd.org/streetsforall for safety education for all road users, including e-bikes.

Special education programs are authorized by federal and state laws.

These laws require that a free and appropriate public education shall be offered in the least restrictive environment to all students identified as disabled. Through the District's Student Study Team process and other procedures, a continuous effort is made to locate and identify individuals who might qualify for special education services.

The law also provides that parents may initiate a request to have their child assessed to determine eligibility for special education and/or related services.



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Kay Coop
 Founder/Publisher



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Welcome back to another new school year.

Dr. Wesley's message on page 3 says it all, "Let's make this a year filled with passion, purpose, and positive memories!" What a wonderful upbeat message to begin the school year.

I had to laugh reading the title of the Board of Education President's message on page 4 — When the dog eats your homework! Many years ago I managed a dental office and the most common excuse a teenager gave for why their retainer was broken was *the dog ate it!* The patient soon learned to embrace their mistake and accept the responsibility of putting

the retainer out of the dog's reach. A calm environment nurturing problem solving will be beneficial for a lifetime of success.

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**Sondi
Kroeger-Foley**
President

Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 school year

On behalf of Redondo Beach Council PTA, I would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year!

The mission of PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. On a national level PTA is the largest volunteer-based child advocacy organization in the US working to drive improvements in education on their behalf. On a local level, Redondo Beach Council consists of hard-working

PTAs and PTSAs at eight awesome Elementary Schools, two mighty Middle Schools, and of course, the finest High School in the South Bay. That is a huge number of volunteers doing good things for kids, including providing grade level programs, educational assemblies, buses to field trips, family nights, Hands on Art, classroom enrichment and so much more.

The strength of our PTA relies on the commitment of all parents, staff and administrators. Together, we will continue to make RBUSD the destination school district that it is. Thank you, as always, for your support and have an incredible year!



PTA & RBEF welcome teachers and staff at the Back to School Rally

RBUSD Child Development

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Theresa Van Dusen
Director

From Summer to Welcome Back in no Time

The Child Development Center would like to welcome back all of the families who were not with us for the fun-filled summer months and welcome all of our new families to the 2023-24 school year. This summer we were back to our pre-COVID fun with great field trips, like a tour of SoFi Stadium, Adventure City, Aquarium of the Pacific, Boomers, California Science Center, John's

Incredible Pizza and so many more. In addition to our amazing field trips we had several events on campus for students to participate in which included Hoop It Up a hula hoop extravaganza, Professor Egg Head for hands on science experiments, Farm Animals and The Reptile Zoo visits, blow up waterslides, and The Redondo Beach Police Department making our kiddos snow cones, as well as The Redondo Beach Fire Department stopping by giving the students a tour of their truck, lessons on fire safety, and a driver's seat experience, just to name a few. This summer all of our kiddos were very busy and having fun, the staff also enjoyed having this part of our program back; some sites even had an end of the summer carnival!! Oh how

fast the summer time passed, now we have shifted gears and are ready for the new school year.

All of our sites are now focused on having a fun and successful school year with continued collaboration between the school-age CDC teachers and the elementary school teachers so that we can build on the instruction of the regular classrooms. Our teachers, in addition to homework time, also provide activities that enrich a child's school experience and allows them to have a fun and engaging time while at CDC. We are very excited to begin the new school year and we look forward to another great year.



Hula Hoop Extravaganza



SoFi Stadium Tour

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Dr. Susan Wildes
Assistant
Superintendent

Expanded Learning Opportunities

Expanded after-school learning opportunities and programs play pivotal roles in enhancing students' educational experiences beyond regular school hours. In RBUSD, our ELOP/Right at School program plays such a role. This program offers diverse and tailored activities that nurture holistic development and support learning. Students engage in various subjects, arts, sports and enrichment activities, fostering their cognitive, social and emotional growth.

By catering to a variety of learning styles, these

opportunities enhance school-day learning through skill reinforcement and extended practice. Furthermore, they provide a safe and supervised environment that keeps children engaged in productive pursuits. In this extended-learning setting, students delve deeper into their interests, discover new passions, and build essential life skills.

Our collaboration with Right at School has been crucial for designing such a well-rounded after-school program that provides a balanced blend of educational support and enjoyable experiences, thus contributing to the overall development and success of students. RBUSD is thrilled to be able to offer the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) to hundreds of students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade.



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Imagine Your Impact

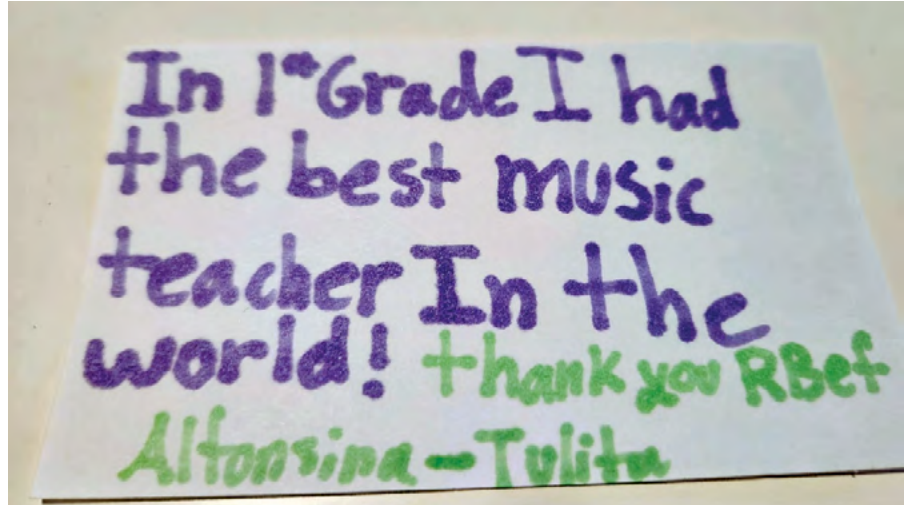
Welcome back Redondo Beach Unified School District Families to the 2023-24 school year. I hope you and your family had a relaxing and fun-filled summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

RBEF's impact on our students' educations continues, and this year I am excited to share that due to investments from community members like you, along with grants

from foundations and local business partners, we are able to grant \$1,105,000 to RBUSD. This grant will support:

- Elementary vocal music and band
- Credentialed PE teachers at our elementary schools
- Musical instrument repairs at our middle and high schools
- Musical instrument expansion programs
- Beach Cities Robotics
- E-Sports at the middle and high schools
- Middle school intramural sports

- AVID Support
 - 8th grade Museum of Tolerance Field Trip
 - Career prep programs like Project ECHO and Cyber-Patriot
 - Science camp trip transportation
 - Teacher grants to enhance the work in their classrooms and beyond
- And much more!



Student Gratitude for RBEF



RBEF Site Advocates Heidi Yao and Anisha Khullar at Tulita Elementary

I am often asked if a family's individual gift really makes an impact. The answer is YES! This year's RBEF theme is "Imagine Your Impact" and it is our goal to show you the impact you make through the stories and testimonials we will share throughout the year. Be sure to follow us on socials to hear from students and see your gifts in action! Every investment – big and small – helps us fund more programs for our students. When our community comes together, the possibilities are limitless.

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Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

Q. Our daughter started kindergarten in the fall. What are some things we can work on with her?

A. Reading to, talking to, asking questions of and involving a child in their own education will provide a healthy boost to readiness for kindergarten and life in general. See if your school has a recommended list of books to read with your child. There are many that can stoke a young imagination

and encourage children to learn even more. I'm also still a firm believer in magnetized alphabet letters placed on the refrigerator. Kids can see them several times a day and play with them. The magnets can also teach colors and enhance fine motor skills the more they are played with. This helps build hand-eye coordination, which is essential for using a pencil and many other things in life. Solving puzzles can also help their strength and steadiness in using tools like scissors, which can be very frustrating at first. Please remember that stressed out parents often lead to stressed out kids. My final piece of advice is to do your absolute best to take it all in stride. Be prepared to be unprepared...that's ok. There'll be bigger potholes in the future.

Jodie Lynn is an award winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best selling author.
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By Jessica Wong and Michelle Herrera,
2022-2023 Co-Chairs

"Art Makes Waves!" is South Bay Hands on Art's 2023-24 theme. Redondo Beach students will create four to six amazing projects this year. Sandi Arthur brings us "Gorey's Guest," exploring the work of American illustrator and print-maker Edward Gorey, and "The Life of P22," an homage to LA County's late mountain lion. Jake Tedesco will guide us through a lesson inspired by the German American painter, Albert Bierstadt, entitled, "American Campfire." Rosine Sorbum will introduce us to local artist Joe Vickers with her project, "Little Birdie and the Wave." In the spring, we'll



Art Makes Waves 2023-24
South Bay Hands on Art

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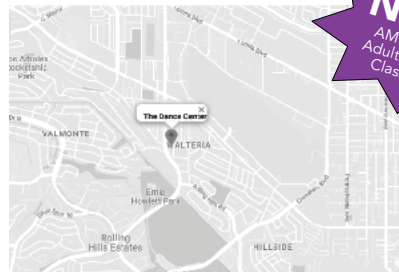
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Dr. Suzanne Webb
Director

Adult Students Begin Fall Term

South Bay Adult School empowers and encourages students to be lifelong learners while meeting the diverse needs and interests of the community. Fall Term began on August 28, 2023, we welcomed students in the following programs

– English as a Second Language - ESL (levels include Orientation, Low Beginning, High

Beginning, Low Intermediate, High Intermediate, and Advanced), Citizenship Preparation, Adult Basic Education (English and Math Academies), High School Diploma, High School Equivalency (GED Preparation), and Career Pathways Support Classes with El Camino Community College. Pathways include: Child Development, Construction, Machine Tool Technology, Phlebotomy, and Welding. All classes are held in person.

We enter the 2023-2024 school year strong – fully WASC accredited along with a Promising Practice Award from the California Department of Education (for implementing a writing assessment allowing teachers to provide meaningful classroom interventions). Check us out on our website!



South Bay Adult School staff pose with WASC certification.



Summer Session 2023

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Jens Brandt
Principal

Welcome Back, Everyone!

Once again, it has been a pleasure to welcome back all of our Patricia Dreizler High School (PDHS) and alternative education students, colleagues, friends and families. Our team of wonderful educators and staff is ready to make this yet another awesome school year for our very deserving students.

We are always proud of our students at PDHS and Redondo Beach Learning Academy for showing up every day and on time, getting their work done, learning important social and life skills, and preparing themselves for college and career. We continue to appreciate your dedication to education, self-improvement and future success!

Much like our incredible PDHS Class of 2023—100% graduation rate!—we have lofty expectations for our

new and returning Dreizler students. We look forward to your participation in all that we have to offer here and beyond campus: ASB, spirit weeks, tournaments, field trips, Wilderness Challenge, SoCal ROC, part-time jobs, El Camino and many other opportunities! We know our students' paths will follow the unique and resilient journeys provided by their peers before them. We also know our PDHS students will engage in many moments of self-awareness in order to achieve credit recovery and acceleration! Our PDHS staff is excited to support our students as they connect to school and advocate for themselves. We appreciate our students' commitment to responsibility, respect and safety both here at school and in our community.

Our alternative education students will continue to make a positive impact throughout Redondo Beach! We wish our PDHS Breakers as well as all RBUSD students a positive and productive 2023–24 school year!



Our PDHS staff is always all smiles for our deserving students!

Adams Middle School (6–8)

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Andrew Estrada
Principal

Starting the Year Strong!

Welcome to the 2023–24 school year, Adams Eagles! I am honored to return to Adams this year as principal and have enjoyed getting to know students and their families in these first few weeks. We are off to a great start!

The first day of school, which we call Back to School Celebration, is one of the unique events that sets

Adams apart. Our students learned schoolwide expectations; took tours of the school to learn how to navigate our campus; heard a powerful message from our guest speaker, Dr. Laymon Hicks; and participated in a spirit rally. It was incredible to kick off the year with such energy and positivity!

As we continue through the year, our primary goal is to ensure that students find academic, social and emotional success. Middle school marks an important time for students to develop skills in time management, prioritization and ownership of their academic goals. Families, we appreciate your partnership in providing guidance, support and encouragement while also giving your child space to explore their interests, begin making

decisions in their academic paths, and learn from their experiences. Together, we are committed to students' growth and finding opportunities for meaningful learning at every turn.

At Adams, we strive to empower students to reach their full potential and have a successful and rewarding three years at the middle school level. We look forward to the journey!



Ms. Califano, Mr. Salcedo, and Mr. Stevens at the Back-to-School Celebration rally.



Students captivated by the inspiring words of Dr. Laymon Hicks.

Alta Vista Elementary School (K-5)

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Karin Sato
Principal

Welcome Back, Wildcats!

Welcome back, Wildcats, to the new school year! The faculty, the staff at Alta Vista Elementary and I are excited to welcome all our students and families back to campus and to meet our new friends and kindergarten classes. This school year, our theme is championing others.

At Alta Vista, we champion all student, including those who may be resistant to our efforts. We do this by striving to inspire others and their ideas; we celebrate one another's wins and support one another through their challenges.

Our staff are not the only members of our community who will be championing others. As this school year gets underway, the students have already begun learning ways they can champion others and create a positive learning community.



Wildcats sharing in the excitement of the new year with AV's school counselor.



Paws Welcoming Students to the New School Year.

In addition to championing others, students will have opportunities to give feedback and have a voice in decision making at Alta Vista. We will have a student representative at our PTA meetings, and student leadership will meet with the principal and assistant principal each semester to share feedback, experiences and perspectives on various issues.

We look forward to an exciting year of focusing on student growth and being a champion!

Beryl Heights *Elementary School (K-5)*

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Joshua Stern
Principal

Welcome Back

Beryl Heights Elementary School is excited to welcome everyone back to school for the 2023-2024 school year. We started the year by making connections with staff, students, and families. We are aware that in order to deliver equity-driven instruction, we must do so by building relationships and delivering excellent instruction with high-quality curriculum.

Our theme this year is “Connections.” Our teachers and staff strive to build those connections by finding ways to

relate the content to our daily lives. They build real-world connections with our Bulldogs. They also are spreading love throughout Beryl, by getting to know each student as an individual.

Our Partnership with the Beryl PTA only furthers those connections with our activities after school, such as our upcoming Movie Night. During the day, our parent volunteers come to school for Hands-on Art, Our Learning Garden, and other opportunities.

We truly are a school whose success is made from all of our connections and we strive to continue to build upon them.



Birney Elementary School (K-5)

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Eileen Leckenby
Principal

Welcome, Birney Bobcats!

We are excited to have many new and returning faces in our classrooms. As we get back into the swing of the school year, I want to highlight one of our most treasured school-wide programs: our library!

Birney's library is a place where students can come to visit once a week and check out books. Mrs. Tallakson, our librarian, has been at Birney for over 23 years, and she knows each and every student on our campus!

It is our goal that every student at Birney should get that special "reading spark" where they will find the one topic, series, or author that is going to spark a lifelong joy of reading. Mrs. Tallakson is an essential part of our Bobcats' literacy development because she takes the time to connect each child with the books they will love.

Our students also like to listen to Mrs. Tallakson read a story during library time. The benefits of reading aloud to children are clear. Hearing stories read aloud strengthens the parts of the brain that are connected with visual imagery, word meaning, and comprehension. Studies also show that reading fiction boosts empathy and emotional intelligence.



Mrs. Tallakson is our beloved library and media tech.



Students experience the joy of reading in the Birney Library.

One of the best ways we can make sure that our Birney Bobcats are college-and-career ready at the end of their K-12 school experience is to help them develop a lifelong love for reading. Whatever the genre or topic -- newspapers, fantasy, history, biography, or graphic novels -- the more voraciously a child reads, the better their outcomes will be in school and life.

At Birney, we believe that every child is a reader. We know that the more our students read, the more knowledge, vocabulary, and wisdom they will gain. Visiting the library is an important part of our elementary school tradition, because at Birney, our library is the heart and soul of our campus. We are so excited to be welcoming our students back to experience the joys of literacy.

Jefferson *Elementary School (K-5)*

600 Harkness Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8631 • jefferson.rbusd.org



Jeff Winckler
Principal

Getting Going with Goals

With the 2023-24 school year started, Team Jefferson is already on its way with what promises to be a fantastic year for students, staff, parents, and our community as we Learn, Grow, and Thrive together. As the fall gains momentum, it's very good practice for families to establish age-appropriate and realistic goals with students. We recommend goal setting as an intelligent

step to take towards ensuring success. It's best to determine short, medium, and long-term goals that connect to the areas of academics, social/emotional growth, and physical well-being. It's also very important to recognize that this year is unique unto itself, and that children, adults and school dynamics change over time. Therefore, some goals may need to be adjusted or refined along the way. Making realistic and well-balanced goals with students is something we hope all families do to help make this school year at Jefferson count like it never has before!!!



Jefferson 1st Graders and Mr. Winckler Welcoming in the new School Year.

Lincoln Elementary School (K-5)

2223 Plant Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8631 • lincoln.rbusd.org



Marvin Brown
Principal

Uplifting Lions!

Welcome to the start of the 2023–24 school year! We hope you enjoyed the summer and spent time with your family and friends traveling, soaking up rays at the beach, and enjoying the perks of living in Southern California! Whether you are returning to Lincoln from your summer break or new to our school, we are pleased to welcome you back!

This school year, our Lincoln Lion staff and students will focus on improving academic achievement and student engagement. Together, we will be raising the bar to truly develop the whole child. This can only be done in the spirit

of togetherness and teamwork. Therefore, our theme this school year is Uplifting. We will lift up our test scores through daily rigor with Wit & Wisdom and Eureka Math. We will lift up student engagement by focusing on student needs and abilities, focusing on increased student output in reading, writing and speaking. We will lift up our students' social emotional skills through our new social emotional learning program, Second Step. We will lift up our amazing community of teachers and support staff by providing time for staff collaboration and lesson prep time. We will lift up our special day program by welcoming more inclusive practices and bringing back the Friendship Circle.

Let's all look for opportunities to lift one another up this school year!



Lincoln 4th grade staff enjoying lunch time and collaboration.

Madison *Elementary School (K-5)*

2200 MacKay Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8623 • madison.rbusd.org



Dr. Heather Cash
Principal

It's About People

Madison School has a small footprint, tucked in a North Redondo neighborhood, but its impact is mighty indeed. At Madison School, neighbors become friends, teachers parent and parents teach! It's the people who make Madison School an incredibly special place, where every child matters every day, teachers partner with families to provide each child with exactly what they need each day—from a hug to a snack, from gentle nurturing to parenting advice. Parents are welcome on

Madison's campus, they enrich our education with Hands On Art, LiveWell kids, PTA programming, supervision, and unforgettable community events like our famous Multicultural Night each spring. Students at Madison model kindness, inclusion and belonging, they teach their teachers each day about the power of creativity, open-heartedness and forgiveness. Teachers and staff at Madison listen carefully, nudge gently and hold high expectations for student success. Madison is not about any ONE person, instead it's a shared focus on building the confidence, skills and self-efficacy every child needs to grow to his or her potential, contributing to our community.



Welcome to Madison, Ms. Hollow!

Parras Middle School (6–8)

200 N. Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8616 • www.parrasmiddle.org



Kathleen Shaw
Principal

Sense of Community

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer break with family and friends. It is an absolute honor to begin the 2023–24 school year as your principal. I am extremely grateful for the warm reception and look forward to a great year!

I am already struck by the strong sense of community at Parras. The collaboration with PTSA to organize engaging events and promote a positive and inclusive atmosphere helps to create a well-rounded educational experience for our students. Our ongoing partnership with Beach Cities Health District reflects our commitment to the holistic well-being of our students. Our staff is engaging in meaningful collaboration, with student success at the center of their work. Students are connected and involved, including our student leaders who kicked off the year by hosting Camp Parras to welcome our students who are new to Adams. It is truly amazing to see the ways our community comes together to provide a rich educational experience for our students!



Student-created chalk art welcomes students back to campus.



Student leaders give a thumbs up to getting involved!

In the Redondo Beach community, we foster an environment where students not only excel academically but also develop lifelong skills, meaningful friendships and a sense of belonging. As we venture into this new academic year, we encourage each student to embrace the opportunities offered at Parras Middle School and take ownership of our collective excellence. Thank you for your support at home to encourage students to get involved, whether through sports, clubs, leadership, music or volunteering opportunities, and to empower students to take pride in being a Panther by maintaining focus on academics, keeping our beautiful facilities clean, and caring for themselves and one another.

It is a privilege to join team Parras, and I look forward to an incredible year!

Redondo Union *High School*

One Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8665 • www.redondounion.org



Anthony Bridi
Principal

Find Your Flock

By Molly Lower, Assistant Principal

Sea Hawks, we are so thrilled to welcome you back to campus for the 2023-2024 school year! We hope that your summers were relaxing and enriching, and that you will continue to find opportunities to grow academically, socially, and emotionally here at RUHS.

Whether you are new to RUHS or are returning back to the flock, there is much to explore on our beautiful 56-acre campus. Every Sea Hawk can find a home here. Have you considered joining one of our clubs? We have over 90 to choose from! Have you thought about participating in the visual or performing arts? We have a variety of outstanding options, from ceramics to orchestra to musical theatre!

Maybe you prefer wearing jerseys to wearing costumes? Try out for one of our 32 athletic teams! Or perhaps you would like to read more this year? Visit the RUHS Library to dive into a new book!

We invite you to be curious and get out of your comfort zone. There is something for everyone on this campus. You might not know that you love something until you try it. Whether you prefer to tackle an opponent on the wrestling mat, or would rather tackle world peace through Model United Nations, you can find your flock here.

If you don't see a place to pursue your passion on campus, let us help you create one! ASB, Link Crew, MCJROTC, and other campus leaders are here to help you connect with the RUHS community.

Sea Hawks, this is your year. We are here to help you make your year the greatest it can be. Think about who you want to be by the end of this year, and how RUHS can help you become that person. So, Sea Hawks, ask yourself: What will keep you on pace to SOAR?



Link Crew leads freshmen and new students in ice breaker activities on Orientation Day.

Tulita Elementary School (K-5)

1520 Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277 • 310/798-8628 • tulita.rbusd.org



Alexandra Glunt
Principal

Tulita Welcomes a Tidalwave of TKers

Tulita Elementary is excited to have kicked off the 2023-2024 school year! The front office staff has played a vital role in making sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently in the reopening of our school. Our incredible teachers and staff have already built strong relationships with students to ensure a successful year. We are one of the lucky few schools to welcome four full

Transitional Kindergarten classes and are eager to partner with families and the community to lay the foundational building blocks in forming lifelong learners. Our new school counselor Mr. Josh has stopped by classrooms to introduce himself and create connections. Student leaders are being role models to our youngest Tidalwaves and showing them all the joy Tulita has to offer in our exciting programs and events like Running Club, Family Art Night, Sketcher's Walk, and so much more. We are all looking forward to a great year.



Mr. Josh visits a TK classroom.

Washington *Elementary School (K-5)*

1100 Lilienthal Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/798-8641 • washington.rbusd.org



Nancy Kelly
Interim Principal

Focusing on the Whole Child

We are very excited to be welcoming 783 students to Washington Elementary School this year! The students were so thrilled to meet their new teachers and find out who their new classmates will be.

Washington Elementary is dedicated to meeting the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of every child by providing a safe and welcoming campus environment and rich and meaningful learning experiences. Our teachers share a commitment to see that each student is provided with the best education possible, and can meet all of their unique needs.

We start each school day with dynamic morning exercises choreographed to music. Following our exercise

period, one student is selected to lead our school in the Pledge of Allegiance. On Tuesdays, one dual-immersion student also leads the school in the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish.

Our Washington Explorers are continuing their commitment to protect the Earth through our daily school-wide recycling and composting program. Every day at lunch each student in grades K-5 participates in sorting their trash. The students make sure that all items are properly placed in the blue recycle bin, the green composting bin, or the gray landfill bin. We have dramatically reduced the amount of trash going to the landfill!

We were honored to welcome all of our families to Back to School Night on August 31. It will definitely be a great year!



Sra. Orozco welcomes her first-grade dual immersion students with a story.

Bicycle Parts–Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put Redondo Beach in the subject line)

Entries must be received by October 15, 2023

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win
a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages.

BASKET	HANDLEBARS
BRAKES	HELMET
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CHAIN GUARD	LIGHT
CRANK	PEDALS
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GLOVES	TIRES
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Halloween Word Search Contest

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CEMETERY	SKELETON
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FRIGHTFUL	VAMPIRE
GHOST	WEB
GHOUL	WEREWOLF
GRAVE	WITCH
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Empowering the Future: Integrating Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Education to Prepare Students for Tomorrow

By Jose R. Gonzalez, LACOE's Chief Technology Officer



**Debra Duardo,
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Superintendent

As we gear up for the upcoming school year, LACOE is leading the way to explore the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential impact on education. This technological wave has the potential to reshape the way educators teach and students learn, and I'm eager to delve into the insights it offers.

AI introduces the possibility of enhancing education by providing educators with new insights and tools to create more efficient and personalized learning experiences. While there may be concerns surrounding AI, integrating it into the educational landscape could be a transformative step in preparing students for a future deeply intertwined with technology.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has taken a commendable initiative to empower educators with the knowledge and skills needed to harness the capabilities of AI. Our comprehensive training program, which includes workshops, webinars, and professional development sessions, and presenting at conferences demonstrates a commitment to demystifying AI and providing educators with a balanced perspective on its potential benefits and challenges. The ongoing training sessions offered by LACOE's Instructional Technology Outreach (ITO) team are particularly noteworthy, as they address crucial aspects like ethical considerations and strategies for leveraging AI to enhance student engagement.

LACOE's active participation in influential conferences like the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), and Learning, Innovation and Technology in Education (LITE) further solidifies our dedication

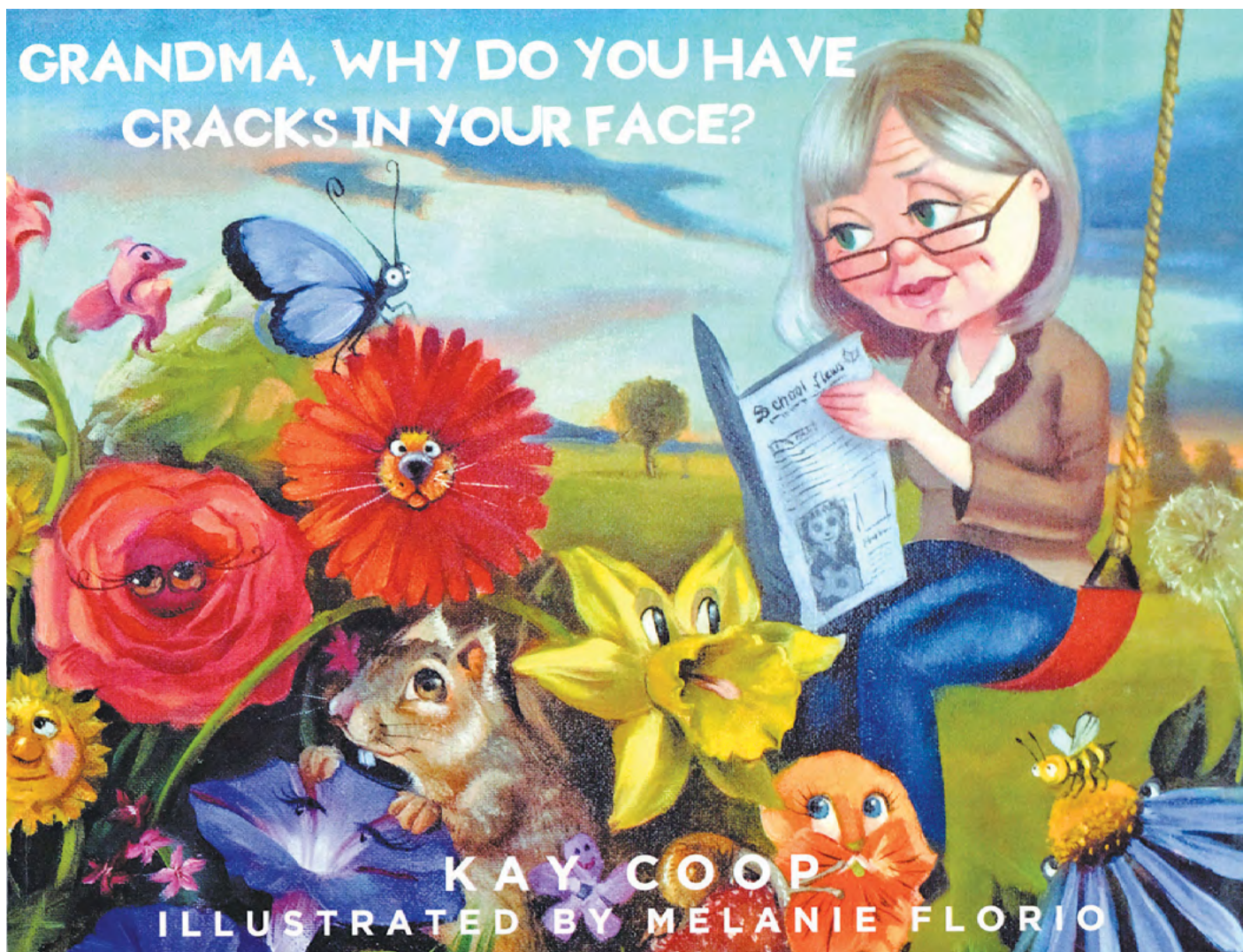
to staying at the forefront of educational innovation. LACOE has made a mark by organizing an in-person inaugural AI Symposium, a testament to our commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of AI's role in education. The diverse panel discussions, featuring educators, government officials, administrators, and industry experts, underscore the collaborative effort required to navigate the integration of AI into education successfully.

It's clear that AI should not be viewed as a replacement for educators but as a powerful tool that can amplify its impact. AI's ability to provide insights, identify learning gaps, and personalize instruction has the potential to revolutionize the classroom experience. The emphasis on AI's capacity to enhance student engagement, creativity, and critical thinking aligns with the core values of education.

LACOE's approach of involving all stakeholders – parents, students, teachers, and administrators – in discussions about AI integration is praiseworthy. It reflects an understanding that responsible integration requires a collective effort. Furthermore, the focus on continuous professional development and the development of guidelines for AI usage underscores the importance of a well-informed and cautious approach.

This is an exciting journey to discover all aspects of AI and its benefits and challenges are vital. It will take collaboration between educators, institutions, and technology to shape the future of education. The responsible and thoughtful integration of AI has the potential to create a more dynamic and personalized learning environment for students, and LACOE is eager to provide many perspectives through the journey as educators navigate this transformative landscape.

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