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**Comprehensive Summer Programs  
for all incoming kindergarten through sixth-grade students.**

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## Summer Programs



**Dr. Frank Donovan**  
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This summer the Magnolia School District will provide comprehensive summer programs for all incoming Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students. The programs will run from June 17th through August 16th from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Programs include our Extended School Year, Summer Academy and Expanded Learning Program. Students will take part in reading, math and other academic subjects, along with fun and

engaging activities such as physical education and social emotional learning. There will be a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) that will include the use of technology and hands-on activities. Several student assemblies will be held including live reptiles, tidepools and many other areas of interest. The summer programs will be held at Disney, Maxwell and Salk. There is no charge for the programs and breakfast, lunch, snack and supper (dinner) will be provided at no cost. We offered all these programs last summer, which were a huge success. The feedback from staff, students, and the community was extremely positive. Our staff said that the students were engaged and that they looked forward to the variety of activities available to them every day. The turnout was great and we are hopeful for an even better turnout this summer. Registration is currently open and more information can be found on the Magnolia School District website at [www.magnoliasd.org](http://www.magnoliasd.org).



# summer camp oasis

June 3 - Aug. 9 9 am - 3:30 pm

STEAM Games

Daily Academic Review

Field Trips

Arts & Crafts

Water Games

Weekly Chapel

**DAILY, WEEKLY & UNLIMITED RATES**  
Discounts Available for 2 or More Children in Family or Prepaid Unlimited Summer Program

**LUNCH & SNACK CART SERVICES**

**EXTEND DAYCARE**  
Available from 6:45 am - 6:00 pm

**TK - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (AGES 4-14)**  
Open to All Schools

**CAMP OASIS** Orange Children's School

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

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## 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 24 - 27, 2024

**FREE CAKE FRIDAY**  
**SATURDAY PARADE**  
**CELEBRITIES**  
**FREE CONCERTS**  
**CONTESTS**  
**FANTASTIC FOOD**  
**GAME BOOTHS**  
**VENDOR BOOTHS**

**CARNIVAL RIDES**  
**RIDE ALL DAY FOR ONE LOW PRICE**

**ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**  
**BETWEEN EUCLID ST. & MAIN ST.**  
[#ggstrawberryfest](#)

**STRAWBERRYFESTIVAL.ORG**

**JUNE 8 10 AM-2 PM** DOWNTOWN ANAHEIM  
201 W. Center Street Promenade

FREE Family Event • Raffles & Prizes • Drive the latest EVs • Learn about sustainable living

[anaheim.net/greenexpo](http://anaheim.net/greenexpo)

# Dr. Albert Schweitzer Leadership Academy

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**Marcy Chant**  
Principal

## A Bit of Eclipse!

On April 8, students at Dr. Albert Schweitzer Leadership Academy in Anaheim had a special day. They got

to see a bit of a solar eclipse, which is when the moon covers part of the sun. They used special glasses to look safely at the sun.

Before the eclipse, their teachers taught them about eclipses, using videos and lessons. The students learned why eclipses happen and how they work. They were really excited to see it for themselves!

When the time came, they all went outside together. They put on their special glasses and looked up at the sky. Even though it was only a partial eclipse, they thought it was amazing. They saw the sun look like a crescent, and it got a little darker outside.

The teachers helped the students understand what was happening. They talked about how the moon moves in front of the sun, blocking some of its light. The students asked lots of questions and talked about what they were seeing.



For many of the students, it was the first time they saw something like this. They thought it was really cool. One student said it was incredible to see even just a bit of the eclipse.

This event showed how the school likes to teach by doing things. The students didn't just learn about eclipses in books—they also got to see one in real life! They had fun, learned new things, and will always remember this day.

After the eclipse, they went back to class, excited and full of new knowledge. It was a special day they won't forget!





**Katie Brown**  
*Principal*

## Enrichment through Movement

Salk School is buzzing with excitement as students dive headfirst into two enriching activities that promote fitness, fun, and inclusivity within its vibrant community.

For students in grades 1 through 6, the thrill of pounding the pavement is evident as they lace up their sneakers and join the ranks of Marathon Kids. This dynamic running club challenges participants to conquer a remarkable feat: completing a cumulative distance of 26.2 miles, the equivalent of a full marathon. Week after week, students eagerly hit the track, supported by dedicated teachers who guide and motivate them along the way. The journey toward this milestone is not just about physical endurance but also about perseverance, goal-setting, and the sheer joy of accomplishment. Upon crossing the finish line, students are rewarded with a marathon T-shirt, proudly symbolizing their incredible achievement—a testament to their dedication and resilience.

In a heartwarming display of inclusivity, Salk School also offers a dance class tailored specifically for students with special needs. These weekly sessions are a celebration of movement, rhythm, and self-expression. With boundless enthusiasm, students immerse themselves in learning new and engaging dances, honing their motor skills and coordination while fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment. Throughout the year, their hard work and dedication culminate in a dazzling performance at the Art and Dance Festival held at a local shopping mall, where they shine brightly in front of their families and peers, showcasing their talents and spreading joy through the universal language of dance.

As Salk School continues to champion these inspiring programs, student achievements are celebrated with boundless enthusiasm.



# Dr. Peter Marshall School

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**Alma Guzmán**  
Principal

## Embracing Cultural Diversity

Marshall School has taken deliberate steps in recent years to provide enriching experiences that expand our students' cultural horizons. This commitment was highlighted at our recent Board of Trustees meeting, where our students, the true ambassadors of our

mission, showcased their exceptional projects that were focused on learning about different cultures.

Our journey towards fostering cultural competence among our students, inspired by the collaboration between our monolingual and dual-immersion teaching teams, has had a profound impact on our school community. Through a variety of activities and events, our students have embraced the richness of diversity with open hearts and eager minds. Their experiences, shared at the meeting, demonstrated a profound understanding and appreciation for cultural differences.

Our commitment to cultural awareness permeates every aspect of our school community, from our curriculum to our extracurricular activities, and it shapes our interactions as a diverse and inclusive community. Through various activities and events, our students have had the opportunity to delve into the vibrant tapestry of cultures that make up our world. From engaging in discussions about cultural traditions to participating in hands-on activities celebrating heritage, our students have embraced the beauty of diversity with open hearts and eager minds.



**Our little Kindergarten artists proudly display their personalized paper dolls, adorned with colors and symbols representing their diverse cultural backgrounds, fostering inclusivity and self-expression in the classroom.**

Our school's cultural awareness commitment has grown beyond the classroom, shaping every aspect of our school community. It influences our curriculum, our extracurricular activities, and, most importantly, how we interact as members of a diverse and inclusive community.

The emphasis on culture is not just about recognition, it's about understanding and respecting each individual's unique background and experiences. By nurturing this mindset, we aim to prepare our students for a world where cultural diversity is valued and celebrated. Together, we are creating a school environment where every student

feels welcomed, valued, and empowered to embrace the richness of diversity.



**Preschoolers embrace Read Across the World Day by dressing in traditional garb reflecting their rich cultural heritage**



**Peter Marshall School students and staff proudly display certificates of recognition for their outstanding cultural presentation at the Board Meeting**



**Magnolia High School's Lion Dance Team, part of their Vietnamese Student Association, brought the energy and tradition of Lion Dancing to our school, spreading joy and cultural richness across our campus in celebration of the Lunar New Year**

# Esther L. Walter School

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**Rudy Aguila**  
Principal

## Shaping Their Futures

Walter Elementary School recently embarked on an exhilarating journey to a major league baseball stadium, courtesy of the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP). This thrilling outing offered students an unforgettable experience that blended fun, education, and community engagement into one spectacular event.

As the buses rolled in, the Walter Elementary students gathered at the stadium, bubbling with excitement. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the opportunity to meet baseball sensations Jo Adell and Aaron Hicks, who shared inspiring anecdotes about their journey to the major leagues. Moreover, the students had the privilege of gaining insights from the esteemed manager, Ron Washington, whose wisdom resonated with the young minds and left an indelible mark of motivation and aspiration.

However, the excitement did not end there. The students were treated to a stadium lunch, savoring every bite as they soaked in the vibrant atmosphere of the stadium. Positioned in the left field, they had the best seats in the house to witness the Angels' remarkable 7-4 victory, igniting cheers and applause throughout the stadium.

This extraordinary event was made possible through the enduring partnership between Walter Elementary and OC GRIP. Founded on the principles of fostering positive relationships between law enforcement, schools, and communities, OC GRIP aims to provide students with opportunities to thrive and succeed. By organizing such enriching experiences, OC GRIP not only promotes a sense of unity and camaraderie but also instills valuable life lessons in the hearts and minds of the students.

The game excursion exemplifies the synergy between education and community involvement, underscoring the significance of nurturing holistic development among the youth. Through initiatives like these, Walter Elementary and OC GRIP continue to shape the future leaders of tomorrow, empowering them to reach for the stars and transcend barriers with unwavering determination and resilience.





**Dr. Roger Nguyen**  
Principal

## Nurturing Mind, Body, and Soul

At the heart of Juliette Low School of the Arts, where creativity is highlighted, another form of artistry flourishes: the Leopard Yoga Club. Led by adviser Janelle Guzman, this club offers students a sanctuary for holistic well-being that blends yoga practice with the therapeutic power of journaling.

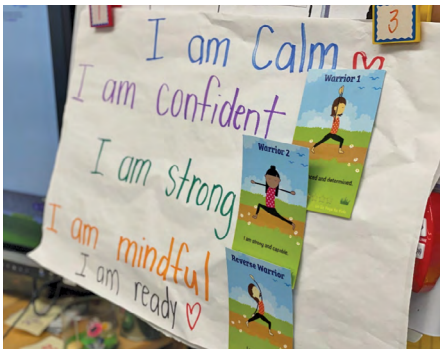
Meeting three days a week, the Leopard Yoga Club invites students to step away from the demands of academic life and embark on a journey of self-discovery through yoga. Under Miss Guzman's guidance our student-participants can explore a range of poses, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques tailored to their individual needs and abilities.

But the journey doesn't end on the yoga mat. Recognizing the transformative potential of journaling, the club also provides students with the opportunity to reflect and express themselves through

writing. By incorporating journaling into their practice, students can deepen their self-awareness, clarify their thoughts, and cultivate gratitude.

The benefits of yoga and journaling intertwine, offering students a holistic approach to personal growth. Through regular practice our students can not only enhance their physical fitness, but also develop resilience, focus, and emotional well-being. Journaling serves as a tool for self-reflection, enabling students to navigate the complexities of school and life with clarity and intention.

The Leopard Yoga Club fosters a sense of community and support, where students feel empowered to explore their potential and embrace their authenticity. Together, they create a space where vulnerability is celebrated and growth is nurtured. The Leopard Yoga Club is more than just an extracurricular activity—it is a sanctuary for mind, body, and soul.





# Lord Baden-Powell School

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**Kathleen Chamnings**  
Principal

## Spring has Sprung – Carnival Fun

Lord Baden-Powell School hosted its annual Spring PTA Carnival, drawing families and students alike for an afternoon of fun-filled festivities. The school buzzed with excitement as our

community gathered to partake in the delightful activities.

The aroma of delectable treats wafted through the air, courtesy of the food trucks that offered an assortment of savory and sweet indulgences to satisfy every craving. From classic carnival favorites like cotton candy and popcorn to savory delights like gourmet burgers and tacos, there was something for everyone.

Teacher teams sponsored an assortment of carnival games, each booth teeming with laughter and friendly competition. From ring toss to bean bag toss, our students eagerly tried their luck in vying for prizes and bragging rights amid the spirited atmosphere.

An obstacle course added an extra thrill to the event, challenging participants to navigate through a series of twists, turns, and hurdles with agility and speed. Cheers and applause echoed throughout as participants tackled the course demonstrating their athleticism and determination.

The City of Anaheim, a valued community partner, also joined in the festivities, offering an interactive exhibit and informing parents about engaging student and family activities showcasing the city's vibrant spirit.



**The Cake Walk with sweet rewards for everyone!**

Perhaps the highlight of the carnival was the special Principal Booth, where students eagerly lined up for a chance to silly string their beloved principal. With gleeful faces and cans of silly string in hand, the students reveled in the opportunity to playfully douse their principal in colorful chaos.



**Always a roadrunner favorite -- cotton candy!**



**A prize to remember the day.**

The Spring PTA Carnival at Lord Baden-Powell School proved to be a resounding success, bringing together families, teachers, and community partners for an afternoon of celebration. Smiles abounded as the sun set on the festivities, showcasing the true spirit of community and togetherness that thrives within the walls of Lord Baden-Powell School.

# Mattie Lou Maxwell School

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**Alicia Jackson Weston**  
Principal

## Dedication to Our Earth

Earth Day at Maxwell Elementary was an unforgettable celebration of environmental awareness and action led by our dedicated Conservation Club. Students and staff came together to participate in a variety of engaging activities that showcased our commitment to preserving our planet.

Earth Day kicked off with student presentations on how to reduce, recycle, and reuse materials. They ensured that students had an understanding of what happens to trash and provided ideas on how to help keep our Earth clean.

Following the presentations, students had an opportunity to have their faces painted by the Conservation Club. Each design served as a way to remind students to protect the Earth.



Students also helped keep our campus clean by picking up trash. Their actions demonstrate a deep commitment that will have a positive impact on our community.

Through the activities, our school came together to celebrate Earth Day in a meaningful way. Our Conservation Club members, fellow students, and staff helped to make a difference for our planet. Our dedication to keeping our planet clean is inspiring and sets a wonderful example for others to follow. Maxwell students truly will make a difference.



# Robert M. Pyles *STEM Academy*

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**Dawn Bakker**  
*Principal*

## More Than Just a Game

Students love gaming as much as fish like water. So why not capitalize on this high-interest activity? At Pyles STEM Academy we offer after-school programs for esports/robotics in both the primary and upper grades.

In general, participating in any after-school program or extracurricular activity leads to better school engagement, and students are more likely to care about their education. However, esports have a particular and special advantage in regards to student achievement. Esports can transport children from the solitary world of digital gaming into a world of community and teamwork. Gaming then becomes a social experience that benefits the social emotional health of students.

Being a member of an esports team also fosters feelings of acceptance and inclusion regardless of physical abilities, gender, or age. Students working together towards a common goal can improve their interpersonal skills and social interactions. Cognitive



**Two students enjoying a game of Mario Kart.**

skills are also developed during esports. Esports require strategic thinking, quick decision-making, and hand-eye coordination. These skills can in turn enhance student abilities in problem-solving, spatial awareness, and multitasking.

Team sports also teach the tough lesson that life isn't always fair. No matter how hard you prepare, you won't always come out on top. Learning to manage the emotions of losing and winning helps children become resilient. Career opportunities are endless too, as esports have now evolved into a billion-dollar industry that offers various career paths like professional playing, coaching, analyst, commentator, event organizer, and content creator.

Joining esports at Pyles leads to the ability to continue this path at Dale Jr. High and Magnolia High School. Esports and STEM also go hand-in-hand. Students drawn to gaming are often equally captivated by the broader technology sphere. So whether it be at after-school or weekend competitions, Pyles STEM Academy is proud of its esports teams!



**Students from 4th grade practicing Super Smash Bros.**

# Walt Disney School

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**Regina End**  
Principal

## Celebrating Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, the students at Walt Disney Elementary School took part in an educational and environmentally-conscious activity by planting seeds in cups. This initiative aimed to promote sustainability and foster a deeper understanding of the importance of preserving our planet.

Under the guidance of our wonderful PTA volunteers, and with the assistance of PAL, our students gathered in the school's outdoor garden area armed with cups, soil, and an assortment of seeds. Excitement filled the air as they eagerly dug their hands into the soil, carefully placing the seeds and nurturing them with water.

This activity provided a hands-on learning experience which allowed our students to witness firsthand the process of seed germination and plant growth. It also served as an opportunity to instill a sense of responsibility towards the environment and encourage sustainable practices.

As one young first-grade student noted, "The activity was a big hit! Boys and girls really like learning about the Earth."

The event was not only educational, but also enjoyable for the students, who relished the opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the importance of biodiversity. As they carefully tended to their cups of seeds, they expressed excitement about watching their plants grow and contributing to a greener world.

Through events like this, Disney School continues to empower its students to make a positive impact on the planet one seed at a time. As Earth Day reminds us, small actions can lead to significant change, and these young environmentalists are leading by example!

