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## FVSD Family Celebrates Read Across America Week

By Dr. Charles Hinman, Interim Superintendent  
Fountain Valley School District

Recently, across all of our campuses, there was a great celebration of reading as our schools joined in the fun of Read Across America Week. From spirit days to guest readings, students and staff engaged in activities designed to further fuel a love of reading.

It was wonderful to see local author, Katie Watkins, share her book, *Chloe The Clumsy Fairy*, with our Oka Wolfpack and our Courreges Cougars. In addition, at Oka, Mrs. Moore's students hosted a very successful pajama drive to benefit kids through Orangewood Children's Home. And our Masuda PAL and ASB students, under the leadership of Mrs. Nguyen, took their love of reading across the street as they walked to Cox Elementary in order to read to the first graders in Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith's classes. What a cool treat for both groups! More so, numerous classes from preschool through eighth grade, grabbed a blanket and headed outside to read. Our Gisler Gators looked especially wrapped up in great books enjoyed outside!

We are so grateful to our teachers and staff for bringing these celebrations to our campuses! In addition, a huge thank you to our families for joining us in celebrating a love of reading and for a fantastic week across all our district.



Gisler students enjoy time reading outside during Read Across America Week in FVSD.

## Bee Happy!

By Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent  
Ocean View School District



Lake View third graders watching honey bees working in a live beehive.

The Ocean View School District strongly supports project-based learning for our students. Project-based learning is an instructional approach designed to give students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills through engaging projects set around challenges and problems they may face in the real world. Each year, Lake View students participate in projects that involve research and sustained inquiry of a topic that covers earth, life, and physical sciences. Recently, Lake View 3rd graders tackled the project-based learning topic of bees. They asked guiding questions,

such as "How do bees help the environment?" or "What would the world be like without bees?" The components of this project included reading informational text, math to construct hives, a beehive engineered with sticks, bee sightings, bee art, a honey tasting experience, and writing. At the end of the project, a beekeeper brought a live beehive to the classroom for an interactive experience, and the students learned about the life cycle of honey bees.

## Every Student Succeeding Recipients

By Dr. Cyndi Paik, Superintendent  
Westminster School District

Each year the Westminster Educational Leadership Association, composed of district leaders and confidential employees, nominates one student from each of our schools to receive the Every Student Succeeding Award. The purpose of this award is to honor students who have succeeded, against all odds, beyond expectations or simply won the hearts of the administrators and other educators who helped them achieve their goals. This year, students from each of our 16 schools were recognized and celebrated at their school site with a certificate and a gift for their success. Warner Middle School's student, Kenny Le was chosen to represent Westminster School District. Kenny has persevered



through both personal struggles and family tragedy. Through amazingly strong encouragement from Kenny's family and school staff, Kenny persevered and is now an excellent student who looks to motivate others. His big heart is an inspiration to everyone he meets. We couldn't be more proud to celebrate our Westminster School District students and recognize their accomplishments.

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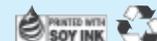
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**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



Spring is here and as the flowers bloom it is always a time of hope and renewal. I was raised on a farm and as crops pushed their way up from the soil it was an exciting time anticipating harvesting in the fall.

This issue is full of hope and fun. Students enjoyed reading and celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Be sure to enter our word search contests on pages 12, 20 & 29 (all ages may enter). We included our popular student book reviews on page 31.

Our next issue is May 11.

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### Spring, 2022

By *Melissa Ronning, Senior Youth Services Librarian*

After another programming break that lasted through the months of January and February the Huntington Beach Public Library is returning to in-person events starting in March! At the Central Library we are once again be offering our Creativity Corner at the aquarium on Sundays and Mondays from 1:00-5:00. Our storytime schedule resumes on March 1 at the Central Library, and our new Main Street storytime will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We have a wonderful program planned in March as we celebrate Women's History Month. Each week we will celebrate notable women with careers in STEAM. Take and Make bags will hi-light accomplished women with activities, crafts and book suggestions all month long. Bags are available on a first come first serve basis – so drop by the Central library to get yours! We will also be hosting a panel of distinguished women in our own community who have STEAM careers on March 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Theater. Join us for an evening with highly successful women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math. Hear their stories, experiences and inspirational advice. Panelists include:

- Dr. Jennifer Kumar, Veterinarian & Partner at Baker Bristol Pet Hospital
- Lisa Anderson, Technical Artist at Riot Games
- Arlis Reynolds, Director of Engineering at Opinion Dynamics
- Elizabeth Steele Basile, Development Coordinator for the Huntington Beach Art Center.
- Belinda Ho, Business Analysis Manager for Starbucks.

Be inspired by these talented women as they share their struggles and accomplishments. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions too. Remember to check our library website at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) for the most up to date information on all of our library activities.

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**Barbara Delgleize**  
Mayor

### HB Remembers Those We Have Lost

To say it's been a rough start to the year is an understatement.

Our hearts are broken as our community has suffered tremendous loses in the past few weeks. An 18-year law enforcement veteran, 14 of those years spent with the Huntington Beach Police Department, Officer Nick Vella dedicated himself to protecting the community as an officer and a pilot. We honor his service to Huntington Beach and the surrounding area. On February 19, the Huntington Beach Police helicopter crashed off the coast of Newport Beach, killing Officer Vella. Nick leaves behind a wife and teenage daughter. If you wish to donate to the Vella family, please visit: [bit.ly/OfficerVella](http://bit.ly/OfficerVella)

On March 7, Edison High School brothers Joshua and Jeremy Page were killed in tragic a car accident. The grief is raw and we are trying to understand how this could happen. We are a community that comes together to support each other and we will certainly make sure we keep the Page family in our thoughts and prayers.

My door is always open to you. If you would like to meet with me, please call 714.536.5553 and make an appointment.

Blessings to you all.

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**Tri Ta**  
Mayor

### My Pitch to Our Future Generation

My best moment this month was my participation at the Huntington West Little League's opening ceremony. The event was held in the baseball field at Marina High School. Hundreds of young children in their colorful team outfits lined up and walked into the field while the parents, coaches, and volunteers were cheering them in excitement.

After a two-year stall due to COVID, Little League returned in full force with a new name and a stronger spirit as Westminster Little League and Robinwood Little League combined into one united League named Huntington West Little League.

I was asked to share my remarks along with the Mayor from Huntington Beach as well as to throw the first pitch. I could not be happier to see the meaningful partnership between the two cities to give our young children the support that will help them in the long run.



The parents, the coaches and the cities are laying a solid foundation for our young generation to grow, to learn and to have a better future. Big smiles on the kids' faces in that event really made my day. They are one of the reasons that I am very proud to be a public servant.



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### Vaccine Hesitancy & Newborn Infections from Mom

Vaccine hesitancy has become more polarized with the COVID-19 vaccine, mostly due to misinformation and misunderstanding.

One point of misinformation is that the COVID-19 vaccine can be harmful to an unborn baby. We're seeing expectant mothers delay getting the vaccine while pregnant, or not getting it at all if they're trying to conceive and waiting until after the baby is born. This puts both mom and baby at a higher risk for COVID-19.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine support women in getting the COVID-19 vaccine while pregnant. Studies demonstrate that receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will help keep you and your baby safe from COVID-19.

As a pediatric critical care specialist at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, we're experiencing cases where newborns are catching COVID-19 from someone in their household.

Studies are showing that moms who receive their COVID-19 vaccination while pregnant are building antibodies that can protect their baby. These antibodies have been found in umbilical cord blood and in breast milk. This means that vaccination during pregnancy can help protect you and your baby from COVID-19.

I encourage family and friends who are expecting to get vaccinated. The benefits of the vaccine far outweigh any risk for mom and baby.

If you're still hesitant about receiving the vaccine, reach out to your doctor. The better your doctor understands your hesitancy, the better he or she can help answer your questions.

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## FVSD Teachers of the Year Simply the Best

By *Jim Cunneen, President Pro-Tem, Board of Trustees*

Congratulations to our 2022 Teachers of the Year! We are honored to celebrate these remarkable educators from across our district. They truly represent the very best of our profession. It is evident from walking into their classrooms that for each of them, their passion is their students. We are grateful for their contributions to not only their schools, but our district as a whole.

Congratulations to: Sue Gauldin (Courreges Elementary School), Carrie Desormiers (Cox Elementary School), Julie Kobzeff (Fulton Middle School), Michelle Trillo (Gisler Elementary School), Shannon Shore (Masuda Middle School), Natalie LaRoche (Newland Elementary School), Cindy Vanasse (Oka Elementary School), Jill Summerhays (Plavan Elementary School), Kelly Walters (Talbert Middle School) and Ana Shin (Tamura Elementary School).

In addition, Ms. Jill Summerhays, SDC Preschool Teacher at Plavan, has been selected as Teacher of the Year for the District! Ms. Summerhays is welcoming, thoughtful and kind and her room is a wonderful learning environment for her students that makes students and staff feel like family when they enter. Her passion for teaching and learning and her love of her students is apparent in everything that she does. We are honored to have her represent our district in the OCDE Teacher of the Year competition.

Congratulations to all our Teachers of the Year for their very must-deserved recognition!



**FVSD Teacher of the Year Jill Summerhays, along with Trustee Sandra Crandall, Plavan staff and members of Cabinet.**

# Roch Courreges *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Chris Christensen**  
Principal

## 2022 Teacher of the Year

Courreges Elementary School is proud to select Sue Gauldin as our 2022 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Gauldin has been teaching at Courreges since 2005 and is currently Courreges' RSP teacher.

Ms. Gauldin has had a tremendous impact on both students and staff members at Courreges. As our school's RSP teacher, Ms. Gauldin goes above and beyond to meet the individual needs of her students. She differentiates her instruction to meet all levels of students in her program and also gives special attention to those students in most need of educational and emotional support.

Kerrie Kendzierski, Courreges SLP, works closely with Ms. Gauldin, and she had this to say about her colleague: "Sue is such an incredible asset to the Courreges and Fountain Valley community and has served the students and staff faithfully for many years. Sue is not only dedicated to her work, always going above and beyond, but she shows genuine interest and care for the people she interacts with on a daily basis."

Fifth-grade teacher Amanda Varrone also has this to say about her colleague: "I have had the pleasure of working with Sue for the last 17 years and have witnessed her dedication and passion for teaching. Her ability to make accommodations to benefit students is a true asset to Courreges and our staff."

Beyond her dedication, talent and expertise as an RSP teacher, Ms. Gauldin is known for her caring, genuine and professional approach with everyone she interacts with at school. She is the ultimate professional, always showing such care and compassion to everyone on campus.

Courreges is honored and privileged to select Sue Gauldin as Courreges Elementary School's 2022 Teacher of the Year!



**Ms. Kendzierski (SLP), Mrs. Varrone (5th grade teacher), Sue Gauldin (Teacher of the Year), and Mr. Christensen (Principal).**

# James H. Cox *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Cara Robinson**  
Principal

## Proud of Our Eagles

This month, Cox Elementary honored nineteen students for their hard work in demonstrating English language fluency! Each of these students come from homes where they do

not speak, read or write English as a primary language. In fact, many are bilingual in a variety of languages other than English! This is a huge accomplishment, as one can imagine learning a new language while all the content at the same time. We are so proud of these Eagles!



# Harry C. Fulton *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Erin Bains**  
Principal



**Julie Gonzales**  
Assistant Principal

## Fulton's Teacher of the Year

Fulton is proud to recognize Julie Kobzeff as our 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kobzeff has been teaching for 15 years in the Fountain Valley School District. She has dedicated herself to her students and is an amazing teacher!

According to a nominating peer, "Julie always shares her curriculum ideas with her department. She teaches all of her Honors classes well, and her students surpass state standards on state tests. She has made learning more accessible to her students during the pandemic, and those in independent study, by creating videos they can watch and follow along. There have only been positive comments from students, parents, and co-workers about her commitment and dedication to this profession."



Another peer states, "Julie goes over and above for her students. During the school closure she recorded her lessons and she continues to do so. This means recording the lessons late at night to make sure that absent students can use them, or any student that has a question."

Through this nomination process, it is obvious how respected Julie is by her peers. Numerous teachers have shared that our students love going to her class. Her room is always filled with positive energy and her students are continuously engaged and challenged.

Mrs. Kobzeff is professional, prepared and compassionate with her students and families. She has a genuine love for her students and community. Her passion is contagious, and she has had a huge impact on the success of the children at Fulton. She makes the current educational journey exciting for all of those around her!

# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Teri Malpass**  
Principal

## Kindness Counts at Gisler!

Gisler's Students and staff spent the month of February spreading a little EXTRA Kindness. Students started the month off with a kindness calendar that gave suggestions of different ways each day to show kindness. February 1st, was to pick-up 3 pieces of trash and the 2nd was to smile at a friend. Compliment Day was a special day listening to students compliment each other. Students also participated in writing Random Acts of Kindness for other students and staff.

Two Acts of Kindness were drawn each day and shared during morning announcements. There were so many wonderful things shared about both students and staff. To wrap up kindness month, Student Council hung heart door hangers on each of our surrounding neighbor's doors letting them know how much we appreciate them being our neighbors! Celebrating 'Kindness' isn't just a monthly focus at Gisler, it's an EVERYDAY practice. Kindness Counts at Gisler!



**Gisler's Student Council spreading kindness to the neighbors!**

# Kazuo Masuda *Middle School(6-8)*

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**Jennifer Morgan**  
Principal



**Matt Ploski**  
Assistant Principal

## Masuda Rocks the Block!

An eventful step towards normal was taken at Masuda Middle School as the first dance in 2 years was held on February 24th. To say that it was an

unprecedented success is to put it mildly. ASB and PTSO went all out with food, games, inflatables, D.J., and a Kona Ice truck. The dance was held outside which turned out to be a good thing not just because of Covid-19 rules, but also because over 600 students took advantage. That's 80% of the student body! This event was a huge win for the culture at Masuda and huge morale booster for our community after two difficult years.



# William T. Newland *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Christopher Mullin**  
Principal

## Natalie LaRoche, One of Newland's Amazing Teachers

Newland was happy to recognize their Teacher of the Year nominee, Natalie LaRoche. Mrs. LaRoche exemplifies the virtues of a wonderful teacher. She truly loves her students and has a deep respect for the profession. She is always smiling, has a fresh, positive, and balanced approach in all she does for the school, and is a resource to the staff. Mrs. LaRoche is an amazing teacher who pushes her students to their maximum potential. Kids who come into her classroom with a disdain for math, walk out having a new respect and passion for numbers. Mrs. LaRoche's students love her fun personality and caring attitude. She goes out of her way to make her students feel comfortable and safe in the classroom. Her smile lights up the school as she greets students and staff each and every day! Natalie LaRoche is an exemplary teacher and one Newland is proud of.



# Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Julie Ballesteros**  
Principal

## Congratulations, Mrs. Vanasse!

Oka is proud to present Cindy Vanasse as our 2022-23 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Vanasse has been in the field of education for over 20 years and has blessed our school and district with her passion and dedication in her roles as resource specialist, leader and mentor. Mrs. Vanasse is a perfect example of an educator that is a learner, a team player, selfless, humble, resourceful, patient and loving. Her colleagues describe her as a treasure whose patience and commitment to her team and students are unparalleled.



Mrs. Vanasse understands the children and takes the time and effort to truly address their individual needs. Her kind and supportive personality allows her to develop relationships with the children and their families. When they are in her presence, they are filled with a sense of confidence and calmness. She instills in them the positive mindset that they are capable of whatever they put their minds too. She is a true leader who is reflective and openminded. You can always depend on her to put in the work and heart that it takes to make a difference in the lives of her peers and students.

Not only does Mrs. Vanasse's love of learning and educating children shine in her classroom every day but she also inspires everyone around her to stay passionate and excited about the impact we can have on the lives of our children. Her supportive and positive attitude helps mold Oka into a positive place for children and our staff.

# Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Dr. Patrick Ham**  
Principal

## A Great Honor for our School

Jill Summerhays, SDC Preschool teacher at Plavan Elementary School, has been named the Fountain Valley District's Teacher of the Year for 2022. Ms. Summerhays first joined the FVSD family in 2003 at Newland Elementary School before transferring to Plavan Elementary in 2010. She quickly established herself as a highly-skilled and gifted educator and mentor.

Jill has continued to share her passion for teaching and learning, contributing greatly to various committees and leadership teams throughout the District. Moreover, she has created a learning environment for her students that is second to none. The love that Jill has for her students is quickly apparent upon walking into her classroom, and she is always committed to making her students, team, and colleagues feel like family.

Principal Patrick Ham noted that, "Ms. Summerhays loves her job and loves people. This permeates into her relationships and interactions with her students, staff, and parents. She is extremely skilled with great expertise and knowledge of the strategies that best support her students."

He added, "Our families are truly blessed to have Jill working with their children. We are grateful to Ms. Summerhays for who she is and her contributions to our students and school. Plavan would not be what it is today without her!"

Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Mrs. Cathie Abdel shared, "Jill Summerhays is a ray of sunshine! Her passion for teaching and learning and her love for children is apparent in everything she does. She is a glowing



example of what it means to be an exemplary educator in the Fountain Valley School District!"

The FVSD family is honored to celebrate Ms. Jill Summerhays as FVSD's Teacher of the Year 2022!

# Samuel E. Talbert *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Jay Adams**  
Principal



**Molly Kuykendall**  
Assistant Principal

## 2022 Teacher of the Year

Talbert is proud to honor Mrs. Kelly Walters, English and Woodshop Teacher, as our 2022 Teacher of the

Year. Mrs. Walters' nominating peers love how she "is always on top of things! She is extremely organized, conscientious, and she is able to adapt at the last minute." Mrs. Walters is touted as being "one of the most hard-working, dedicated teachers" we have ever seen! She is undoubtedly an indispensable member of the Talbert family.

We at Talbert are blessed by Mrs. Walters' positive energy and outlook. Not only the kids, but the parent community and her teaching peers benefit immensely from all that she has to offer! We are proud to present her as our Teacher of the Year on the basis of her outstanding contributions to the lives of the children (and adults) whose lives she touches daily.



# Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Kathy Davis**  
Principal

## Mrs. Muldorf's Third Grade Class

My third-grade class recently participated in the 2021 Wyland Foundation National Art Challenge, winning for the elementary school class mural category.

This year's theme was environmental and water conservation. Using Depth & Complexity Icons and National Geographic Articles we discussed the impact of the recent local oil spill, and one morning at recess my students took it upon themselves to clean up our school playground and collected 2 bags filled with trash. I was so impressed with all their enthusiasm and how they translated these ideas to our mural. Thanks to my parent volunteers for donating their time and expertise!



# Day at the Beach 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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put F/O/W in the subject line)

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Congratulations to **Isaiah Adams**  
Winner of the January Word Search Contest!



# Ocean View School District

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## Outstanding Employees Recognized

By *Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President, Board of Trustees*

It's that time of year when we recognize those employees that rise to the top and really go the extra mile. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for OVSD's exemplary Teachers of the Year and Classified Employees of the Year!

Two exceptional teachers were selected as OVSD's Teachers of the Year:

Lisa Banuelos, Teacher of the Year - Elementary School

Denise Gribbin, Teacher of the Year - Middle School

Mrs. Banuelos, a kindergarten teacher at College View, recently helped obtain a grant to provide all kindergarten students with a bike, helmet, safety equipment, and learn-to-ride curriculum. Mrs. Gribbin, a special education teacher at Mesa View, is known for doing whatever it takes to make sure her students' needs are met and she has provided specialized academic instruction and support to her students throughout the pandemic. Mrs. Gribbin is serving as OVSD's nominee for Orange County Teacher of the Year, to be announced in May.

Seven outstanding individuals were selected by their peers to represent the "best of the best" among Ocean View's 500 classified employees. Classified employees play an integral role in the success of OVSD. Their jobs support the education of our students and the operations of the District.

Sarah Bruce, Classified Employee of the Year – Clerical & Administrative Services

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## Early Learning Preschool Program

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**Sue Broderson**  
Principal on  
Special Assignment

### Desired Results Development Profile

By *Yezmin Ayala, Early Learning Educator, Oak View Preschool*

Ocean View Early Learning Preschool programs are dedicated to the development of the students, starting with our youngest of learners, ages 3-5. Together with offering a high-quality play-based curriculum program, teachers use the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) to observe, document, and reflect on the learning and development of the students. As

students interact with their peers and engage in hands on manipulatives and activities, teachers document their interactions through scoring in the measures of Social and Emotional Development (SED), Language and Literacy (LLD), Cognition, Including Math (COG: MATH) and English Language Development for our ELLs. By providing enriching opportunities in the classroom that touch on all of these measures, families are assured that their students are being equipped in kindergarten readiness. Our seasoned educators are well trained to work with developing learners and interact with our families to continue the home to school connection.



# Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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## Learning & Collaboration!

Circle View, like many elementary campuses, has Reading Buddies. Our upper grade and lower grade classes pair up, so students have a buddy to read to and read with. We also have Garden

Buddies! Mrs. Autry's 3rd grade GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) and Mrs. Moran's SDC (Special Day Class) have teamed up to learn and take care of our Circle View Garden. They spend time planting vegetables and flowers and take great pride in tending the garden. Our garden looks beautiful, and it is wonderful to see examples of modeling and great peer interactions. We are so proud to have different programs on our campus and to encourage collaboration and fun. If you ever want to learn more about our school or have questions about enrolling, please check out our school website ([circle.ovsd.org](http://circle.ovsd.org)) and/or follow us on Instagram (@circle\_view\_eagles)



Students working in the Circle View garden

# College View *Elementary (K-5)*

6582 Lennox Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-3505 • [www.ovsd.org/college](http://www.ovsd.org/college)



## Celebrating our Student Council Leaders!

College View's fourth and fifth grade Student Council members are exceptional leaders. They promote school spirit and a positive school climate. Meeting weekly, the members develop many important life skills such as teamwork, organizational skills, and leadership skills. From leading Red

Ribbon Week where our entire school focused on developing healthy habits and choices, and fun monthly Spirit Day days, to hosting our monthly Student Store, these young leaders enjoy heading many activities throughout the year. This year, our Student Council added Social-Emotional Leaders to their Council. Each Friday at our Flag Assemblies, the Student Council members teach about our monthly traits as well as having our SEL leaders teach various SEL techniques. More lessons and skits are shared and presented in monthly video announcements too. Our Student Council is most proud of its monthly video announcements. These announcements celebrate everything we do as a school. The Student Council leaders shine at College View School!



# Golden View *Environmental Science School*

17251 Golden View Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-2516 • [www.ovsd.org/golden](http://www.ovsd.org/golden)



## Golden View is Celebrating the Importance of Water!

With World Water Day being celebrated on March 22nd, our students are focusing on the importance and wonders of water. They are studying how Earth's water is collected, purified, and distributed from the environment to living things and then returned to the environment. Students are making connections between the water cycle and all living things and are learning about the properties of water. Here, our students were learning about Cohesion, Adhesion, and Surface tension by seeing how many drops of water could be collected on one penny. It's amazing to see that students from kindergarten to 5th grade can make the same connections through this amazing activity!



# Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

4343 Pickwick Cr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/846-6602 • [www.ovsd.org/harbour](http://www.ovsd.org/harbour)



## Inspiring students with Live Science!

Third graders have been experiencing “live” science with our new Adoption, Inspire Science. The curriculum aligns and supports the Next Generation Standards. With this adoption, students doing hands on experiments, demonstrations, and explorations with the real live critters. From meal worms, to plants, to fish and caterpillars to butterflies, our students are learning about the life cycle in myriad of ways. From oviparous to metamorphosis and germination, our student joy of learning



science has soared through the rooftops this year. The teachers are so excited that this new adoption comes with giant tubs of materials in lieu of heavy textbooks. There is a book, but that is the blueprint for the various experiences the students will be doing in class. The book is one they can write in and keep! A personal science journal for every school year to come.

Look out – Harbour View has future scientists in the works!

# Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

17622 Flintstone Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/847-8571 • [www.ovsd.org/hope](http://www.ovsd.org/hope)



## Math Story Problem

At Hope View Elementary school student math skills, from Transitional Kindergarten to fifth grade are geared towards helping students build and maintain their foundational math skills. Pictured here is a student from Mrs. Hanoian's kindergarten class who is proudly showing off his math skills while working through a math story problem his teacher has just shared. He took the time to listen to the story, draw what he knew, and choose the correct math sign to answer the problem. Mrs. Hanoian offered a chance for him to share what he knew as he proudly read his answer out loud to his classmates. It's moments like these when you know that students are trying their very best and enjoying their learning. Focusing on math practice standards and ensuring students know when to use certain math tools, such as drawing out the problem, is one example that is seen at Hope View.



Mrs. Hanoian's kindergarten class. Logan is proud to display his math work.

# Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

17451 Zeider Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-2589 • [www.ovsd.org/lake](http://www.ovsd.org/lake)



**Jill  
Van Der Linden**  
Principal

## Lake View Literacy Picnic

At Lake View reading and literacy are a top priority. Reading opens the doors to so many learning possibilities as well as development of the brain and imagination. To kick off our week-long focus on reading, we host a “Reading Picnic” at Lake View. Students and parents alike report that this is one of their favorite events of the year. Families come to school and join their student/s to read a few books.

In addition, it is pajama day so everyone is extra comfy. All over campus, families and friends are grouped together reading. Some families bring a snack to share, blankets and chairs to sit on. It is a heart-warming experience to see. Families comment that because of the “Reading Picnic” their families have started reading together regularly and they feel their family is closer as a result.



# Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Sara Schaible**  
Principal

## The Arts Come Alive!

Marine View offers a special program that is unique to our school, our bi-annual musical. This year we were thrilled to bring *Matilda Jr* to the stage. This tradition started back in 2015 with Marine View's production of *High School Musical Jr*, and continued over the years to include *Sussical Jr*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr*, and *Guys and Dolls Jr*.

Each year, the goal of our musicals is to provide access and involvement in the performing arts to our students, school, and overall community, and this is met 10-fold at Marine View! Aside from the producing team, which is made up of several of Marine View's faculty and staff members, these productions are entirely student-driven. The students achieve involvement and access to the performing arts by being cast members, stage crew members, sound and lighting crew members, set builders, and ushers.

This year, over 100 of our students came out to audition and fill the roles of 43 casting spots, with another 30 students filling the roles of our sound and lighting crew, set design crew, and stage crew. This past weekend the stage radiated with singing, dancing, laughter, and applause as our cast and crew took to the boards. Our cast and crew debuted their talents over the course of six shows that weekend, all of which were headlined by our very own Marine View Rock Band!

Our audiences attended the musical initially to see their family and friends perform, but they ended up taking home a lasting exposure to and love for the performing arts. Marine View is one of the only middle schools that offers this full-fledged arts experience!

# Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Jady Grunbaum**  
Principal

## District Teacher of the Year

Mesa View Middle School is so thrilled to share that one of our amazing educators, Denise Gribbin, was selected as the OVSD Middle School Teacher of the Year! Denise was hired as a teacher in 2007. She worked at Westmont Elementary School as an SDC teacher from December 2007 to 2011, and at Marine View Middle School from 2011 to 2018. She has been the RSP teacher at Mesa View since 2018.

Over the past 14 years Denise has taught Special Day Class and RSP in the Ocean View School District. Her heart is always where it should be: Doing what is best for students! She knows her students, their goals, and everything they need to help them succeed. She works extremely hard to ensure that all of her students' needs are being met, and often goes above the call of duty to meet the requests of students, parents, and district.

During our 2020 distance learning, Denise supported the students in our Virtual Academy. She created a Google Classroom, provided extra office hours, and worked with several students to provide individual one-on-one SAI (Specialized Academic Instruction) support. She is so willing to train others and help support her colleagues, and is a wealth of knowledge in regards to special education requirements, classroom management, and good teaching practices.

Denise has a magical way of helping our students succeed by giving them just the right amount of help they need, making them feel empowered to take on anything!



# Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

17241 Oak Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/842-4459 • [www.ovsd.org/oak](http://www.ovsd.org/oak)



**Jenna Landero**  
Principal

## Showing that We Care

Oak View Elementary students were excited to partner with an older-adult residence community to spread some love to the residents this Valentine's Day!

Here at Oak View, our Mighty Owls are rooted in their culture, their community, their family and their education. Focusing on our community roots opened up the opportunity to create Valentine's Day decorations, posters and cards for older adults. Four incredible Student Council members accompanied me

on a quick field trip to drop off the handmade and heartfelt decorations and cards. The recipients were so touched at the thoughtfulness, and our students, teachers and staff were beaming with happiness!

For many years, one of our classrooms has partnered with the residence to read with our students. Pre-COVID-19, it was always a highlight for not only our students but the people living there as well. Even though there are still precautions in place, we were so happy to be able to connect with the residents and bring some love their way. Even when we can't be together, we can show we care!

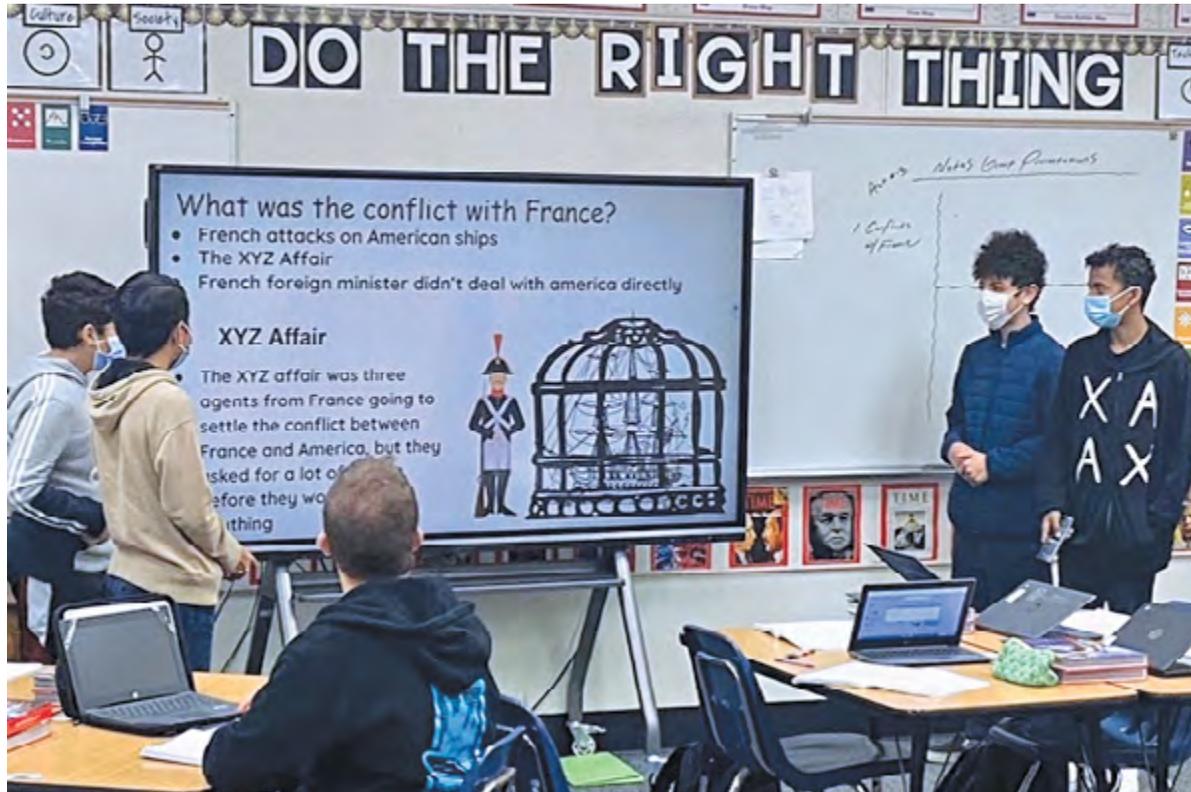


# Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Alfredo Torres**  
*Principal*



**Mr. de Lachica facilitates students learning as they prepare to share their presentation with their classmates. These students have been collaborating with each other and excited to present with other students.**

# Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

8411 Worthy Ln., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/897-1009 • [www.ovsd.org/star](http://www.ovsd.org/star)



**Paul Kraft**  
*Principal*

## Exciting Activities and Events

Star View roared into the winter with several exciting activities and events. In early February, students and families enjoyed an amazing Tet performance including a dragon dance to celebrate the Lunar New Year and honor our community's Vietnamese culture.

Transitional Kindergarteners learned about the parts of the story, while Kindergartners studied our presidents and celebrated 100s Day. First graders have been busy learning

about patterns in the sky: the moon, sun, and seasons. Second grade students attended a fabulous field trip to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve where they studied various animal and plant habitats. Third graders tuned up their descriptive writing with a fun "Love Monster" Valentine project. Fourth graders studied energy and Newton's Laws and participated in several STEM experiments. Fifth graders built simple machines with gears and learned about the various sports in the Winter Olympics and created a Curling game. Finally, students in our GATE classes programmed robots and created dioramas depicting colonial life.



# Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Tami Benane**  
*Principal*

## STEM Module Project

Students in Mrs. Julianna's 4th grade class completed a STEM module project, by following the engineering process. The students utilized what they learned about energy and motion

to design, build, and test a model roller coaster, which included at least one hill and a steel ball that needed to travel and land in a plastic cup, without ricocheting out. Five small groups were student self-selected and heterogenous. The classroom was bursting with enthusiasm, exhilaration, and exploration when the principal walked in the room. The fourth graders shared their models with the principal and demonstrated their knowledge of potential and kinetic energy, forces and motion, speed, velocity, gravity, and collisions.



# Vista View *Middle School (6-8)*

16250 Hickory St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/842-0626 • [www.ovsd.org/vista](http://www.ovsd.org/vista)



**Dr. Rasheedah Gates**  
*Principal*

## Growing Note by Note

Vista View's elective pathways, educational programs and student-interest events have been experiencing intentional growth, and our music program has really expanded, thanks to teacher Natalie Do!

Ocean View School District is committed to supporting a robust music program. Music teachers are a unique, vital part of the teaching community. Vista View is so fortunate to have Ms. Do on our faculty for her second

year. The expansion of the program under her leadership has exceeded all expectations. There is a great story connected to the music outcomes we are having at Vista.

In fall 2020, we welcomed Ms. Do to Vista View. There were 24 students in the music program, and there was a pause on playing instruments as part of safety protocols. Ms. Do took the opportunity to create interest in and growth of the music program, and grow it did! By January 2021, the program enrollment grew to 45 students. They learned digital composition, rhythm and beats and music theory. Vista View's band program currently has more than 70 students.

Ms. Do also created a strings section by bringing in a guitar class and an orchestral-strings class. Now, 50 students are strumming away on violins, cellos, bass or guitars.

We are proud of the program's development and the love for music that is being fostered through Ms. Do's tutelage, where we now serve over 160 musicians!



# Westmont *Elementary (K-5)*

8251 Heil Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/847-3561 • [www.ovsd.org/westmont](http://www.ovsd.org/westmont)



## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Westmont School held their Family Literacy Picnic and celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a "Wacky Wednesday." It has been two years since

we held this event. It was a great way to celebrate bringing families and friends back to participate in our school, family, and community events. Students and their families gathered on the grass area with blankets, books, and snacks and shared their favorite books and the love of reading on a bright, sunny morning. Our superintendent, Dr. Carol Hansen also joined our event by reading *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* to our whole student body and families gathered. At Westmont we value literacy and take every opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading every day. We look forward to more school events where all can celebrate the great things happening at Westmont!



Friends and families celebrate the love of reading on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday!

# Gardening Terms 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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put F/O/W in the subject line)

Entries must be received by April 15, 2022  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card!

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Congratulations to **Isaiah Adams**  
Winner of the January Word Search Contest!



# Westminster School District

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Dr. Cyndi Paik

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By Tina Gustin-Gurney,  
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### Celebrating Read Across America

Westminster School District students celebrated Read Across America in a variety of ways the week of February 28-March 4. Schools displayed their love of reading by dressing up throughout the week, reading to a buddy classroom, challenging each other in reading contests, reading a variety of books, and inviting guest speakers to read each day.

Students and staff enjoyed having our guest speakers read some of their favorite books to them. There were many amazing highlights. Dr. Paik, our superintendent, shared her passion of reading with our preschoolers and kindergartners by reading *The Cat in the Hat* at Willmore Language Academy. Trustee Nguyen read in Vietnamese and English to Demille's Vietnamese Dual Language students. I had the opportunity to visit a couple school sites and share my love of *Harry Potter* with students. In addition, the *The Fox in Socks* contest at Schmitt was amazing. This week was one of the many that WSD encourages a passion for reading.



# Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Kim Breckenridge**  
Principal

## Science Olympiads

Congratulations to the Anderson Science Olympiad Team! The Anderson team consisted of 4th, 5th and 6th grade students who worked together to compete against other Orange County elementary schools in a variety of science events. While the event was virtual this year, that did not impact Team Anderson. They came together on campus, Saturday, March 5, 2022 to compete. The events included Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Barge Building, Rubber Band Catapult, Bottle Music and more. Working together after school, under the direction of coaches, Ms. Dodosh, and Mrs. Okura-Schooley, the teams prepared for each event through study, practice and hands-on activities.



With the goals of increasing science knowledge, creating of love of science, and having fun, the Anderson teams really worked hard and earned Medals. Great work Anderson Science Olympiads!

# Clegg *Elementary (TK-5)*

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**John Staggs**  
Principal

## Project Lead The Way

Clegg Elementary School is excited to have started training staff in the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) program during February. The training process is taking place through staff meetings and professional development on Wednesdays for the next several weeks. On April 20, we will begin the implementation of the PLTW modules every Wednesday from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. schoolwide in grades TK–5. At that point, we will be a PLTW school, and the program will greatly enhance our STEAM program at Clegg Elementary School.

We have been a STEAM Magnet for several years here at Clegg Elementary and look forward to taking our program to the next level for all of our students. Our staff has been looking at this program over the last few years, but the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow us to start training staff in person until recently. PLTW creates an engaging classroom environment unlike any other and empowers students to develop and apply in-demand transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges. Through their pathways in computer science, engineering and biomedical science, students not only learn technical skills but also how to solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate, and collaborate. In addition, PLTW provides teachers with the training, resources and support they need to engage students in real-world learning.

All of us at Clegg are very excited to begin this new chapter at our site!

# DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

15400 Van Buren St., Midway City, CA 92655 • 714/894-7224 • [demille.wsdk8.us](http://demille.wsdk8.us)



**Dr. Shannon Villanueva**  
Principal

## Celebrating the Our Love of Reading!

DeMille Elementary School kicked off 2022 in the high spirit of reading! In celebration of Tết Lunar New Year, our PTA sponsored two virtual author visit sessions, inviting famous Vietnamese author Phước Tran to share her knowledge of Vietnamese culture and answer great questions from our motivated students. We watched clips of videos about her books and journey to become an author. In class, students had the opportunities to do arts and crafts introduced through her books. It was a great day. In February, our energetic PTA continued our celebration of reading with a Read-A-Thon to encourage and motivate our students to read. Then on March 2nd, in celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read-Across-America, Trustee Frances Nguyen read to Preschool, and our wonderful librarian Mrs. Ferguson hosted Zoom sessions reading aloud Dr. Seuss' books. Thank you to our dedicated staff, parents, and students for encouraging our love of reading.



Author Phước Tran shares her books and celebrates the Lunar New Year with DeMille.

# Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

13552 University St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/894-7227 • [eastwood.wsdk8.us](http://eastwood.wsdk8.us)



**Jonathan Edelman**  
*Principal*

## Lights...Camera...Action!

As Eastwood Elementary School moves to adopt a digital media and design school specialty, two Eastwood teachers have collaborated to create our very first “Eastwood Media Club.” The application process was quite lengthy and countless students showed

interest, but after the dust settled, Mr. Nakatsu and Ms. Delany chose close to twenty students to join this coveted after-school club to create our school’s student driven newscast. Our very first episode turned out incredible! Students collaborated to select the topics, conducted interviews with peers and staff, and wrote their own scripts. Others learned how to film and edit using the most up-to-date camera gear and editing software. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to express their voices in an ever-changing technological landscape. This student-driven, standards based process has resulted in a fun and engaging enrichment opportunity for our school that could spark the interest of future journalists and news reporters. Quiet on the set!



# Finley *Computer Science Magnet School*

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**Pam LeMuix**  
*Principal*

## Relating Themselves to Nature

At the end of February, fifth-grade students from Finley Computer Science Magnet School attended the Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute for a three-day outdoor learning experience that is aimed to inspire curiosity about wildlife and forest ecology. But the learning that takes place when students leave home for the first time with their peers teaches a lot more than academics.

ECOS Outdoor Science Camp is an outdoor classroom where lessons and activities teach about science, but students come home with a lot more than an understanding of wildlife biology and forest ecology. It inspires curiosity of the world around them and, more importantly, builds student confidence and independence.

For some, this experience is the first time they are away overnight from their families, and our fifth-grade teachers appreciate the trust that parents place in them. Teachers Amy Nguyen and Stephanie Perry have accompanied their students to science camp year after year.

“Not only is camp an amazing academic program, but our students become confident and independent very quickly,” Ms. Nguyen said. “For many students, leaving their families is very difficult. Watching their transformation is remarkable!”

“I have been waiting for the day I can go to science camp, and it was the best experience ever!” Matthew Calderon said. “I loved the hikes and learning about the different ways animals survive in the snow.”



# Fryberger *Elementary School of Environmental Science*

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**Michelle Scheiber**  
*Principal*

## Reading is Fun

As with many schools, we recently celebrated Read Across America. Students around campus enjoyed reading outside on a blanket, read to each other, and discussed their favorite books. Many students and staff came to school dressed like their favorite book character to show their appreciation of books. Instilling a joy for reading is very important for our students. On a daily basis, reading occurs in classrooms all day long. Students read independently, with their class, and have deep academic conversations about an author's point of view, or they may collaborate with their classmates and compare and contrast stories and ideas. For our students at Fryberger who need additional support in reading they may attend one of our reading support groups during the school day or after school. The whole idea is to make reading fun and enjoyable and make sure everyone leaves our school as a reader.



# Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Mark Murphy**  
*Principal*

## Congratulations Mrs. Hernandez

It is with great pleasure to announce that Kelly Hernandez has been named Hayden's Teacher of the Year. Kelly has been a big part of the Hayden family for 14 years.

Mrs. Hernandez is truly passionate about getting the best from her students and is continuously looking for ways to improve on her already vast knowledge of instructional strategies. Mrs. Hernandez is the consummate professional, who perfectly blends rich engagement activities into her warm and inviting classroom. She is consistently looking for new ways to enhance the learning that takes place in her classroom and provides many opportunities to not only engage her students, but also empower them. Mrs. Hernandez has earned the respect and admiration from her students and colleagues. Congratulations to Kelly Hernandez for being Hayden's Teacher of the Year.



# Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Daniel Owens**  
*Principal*

## Respect, Effort and Pride

As Johnson Middle School speeds towards the end of the school year we stop and reflect on the ups and downs of the last two school years. Students and teachers are working hard to overcome the learning loss thrown at us due to COVID. Johnson's key traits of Respect, Effort and Pride have never played a more important role in success than they have this past two years. The school has recently put up several posters throughout the campus to remind students to stay positive and work hard to develop their "R.E.P." COVID, and all the obstacles it brought to education, may have caused us to stumble a bit but Johnson Warriors are dedicated to the ultimate goal of success and student achievement. Students know that a strong "R.E.P." will help guide them to their dreams and beyond.



## Land School

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**Nicole Baitx-Kennedy**  
*Executive Director,  
Early Education &  
Expanded Learning*

## Building a Connection with Stories

With a book you can embark on an expedition through time, explore new cultures, discover language, experience imagination, visit any place, and be anything you want to be. Early Education Infant Instructor, Carla Beltran, believes that, "When we read to infants they begin to make the connection between the pictures on the page and language. The more we read to infants the stronger that connection becomes and their vocabulary grows." At Land, we embrace diversity and recognize the importance of having books that represent different abilities, beliefs, cultures, and skin colors. Diverse Reading gives our students the opportunity to identify with the characters, and to build a connection with the stories. Berta Guzman, an Early Education Instructor, shares her favorite reading experience, "One of the best moments is when I am able to motivate the children's attention during Storytime with simple techniques, such as modifying my voice, creating sounds related to the events or to the characters in the story."



**Infant teacher Carla Beltran explores books during a literacy activity. Our youngest learners are exposed to books right from the start.**

# Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Dr. Kathy Kane**  
Principal

## Read Across America

Read Across America Day may have been on March 2 but at Iva Meairs Elementary School, it was Read Across America Week. Every day was a dress up day. Each day coordinated with a Dr. Seuss book, Monday, Cat in the Hat day, wear your favorite hat, Tuesday, Fox in Socks day, wear silly sox, Wednesday The Sleep Book day, wear your pajamas, Thursday, On Beyond Zebra day, wear animal prints or a shirt with an animal on it, Friday, Green Eggs and Ham day, wear the color green.

Not only did the students and staff dress up they spent lots of time with books too. From preschool to fifth grade students were reading everywhere, inside the classrooms and outside in quiet spots around campus. Student Council members read to primary grades on Wednesday and our preschoolers all went home with new books. It was a great week!



# Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Orchid Rocha**  
Principal

## Teacher of the Year

This month's article is dedicated to our 2022 Teacher of the Year for Schmitt Elementary School. Kristen Kobzeff has always done an outstanding job of planning lessons that are high-level, innovative, standards-based, connected to a district-approved curriculum, student-centered, and very entertaining!

It is always a joy to enter Kristen's classroom and see how she regularly integrates all that has been taught throughout the years in our professional development training. One can clearly see the use of GATE Icons, Cognitive Guided Instruction, Close Reading Strategies, and Project-Based Learning activities. She also designs many lessons in English language arts, social studies, and mathematics that allow for collaboration and creativity.



**Mrs. Kristen Kobzeff**

In addition, Mrs. Kobzeff does not waste too much time with the use of workbooks or worksheets. When I observe for engagement, I look for how the students are doing most of the work and the talking. Mrs. Kobzeff accomplishes this through the planning of standards-based centers while also monitoring and asking the tough questions that get her students thinking about and supporting their responses.

Most of the time I observe interactive group discussions with the teachers, or small-group rotations. Upon entering Mrs. Kobzeff's classroom, you can see that she takes pride in her craft and room environment because of how it is organized, clean, and neat for her guests and students. The work you see posted on her walls also reflects her students' hard work, high expectations, and site focus. It is evident that she is very mindful and wants to present good work and an organized environment for her students.

I am also very proud of Mrs. Kobzeff's concerted efforts to try new programs and strategies. She is always frank when she is skeptical of something new, but she tries it and eventually sees the benefits of the newer strategies or programs. I love that after all these years Kristen Kobzeff is open to learning and trying new ideas that ultimately benefit her students.

# Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Carrie Hernandez**  
Principal

## Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

For over 10 years we have been implementing a school-wide positive behavior plan known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a system of behavior management that proactively teaches our students the kinds of appropriate behaviors and rules that can lead to a more positive school environment. Several elements of PBIS include a school motto, a school-wide teaching of rules and appropriate behaviors, and a strong reinforcement plan for students who exhibit positive behaviors.

Our Mustang Motto is, “Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.” Whether they are on the playground, visiting the library, eating in the lunch area, or sitting in the classroom, our students are taught to exhibit behaviors that follow the Mustang Motto. For example, it is respectful, responsible, and safe to help clean up at lunch.

Staff members hand out Mustang Money when they witness a student who is exhibiting these positive behaviors and following the Mustang Motto. The students save the money and can use them to purchase items at the Schroeder Shop. The Shop contains pencils, books, notebooks, “poppits”, snack/lunch with the principal, and more! In January, we began the always exciting Schroeder Sweepstakes! The students are very excited on Fridays when the Schroeder Shop is brought out at recess.

The environment at Schroeder School is truly positive, and a great place for our students to learn. Ask your student about the Mustang Motto, how much Mustang Money they currently have, and what they have purchased at the Schroeder Shop this year!



# Sequoia *Academy*

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**April Derr**  
Principal

## A Fun Day!

Our wonderful PTA hosted an amazing “Read Across America Day” in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday for our community. Teachers read Dr. Seuss’ books in front of a brightly colored Dr. Seuss inspired

backdrop where eager students listened. Mrs. Mizuo read *One Fish, Two Fish* and passed out Swedish Fish treats. Mr. Long shared the adventures of *The Cat in the Hat*, and Mrs. Gonzalez inspired students with *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!* Students could play boardwalk type games with their friends and families. Families created a hot air balloon craft to remind them that reading a good book can take them to magical places in their imaginations. Dr. Seuss gift bags full of donated books and creative materials were raffled off at the end of the activity. It was so nice to celebrate our love of reading together as a community.



# Stacey *Middle School*

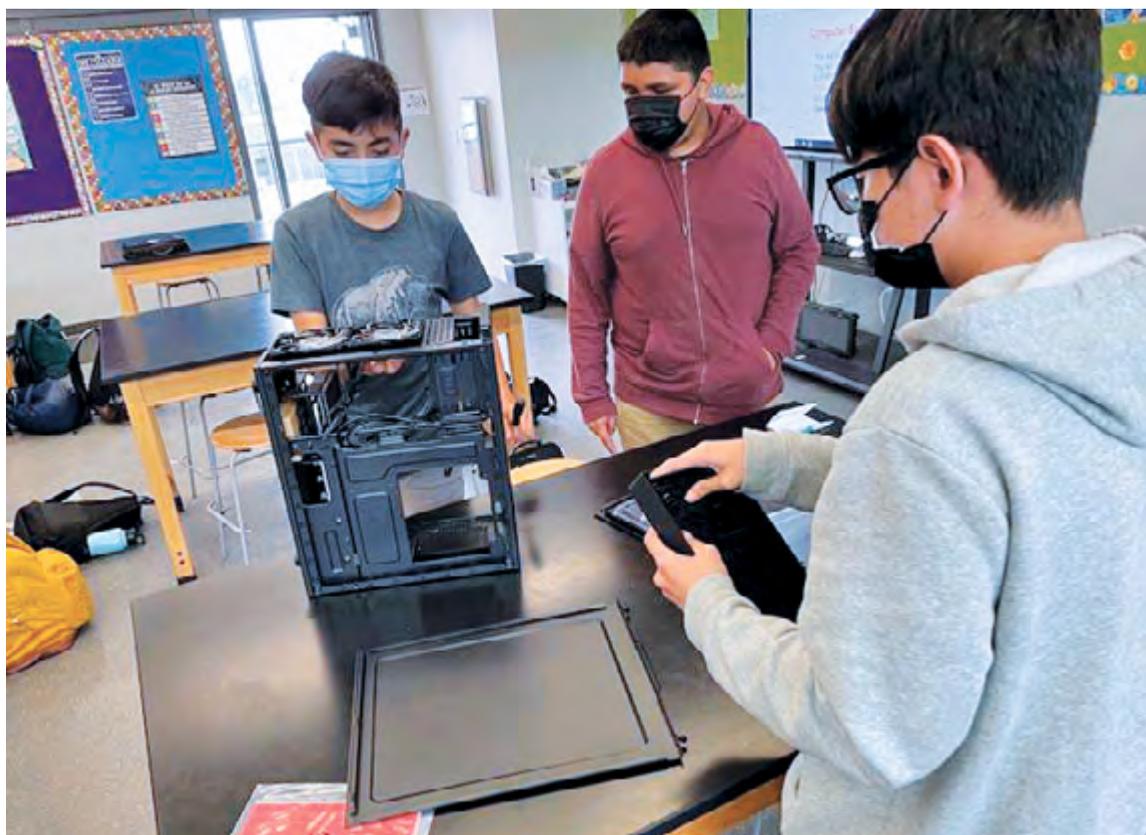
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**Wendy Baird**  
*Principal*

## Building PCs and Programming

This year Stacey Middle School has offered a new course, Advanced Computer Science, which has been wildly successful. The objective of the course is to provide students with a pathway to a career in Information Technology by equipping them with skills for computer maintenance and repair. These students are hard at work repurposing old computer parts to build desktop PCs to be used to code games in Python. They have learned how to map a motherboard and have demonstrated understanding of how computer components work together. Students have learned how to shop for computer parts based on a given budget. The students are learning to code in Python using Codesters and Visual Studio Code. Their projects range from 2D platform to 3D first person games. Students present their completed projects to their peers, and they give each other feedback based on user experience, design, and overall functionality. These experiences will prepare our students to pursue a career as a programmer.



# Warner *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Dr. Kenneth Lopour**  
*Principal*

## PAL Leadership

Students continue to thrive at Warner Middle School as we approach the end of our second trimester! Our teachers and staff always strive to find innovative and effective ways to reach every student on an academic and a socioemotional level, both inside and outside the classroom.

One new effort that we are proud of is our conflict-resolution and peer-mediation program, which we run through our Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) course. The goal of this program is to utilize highly trained students to help their peers manage and resolve interpersonal conflict. The positive impacts of this work help not only those individuals who actively participate in the mediation process but the entire school climate as well. Research has indicated that teaching students how to better manage conflict on a daily basis helps to create a more inclusive and productive school environment.

We are in the final stages of training our inaugural cohort of seventh- and eighth-graders to act as conflict-resolution specialists. Through a supportive and productive mediation process, they have learned how to help their peers understand and resolve conflict. They have trained for many hours over the course of several weeks and will be officially rolling the program out at the beginning of our third trimester.

We look forward with great anticipation to the positive impact these students and their work will have on our campus climate as a whole and on individual students as well.





**Robert Murdock**  
Principal

## First Musical Production

In February, Webber students put on our first every musical theater production. Students in grades three, four, five, and six, spent 17 weeks learning the songs, dances, and dialogue for the musical.

Our teacher team, made up of Mrs. Brown, Ms. Chamberlain, Ms. Coe, Mr. Monroe, and

Ms. Neavel did a wonderful job of preparing our students for their big performances. Two shows were performed for our student body, and two more shows were done for our performer's parents. Every performance was a tremendous success, and really highlighted the talent that our students possess. We owe a great deal of thanks to Dr. Cyndi Paik and Michelle Watkins from the Westminster School District for their support, guidance, and assistance.



# Milestones and Firsts - 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](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put F/O/W in the subject line)

Entries must be received by April 15, 2022  
From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

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**Congratulations to Isaiah Adams**  
**Winner of the January Word Search Contest!**



# Willmore *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Tieumi "Domi" Ellis**  
Principal

## Celebrating Read Across America

Willmore Thunderbirds celebrated Read Across America with a week of exciting learning opportunities. Superintendent Dr. Cyndi Paik and Trustee Tina Gustin-Gurney shared their love for reading with read alouds of *The Cat in the Hat* and *Harry Potter*. Our students were engaged and thrilled as the stories came to life with the costumes and props they brought.

The week was filled with thematic days based on Dr. Seuss's books. The event culminated with *Oh the Places You'll Go*, where students dressed in what they wanted to be when they grew up. Class winners were honored with certificates and trophies!

To further promote our love for reading, Willmore celebrated our Bookmark Contest winners. We were extremely impressed with our Thunderbirds. Each grade had a winning design and selected an overall winner. Congratulations! Oliver S., Valerie R, Kaitlyn D., Linda T., Eva D., William R., and our Overall Winner-Alma C.P.



Superintendent Dr. Cyndi Paik and Michelle Watkins, Director of Specialty Programs visit and read to Mrs. Bobbie Jo Weber's Kindergarten Dual Language Immersion students.

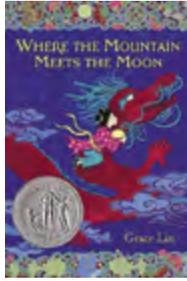
## Katie's Review

# Spirit of Adventure



Katie C.

Unique from the classical fantasy tales, *Where The Mountain Meets The Moon* by Grace Lin, finds the main character, Minli, setting off on a journey that takes her on a wild adventure. In a quest to find a fortune for her poor family, Minli's good character rewards her with wildlife friends, including a dragon. Minli is brave, courageous, and sure to inspire anyone with her fearlessness. From the stories that she hears from her mother



to actually living in a fantastical world similar to the ones she heard about, you will find out of the box thinking that won't disappoint. Spun in with traditional storytelling, this book synthesizes cultural aspects in a way that is sure to resonate with many. I recommend this book to anyone who is searching for the spirit of adventure.

Katie is a senior in high school. She likes reading and writing. She loves to read to younger kids. She provides book reviews to kids who want to find more good books.

## Daniel's Review

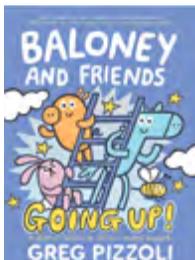
# Funny Friends!



Daniel H.

Title: *Baloney and Friends: Going Up!*  
Author: Greg Pizzoli

Baloney the pig and his friends Peanut the horse, Bizz the bee, and Krabbit the crabby rabbit do funny things and have fun in the many short stories of this second book of the Baloney and Friends series! You'll laugh about the things they do, like finding a lost sneeze, using a ladder, and appreciating trees. My favorite story is when Baloney and his friends make up a silly theme song for their group and everyone helps out in their own way. Baloney is my favorite character because he is a good friend. I felt happy when I read this book and I think you should read it too!



Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

## David's Review

# The Aliens



David H.

Title: *We're Not From Here*  
Author: Geoff Rodkey

*We're Not From Here* is about a kid named Lan and his family who travel from their human colony on Mars to a faraway planet Choom to start a new human population. Unfortunately, once they get there, the aliens on Choom tell them to leave immediately.



Now they have a big problem that they have to figure out because they don't have enough fuel in their spaceship to go back to Mars.

What do they do? Read and find out! I really liked this book and I recommend that you should read this book too if you like action, suspense, and humor.

David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.



## Jenna's Review

# Have it All!



Jenna C.

Book Title: *Almanac 2021*

Which language has the most first language speakers? You might want to hit up for an almanac. What's an almanac? It's basically a book that speaks facts. Maybe you don't like that type of person, but you might like that type of book. Maybe you can also learn more things like, do you want to know where Alexander the Great was buried? How future homes may be built? Studying rocks? It has it all. From wanting to study stars to knowing about the coolest cats, you can imagine. It's as real as red being red and green being green, but as versatile as the library books.



Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

## Taegyong's Book Review

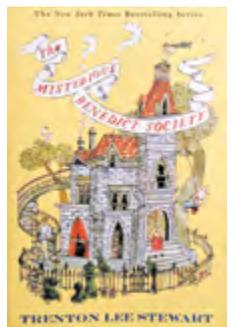
# A Secret Society



Taegyong K.

Title: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*  
Author: Trenton Lee Stewart

Reynie Muldoon is a very intelligent boy. He is an eleven-year-old boy and lives at an orphanage. One day, he finds an advertisement in the newspaper. It says that if you pass the test, it will let you into a school. Reynie finds the test asking strange questions. He passes the test and meets three other children, Sticky (George) Washington, Kate Wetherall, and Constance Contraire who pass the test like him. Then, they meet Mr. Benedict. He tells them that "The Emergency" is coming from a secret institute that makes the world in danger. Now, they are on the mission to stop it. Will the four be able find the secret of "The Emergency" with Mr. Benedict? This book is written in third person perspective. I feel intrigued in the story more as it progresses. I recommend this book to those who have a thirst for adventure.



Taegyong K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

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