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By Jack C. Souders, Board President

Happy New Year! As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I am thrilled to once again be acting president of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees.

Not only does 2024 mark the beginning of the calendar year, but it also signifies a fresh opportunity to revisit OVSD's commitment to our educational community. While I am enthusiastic about the journey that lies ahead, I am also aware of the struggles that many of you have experienced over the course of the last year. In that spirit, I ask each of you, teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and students alike, to breathe deeply and pause. Think about the journey ahead and our shared path to the end of another school

year and know that you are appreciated, valued, and part of a community that truly cares about you, your health, and your well being.

I believe that a thriving community is built on the collective success of its members, and so I encourage each of you, each member of our community, to slow down and prioritize mental and emotional health. For the remainder of the school year, whenever possible, let us all commit to taking a moment or two within the chaos of the day to pause and breathe and remember those things that are most important.

I wish you all a joyful and prosperous new year.

SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Michael ConroySuperintendent

OVSD's Heartfelt Community Outreach

In the true spirit of the season of giving, the Ocean View School District (OVSD) went above and beyond to spread joy and support throughout its community.

Six District schools - Circle View, Harbour View, Mesa View, Spring View, Vista View, and Westmont - joined forces with Teacher Created Materials for the heartwarming initiative, Caterina's Club pastathon.

Together, they collected an impressive 5.909

pounds of pasta and sauce, contributing to the creation of nearly 60,000 meals for those in need. This collective effort showcased the district's commitment to making a meaningful impact on the lives of others, especially during the holiday season.

Hope View Elementary students demonstrated their dedication with its Community of Caring program by organizing a successful food drive in November. The Hawks continued their charitable endeavors with a toy drive,

known as the Holiday House, in December. These initiatives not only reflect the students' compassionate spirit, but also highlight the district's emphasis on instilling values of kindness and generosity.

While OVSD actively engaged in giving back to the community, the District was also on the receiving end of the community's generosity. Students from each school had the opportunity to participate in the "Shop With A Cop" event organized by the Huntington Beach Police Department. Additionally, Oak View Elementary's Santa Day, generously sponsored by the Huntington Beach Fire Department and County Supervisor Andrew Do, brought festive cheer by supplying toys for the students, ensuring that every child experienced a wonderful and magical holiday season.

The Ocean View School District's commitment to fostering a sense of community, compassion, and support is truly exemplified through these heartwarming initiatives and many more throughout the year. The District continues to create a positive impact that extends far beyond the classroom.



Kay Coop *Founder/Publisher*

Happy New Year!

Superintendent Dr. Conroy begins

this issue with his message on page 3.

It is wonderful to read how the Ocean

much support to those in need during

View School District provided so

the holidays. When children learn

the importance of volunteering and





doing for others, it becomes a lifelong mission. No matter how little one has there is always someone else less fortunate.

Be sure to enter the word search contest on page 23 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is March 13.



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Gracey Van Der Mark Mayor

New Year - New Mayor 2024!

In December, I was sworn in as the newly appointed Mayor of Huntington Beach! I was elected in 2022 to the City Council, and today, I am proud to serve as the City's 86th and first Latina Mayor. I want to thank our Surf City community for your support and for entrusting me to lead this beautiful City.

I am the daughter of immigrant parents from Ecuador and Mexico who came to America for a better life. I was raised with

ten brothers and sisters and am a known fighter to give a voice to the under-served. I grew up in Los Angeles, where I met my husband Pieter. We moved to Huntington Beach

23 years ago to seek safety, quality of life, and a family-friendly environment to raise our blended family of seven children. And I am also a proud grandmother.

As my children grew older, I became committed to serving my community. I served on the Measure R Bond Oversight Committee for the Ocean View School District and was asked to serve on the Measure Q Bond Oversight Committee for the Huntington Beach City School District. Before being elected to the City Council, I served on the City's Finance Commission for three years.

Moving to Huntington Beach many years ago changed three generations of lives for the better. I thank my family for their continued support, and I look forward to a great 2024 as your Mayor!

Huntington Beach Public Library

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Citizen Science – Great Backyard Bird Count @ HBPL

By Laura Jenkins, Senior Youth Services Librarian

Wintertime each year brings about one of our favorite event series at the Huntington Beach Public Library: the Great Backyard Bird Count! The GBBC is an annual citizen science initiative that encourages people of all ages to observe and count birds in their local environments. Last year, more than 550,000 people participated worldwide, and this year, the library is here to help your family participate!

Birding offers a unique opportunity for kids to connect with nature. It instills a sense of curiosity as they learn to identify various bird species, fostering a deeper appreciation for the environment. Beyond the joy of discovery, birdwatching enhances cognitive skills, patience, and attention to detail. Visit the library to snag a beginner participation guide and family-friendly field guides, or join us at a GBBC program or special event! Browse our calendar of events online at bit.ly/HBPLbirds.



Volunteers from the OC Bird of Prey Center share information about Hank, the Red-tailed Hawk, and other local raptors.

Join us for this year's Live Raptor Presentation on Monday, February 12! Registration required.

A Medical Miller Minute



Ioana Pal, Psy.D.

licensed clinical psychologist, Stramski Children's Development Center at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

Recognizing & Mitigating Toxic Stress in Kids

In today's world, 1 in 3 children face the challenge of toxic stress – a complex interplay of environmental, personal and physical factors that impact their well-being. Recognizing signs of toxic stress in kids and empowering parents with proactive strategies is crucial in helping children achieve positive mental health. Some examples include prolonged exposure to domestic violence or other stressors in the home, abuse, neglect, financial or other instabilities.

Navigating the challenges of modern life can be intense, especially for children experiencing an elevated level of stress. Stressors like excessive device use, prolonged indoor activities and exposure to distressing news increase anxiety. Limited resources or witnessing parental hardships in a challenging economy can add a layer of stress. These stressors may resonate more with parents, emphasizing the need for support and understanding with children.

Recognizing the early signs is instrumental in preventing the potential long-term effects of toxic stress on a child's development. Toxic stress can impair cognitive, emotional, social and physical development, and increase the risk of various health problems later in life, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, depression, and substance abuse.

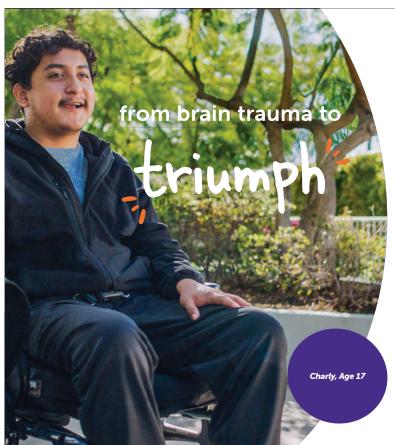
Signs of toxic stress in children include:

- Difficulty with learning, or regression in behavior and skills
- Irritability, anger, fear or withdrawal
- Trouble sleeping or eating
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches
- Low self-esteem or confidence

Caregivers who recognize stress factors that may impact a child's well-being is often the first step. Open communication and creating an environment where a child's feelings are not only acknowledged, but also expressed freely, help build resilience and emotional well-being. Addressing toxic stress involves incorporating stress-reducing activities into daily routines, such as mindfulness practice, outdoor activity, healthy boundaries, and family time.

Seeking professional support is essential. Pediatricians, child psychologists and school counselors can provide interventions suited to a child's unique circumstances and well-being.

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Sue Broderson *Coordinator*

Parent Involvement and Art

By Norma Vazquez, Early Learning Educator

Many new parents of preschoolers have a minimum understanding of child development. Many parents feel uncomfortable and less likely to volunteer in their child's classroom, and as a result, there is little or no participation in school events or volunteering in their child's classroom.

At Westmont state preschool, we take

every possible opportunity to bring our parents together and have many valuable activities to engage the parents with their children. The goal is to build up a home-school connection in which parents learn from their little ones the wonderful world of early childhood and see learning

through their eyes. A volunteer typically comes for a three-hour day and follows their child's routine and schedule from center to center. They guide their child through open-ended questions during breakfast and free choice and have the opportunity to read a story, ask questions, and hear the children's responses.

Another example of a successful activity was when parents came to the school for the holiday performance. Before the actual performance, an art activity was set up for parents and their children to work together on painting

pinecones, adding glitter, and turning them into holiday ornaments. They also decorated a winter sweater cutout using a different variety of materials. These were some of the parents' first experiences in which their little ones were the masters of art pieces.

Parents were delighted to see that their children were independent and were guiding them on where to glue decorations. After spending this quality time with their children, the parents watched them dance in the holiday performance. The biggest surprise of the day came next, when parents were delighted to see that each child had made a three-dimensional clay snowman that they had been working on for two weeks.

These activities form powerful and positive connections for educators, parents, and children. Our parents are excited to join us for our literacy picnic next month.











Circle View Elementary (K–5)

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Jessica Haag Principal

Reading Buddies

One of the many activities and groups that students participate in at Circle View Elementary School is reading buddies or peer buddies. At the beginning of the year, teachers met to pair up one upper grade classroom with one primary grade classroom. The teachers

collaborated on a day and time each week to bring both classes together where the students read to one another. Teachers made sure that all students were included.

Our primary Special Day Class (grades Kindergarten through second) was paired with a General Education third grade classroom this year. Throughout the year, the students bond and create relationships with one another. Our primary kids get to

know some of the older students, making the feel of a new school a bit more comfortable. Upper grade students have confidence in their reading and get to support the primary





students who are still learning the foundations of reading. It is wonderful to see buddies waving to each other on the playground and cheering each other on when they are recognized for an award. We love our Reading Buddies!





Circle View Eagles with their Reading Buddies!

College View Elementary (K–5)

6582 Lennox Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-3505 • www.ovsd.org/college



Allen Mendrin Principal

College View Builds Campus Culture

At College View, we are always focused on building campus culture. We foster this idea in many ways. Recently, we had our most successful fundraiser in school history. Through APEX we were surrounded by the ideas of the acronym POWER schoolwide.

We wanted the College View students to discover and unlock their POWER to become world-changing leaders. The students will

master 5 habits that will transform them into leaders and give them the POWER to change the world! We'll highlight a different leadership habit each day so families can continue the conversation at home.

Here are our daily POWER lessons:

PROACTIVE: We take the first step
OPTIMISTIC: We always see the bright side
WORK IT OUT: We resolve conflict in a positive way
EFFORT: We try our hardest in everything we do
REALITY CHECK: We learn to ask questions about the
world around us with integrity, humility, and responsibility.

We are so proud of our students and know that they will use their POWER leadership traits for the rest of their lives. Also, students were so excited to throw water balloons at their principal, Mr. Mendrin, because they achieved their goals!



Golden View Environmental Science School

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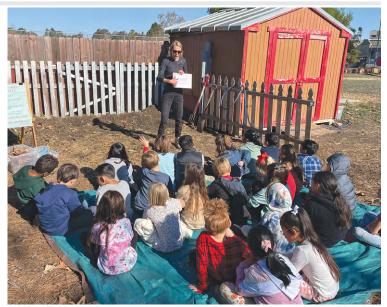


Lori Florgan Principal

Benefits of Composting

Golden View's Student Council members are teaching all of the students about the benefits of composting at school. 4th and 5th grade Student Council representatives visit each class in grades TK through 5th to teach them about the items from lunches and snacks that can be composted into the school's composting buckets at the lunch benches. Students are taught the









difference between green and brown waste, as well as the benefits of composting. Every day after lunch, 5th grade Student Council members, Miguel Cisneros and Maxx Melendez take the filled composting buckets to the compost area located in the 2.5 acre farm. The rich soil produced by the composted lunch scraps is added to the school's garden to provide nutrients for the fruits and vegetables that the students grow, harvest, and eat. Golden View students are seeing their knowledge of Environmental Science in action every day at school.

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Harbour View *Elementary (K–5)*

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Francesca Ligman Principal

Back to Writing!!

Writing is a big push for Harbour View students this year. Our teachers had a refresher training on the Write from The Beginning and Beyond. From TK to 5th Grade, students are engaging in writing across curriculum to develop their voice, and structure using grade level content. Starting with Thinking Maps to brainstorm, and organize their ideas and facts, students are preparing themselves

to write full 5 paragraph essays by 5th grade. Pictured, 5th grade students in Ms. VanHolt's class are starting the process to write a comparative essay on King George and George Washington. The teacher is building on the Social Studies content and having the student analyze by comparing and contrasting the two leaders during the American Revolution. The students began with a Double-Bubble Map to explore the differences and similarities. The Flow/Tree Map provides structure to expand on these ideas and write a well-developed essay.



Hope View Elementary (K–5)

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Christina Luckey Principal

Hands-On Learning

Science at Hope View has been soaring this year, from Elephant toothpaste, volcanos erupting, to slime creations, and more.

Teachers in all grades have done an amazing job bringing hands-on learning to our students. Given the

constraints of the classroom some of these projects are even taken outdoors as it's seen here where students place their projects on the grass and step back and wait for the reaction. Once complete, students can transfer what they learned through these hands-on experiments to the paper pencil documentation of what took place right before their eyes. Taking the time to make science fun has really helped students grasp the learning and understand what science reactions are about.

The students at Hope View are enjoying these hands-on learning opportunities and the teachers are working to make it happen.





Students from Miss. Yamaguchi's fifth grade class where students used plastic water bottles to paper plates to make science come to life.



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Lake View Elementary (K–5)

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Jill Van Der Linden Principal

Motivated to Learn

Lake View School is focused on student achievement. Our academic expectations are high, and so our teachers are always striving to provide engaging and rigorous lessons and activities for our students.

We actively utilize online programs to enhance and support student learning. The i-Ready and ST Math programs are two of the online tools we use. These programs have been a wonderful resource to help support and enhance student achievement.







Our Lake View students are very competitive, and they like to be challenged. During the months of November and December, the class which had the highest percentage of lessons passed on i-Ready earned a special turkey piñata party. This challenge was extremely popular, and the students were all very motivated to win. Every day they would tell me about how hard they were working for the piñata. The excitement around the reward was contagious!

The final day arrived, and a kinder/first grade class won! Because all of our students had put forth a great effort, and made progress, the whole school was rewarded with an extended recess. Everyone provided me with positive feedback, and so I will be looking for more fun challenges to help motivate our students to learn.



Marine View Middle School (6–8)

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Sara Schaible *Principal*

Change of Seasons Concert

Before the winter break, Marine View VAPA students took to the stage for our annual Change of Seasons Concert. The evening brought a full audience to the gym as over 200 of our students took to the stage to perform. Families enjoyed performances by our Beginning Music Class, Guitar Class, Advanced Band, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, and Dance Team. The holiday spirit continued

as our Advanced Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus and Dance Team students took their show on the road for our annual Holiday Tours. Marine View students had the opportunity to visit several of our elementary schools in Ocean View School District and provide our elementary students with a festive holiday show of singing and dancing.









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Mesa View Middle School (6–8)

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Jadyn Grunbaum *Principal*

We Love Electives!

At Mesa View, we have the traditional elective offerings which you might see at any school, such as band, yearbook, or art, but we also have some unique offerings. And we love them all!

We are especially proud to have several strong programs

in our elective offerings. For instance, we felt that one leadership class just wasn't enough, and so now we have two! Our ASB student leaders also help to create a positive climate at our school by facilitating lunch activities for students, creating spirit games,

and supporting school-wide activities like fundraisers and dances.

Our WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) leaders also focus on mentoring the sixth-grade students, starting with a sixth-grade orientation before school starts, and then extending into WEB notes to their sixth-grade buddies, lunch games, and charitable drives throughout the year.







Our music program is busting at the seams this year as well, with two strings classes, two band classes, and one chorus class. Industrial Tech (think traditional woodshop meets a STEM-like Makerspace) and STEM-related electives are also growing each year too, with the addition of a year-long Industrial Tech class and the continuation of Robotics. Our yearbook class looks to be creating the best yearbook yet for Mesa View!

Finally, we are proud to offer a yearlong Spanish 1 class to the eighth-grade students, as those students might then be one step closer to biliteracy in high school.

These are just the year-long offerings; our elective wheel also offers a variety of options for our students as well. We also have a robust gardening class, a Model United Nations, visual art, STEM, coding, and public speaking. We truly want everyone to belong, and one of the ways in which we can ensure this is through our meaningful and fun electives!



Oak View Elementary (K-5)

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Jenna Landero Principal

A Long Standing Tradition

For over 20 years, Santa Claus has visited Oak View each December bringing holiday cheer to each and every Mighty Owl. This year through generous donations from the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the Orange County Controllers office, we were able to gift each child their own present! Students rotated through four different

stations that included Santa, Santa's Toy Shop, our library with special guest readers and culminated with each student choosing their own book with our community liaison, Mrs. Lopez. Oak View is blessed by our incredible community in Huntington Beach and Orange County! A huge thank you to our special guest readers, Dr. Conroy, Superintendent; Mrs. Westmoreland, Board Member; Mrs. Singer, OVSD Board Vice President and Dr. Hoefer, Asst. Superintendent of Ed Services.











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Spring View Middle School (6–8)

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Isis Ortiz Principal

Robotics takes Center Stage

This year Spring View has made a move towards integrating technology into education: our Spring View students are diving head-first into the world of robotics within their robotic elective. This innovative approach not only fosters a hands-on learning experience, it also prepares our younger generation for their technology-driven future.

Ms. Stanton, our robotics teacher, is witnessing a surge in enthusiasm as students eagerly engage with projects that range from designing and building robots to programming robots to perform various tasks. The goal is to not only teach students strong technical skills, but also encourage critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. Currently the students are working hard to learn how to

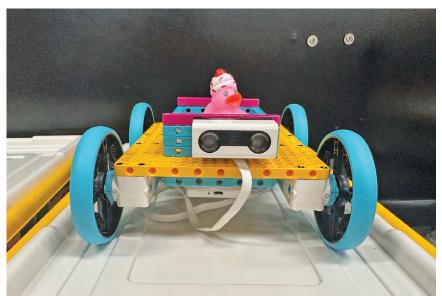
code and use drones in the classroom.

One remarkable aspect of this initiative is the diverse range of projects that our students are undertaking. From constructing simple robotic arms to exploring more complex projects like creating autonomous vehicles, our middleschoolers are proving that age is no barrier to technological prowess.

Our students are also learning how to apply their learning in activities such as the Halloween Robot Parade and our inter-school Sumo Challenge. One amazing activity that the students were able to be involved in took place in December. The first Sumo Bot challenge between our Spring View Spartans and the Vista View Falcons was a huge success! Our Spring View gym was the setting for over 50 student teams that came together to battle each other in a Sumo Bot challenge where everyone's robots fought against each other in a great competition.

Ms. Stanton believes that introducing robotics at this level not only sparks interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, but also provides valuable skills that will be essential in the workforce of the future. Students learn to code, troubleshoot technical issues, and work in teams – skills that go beyond the realm of robotics and are transferable to various aspects of life.

Our parents are excited about this elective option because they see their children gaining confidence as they navigate the challenges of our robotics projects. Our students are also developing a passion for technology that will extend well beyond the classroom.





Star View Elementary (K-5)

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Jeanne Bentley Principal

VEX Robotics at Star View

The Engineering Lab inside Star View Elementary GATE Magnet School buzzes with life. Groups of students in grades third through fifth are busy building, testing and refining small but complex robotic vehicles.

The vehicles are part of the VEX IQ Robotics program, designed to navigate a 6x8 foot playing surface, complete with obstacles. The robots are piloted by a driver using a handheld controller or coded via a computer.

Students are led by GATE teacher Kris Olquin and many volunteers. The children are learning and working at different stages - some have completed their builds and are learning how to efficiently navigate the competition mat. Others are still constructing, making sure every piece is in the right place.





By working in small teams, students have fun while developing teamwork and communication skills. The challenges that arise in the build process, testing stage, and eventually the competition arena, help them develop problem-solving abilities and critical thinking skills.





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Village View Elementary (K–5)

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Sharon Ahlman Interim Principal

Village View Teacher honored as an "Outstanding Educator"

Mrs. Joan O'Connor, a dedicated primary education teacher at Village View Elementary, has recently been honored with the prestigious award of "Outstanding Educator" by the Huntington Beach City Chamber of Commerce during their recognition of The Best of Huntington Beach, 2023.

Mrs. O'Connor's career started at Village View Elementary in Ocean View School School District, 30 years ago. Joan is being celebrated for her unwavering commitment to cultivating a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for her young students in Kindergarten and 1st grade. She has used innovative teaching methods and a compassionate approach, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of countless children and their families. This well deserved recognition acknowledges her profound impact on the community and her exceptional dedication to shaping the next generation of leaders. Village View and our Huntington Beach community are so honored to have Joan O'Connor as "The Best of Huntington Beach!"



Vista View Middle School (6–8)

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Dr. Rasheedah Gates *Principal*

Instilling a Passion for Reading

Reading has always been a critically important pillar within the realm of education. In today's educational landscape, all levels of learning, especially in the middle schools, face the challenge of encouraging student interest in reading, especially in face of the pervasive allure of social media and other contemporary influences. This is precisely why Vista View aims

to shine a spotlight on our esteemed librarian, Mrs. Thom, and her remarkable approach this past fall in engaging our middle school students in good reading activities.

Our students recently took part in a dynamic reading social-media bingo initiative that spanned over two months. They delved into books across diverse genres, shared some insightful critiques (which were prominently displayed in the library), and culminated their literary journey in December with a celebratory gathering during lunchtime.

Notably, our students also contributed a whopping 102 posts that discussed the books they read, which attracted a substantial following of 665 individuals on social media. This marked an impressive inaugural stride towards fostering a reading-centric incentive program that will nurture a profound adoration for reading among our student body.



Our festive culminating event provided students with the opportunity to select their own books and revel in a joyous atmosphere, one that was filled with food, enjoyment, and community building. Thanks to Mrs. Thom's unwavering commitment, the allure of reading remains undiminished among our students, even at the middle school level. Her dedication to exploring topics of high interest among middle schoolers, and actively encouraging their participation in leisure reading, serves as a testament to why our Vista Falcons soar!

Mrs. Thom's innovative efforts have not only cultivated a love for reading, they have also fostered a sense of community and enthusiasm for literary exploration. This holistic approach to promoting reading as an enjoyable and enriching activity underscores the vital role of educators in shaping a vibrant reading experience for all students. As we forge ahead, we remain inspired by Mrs. Thom's dedication, and look forward to further initiatives that will continue to instill a passion for reading within our school community.



Westmont Elementary (K-5)

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Diana Bianco *Principal*

Westmont's Winter Showcase

Westmont School is a visual and performing arts academy where students are able to experience and appreciate music, dance and visual arts. In December, we celebrated Westmont's innovative program by hosting our annual Winter Showcase. There were 8 groups of students who performed that day, starting with

Transitional Kindergarteners moving up through to our 5th grade students. We even had our State Preschool class perform a couple of fun holiday songs at the end of the show. All eyes were on the students as they sang and danced in the multi-purpose room. We concluded our showcase with a walk of the art exhibits that were located in the library. This event was a great success, having had more than 400 guests join us to support over 400 students who performed.









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Aubtin's Review



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The Power of Magic

The Magic Tree House book series by Mary Pope Osborne is a #1 New York Times bestselling series about a brother and sister named Jack and Annie. The two go inside a Magic Tree House that takes them through time to finish a mission.

In the Magic Tree House – Merlin
Missions #22 Hurry Up, Houdini! they will
travel back in time to

1906 to the Coney Island boardwalk in New York. They must find one of the greatest magicians of all time, Harry Houdini. While they are there, they put on a magic show to replace two absent magicians. They also use some magic to help them find Houdini. Will they find him? If they do, what secrets will they learn from him? I recommend you read this book to find out.



As much as this book is funny, it is also very educational. I hope that you will also learn about Houdini in this book and like it.

Back to The Future

Magic Tree House #32 To The Future. Ben Franklin!

In this book, they will travel back in time to 1787 to help Benjamin Franklin sign the United States Constitution. They find a way to get close to him, which is delivering his lunch. They want to know about Ben Franklin, but he has a different idea. He wants to learn all about them! They take him to the present day, but Ben gets scared by the machines. Can Jack and Annie get him to sign the Constitution? I recommend you read this book to find out.



This book is also educational and historical. I hope that you will like it and learn about Ben Franklin who was a scientist, inventor, businessman, diplomat and more.

Aubtin is a 2nd Grader. When not playing, Aubtin does writing, reading, and drawing. He also likes sports, swimming, trains, cars and computers. He cares a lot about his family and friends.

Good Dental Health 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: SchoolNewsKay@gmail.com

(Please put Ocean View in the subject line)

Thank you to Barkate / Nehi Orthodontics for sponsoring our Word Search Contest! www.BarkateNehiSmiles.com

Entries must be received by February 15, 2024. From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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Brushing	Examination	Nutrition
Cereals	Fish	Orthodontist
Checkup	Flossing	Pediatric
Daily	Fluoride	Sugar
Dairy	Fruits	Tooth
Dentist	Guidelines	Vegetables
Development	Healthy	Water
Diet	Meat	Whole grains

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Congratulations to Leon Escobar and Naomi Kato Winners of the November Contests!





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