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Students in Ms. Cyncenas' 2nd grade class smile outside her classroom on the first day of school at Orange Unified's Serrano Elementary in Orange on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022.



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### Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year at Orange Unified School District!



**Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen**  
*Superintendent*

Orange Unified Schools provide a balanced instructional experience with continual innovation to Inspire our learners of today to be purposeful leaders of tomorrow.

We are pleased to continue to offer in-person instruction and honored to have been recognized by the State of California for the Pivotal Practices we implemented to address changing needs of students over the last school year.

Through technology-integrated, hands-on learning, our students graduate prepared for successful college, career, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math experiences. We look forward to continuing to support student success through the implementation of expanded learning opportunities and intervention programs to improve student outcomes and engage students in meaningful levels of collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity while supporting their mental health and overall wellbeing.

In partnership with our community, we provide a safe, equitable, and innovative culture of learning for each scholar to have a competitive EDGE as a leader. The success of each student is a collaborative effort between all stakeholders in the process of teaching and learning. I encourage each of you to work with your child's teachers and principal to help foster a positive educational experience.

Award-winning schools and academic success are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of Orange Unified staff in partnership with our parents and the OUSD community. In 2021-22, our collaborative efforts resulted in numerous accolades received by our school sites: Canyon, El Modena, and Villa Park High Schools were recognized for the third consecutive year as *U.S. News & World Report's* Best High Schools in the Nation; Anaheim Hills Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon School; Richland was once again designated as a

Model Continuation High School; and Jordan Academy of Computer Science and Language Immersion was honored with California School Board Association's prestigious Golden Bell for Integrated Innovative Content: Biliteracy & Computer Science – the District's sixth Golden Bell award in five years. OUSD is also proud to be the home to Orange County's only two Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (Portola and Yorba) and 2021 Project Lead the Way Distinguished Schools (McPherson Magnet and Villa Park High School).

We continue to follow our strategic plan, The Orange Unified EDGE, and focus on actions that reinforce Excellence in academics and leadership, Dedicated and engaged communication, Genuine wellness and safety, and Efficient utilization of fiscal capital. The Orange Unified EDGE was designed to propel Orange Unified's academic programs, community outreach efforts, student and staff support systems, and efficiency through 2025.

Thanks to Measure S, our Phase 1 projects created a new science center at each of our comprehensive high schools, resulting in over 200,000 square feet of new, state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces. This school year, we will see our Phase 2 projects begin, providing additional campus upgrades, enhancements, and classroom modernization at our high schools. Campus improvements are also underway at our elementary and middle schools to ensure our students and staff have access to clean, modern, functional, and efficient facilities.

We have added more clean energy resources, including solar panels, and have expanded our electric bus fleet using grants and other funding sources. This type of planning not only prepares us for the future but also allows us to efficiently use our resources and maximize the amount of money that can go directly into our classrooms.

To keep up to date with the OUSD's latest news and updates regarding Measure S construction, the progress of our innovative educational programs, and other important District communication, please visit our website — [orangeusd.org](http://orangeusd.org) — and follow OUSD on social media.



**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



*Netragrednik*

### Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen begins this issue with her welcome message on page 3 bringing you up to date as the new school year begins.

You may remember when going back to school meant studying the three R's and helping the teacher dust the chalk erasers (maybe that's going back too far), but you get the idea. Things have changed! Throughout this issue you will read articles on such topics as: Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS), a new STEAM Lab, Family Buddy

Program, Conservatory of the Arts, Healthy Me Challenge, the Toro Center, a Wellness Initiative, a new Aquatic Center, one school has a new name, one school is celebrating a 25th Anniversary and another a 55th, and so much more...Enjoy!

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**Julie Lucas**  
Principal

## Titan Staff

Ever wonder who works behind the scenes to help kick off a successful school year? Meet the Titan Staff that have been hard at work getting our school ready for our students and staff's return. Our office Manager Sarah Meza, Senior Staff Clerk Jennifer Randall, our custodians Steve Barela and David Calderon and our

counselors Jessica Perez and Liz Morlet (not pictured) have been organizing, cleaning, planning to make sure your student is successful here at Parkside. They geared up for registration, getting classrooms deep cleaned and getting all the necessary materials ready for students and teachers. This is no small feat! They happily support six different programs here at Parkside and we are most thankful for all their hard work and dedication. Welcome to a great year at Parkside Education Center.



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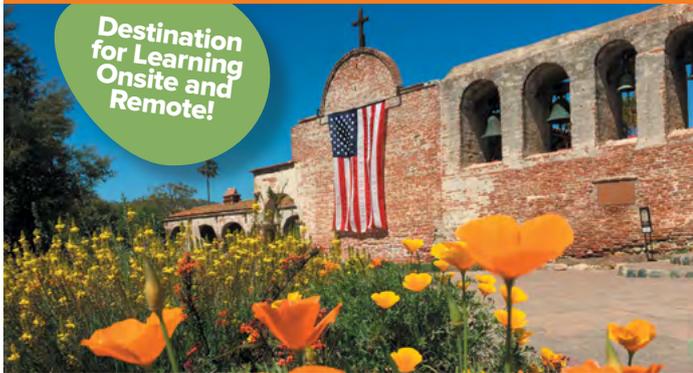
By Wilson Bird, Administrator, CARES

OUSD Child Development Department programs have been busy this summer! Our preschool students, staff and kicked off summer with outdoor activities. The staff put together activities like red, white, and blue day, summer water fun, and many more. The highlights of the fun days were Carnival Day and Hawaiian Luau Day. Parents came to participate in the fun, an opportunity to engage and interact with their child. Our CARES expanded learning program kicked off the summer with a 9-week summer camp that served approximately 425 students district wide. The theme is Animal Kingdom, focused on various animal groups we encounter daily. This is the first full camp we have implemented since pre covid days, the students and staff loved weekly field trips returning this summer. Staff and students alike had a lot of fun at an Angels game, the pool, Knotts Berry Farm and a few more. The highlights were the beach trips, as so many students had never been to the beach.



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**Kory Cosca**  
*Principal*

### **A New School Year with a New Principal**

Anaheim Hills Elementary School recently had Kory Cosca appointed as principal. Mr. Cosca served in the Anaheim elementary School District over the last 22 years as an Elementary Teacher, Digital Learning Coach, and Vice Principal. As the incoming principal at AHES, he is excited to join the Panther pack. He resides in the city of Orange, with his wife and two daughters. He is excited to continue fostering a collaborative culture that ensures a quality education. Built in 1977, Anaheim Hills Elementary School is a highly rated public neighborhood school with a tight-knit community. Our families and staff are dedicated to the success of all our Panther students. Anaheim Hills Elementary is a well-sought school in our district and county. Staff recognizes and celebrates a diverse campus

of learners. AHES is proud to have multilingual students on our campus. Our goal at AHES is to help each student take pride and show individual growth: not only show proficiency but to exceed expectations. Our most recent CAASPP results show these goals as we have attained the highest level in both English Language Arts and Math for all student's category on the California School Dashboard. AHES was one of 7 schools in Orange County to be recognized as a National Blue-Ribbon school in 2021. For our staff and teachers each day at work is more than a job. We operate as a family; there to strive for excellence, but also to support each other along the way. To do this we focus not only on student achievement, but our own development as educators. Every Wednesday is a modified schedule to provide time for teachers to learn new and advanced instructional strategies, develop rigorous units of study, and engage in a professional learning community to plan for student intervention and support.

## California *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Misty Brunasso**  
*Principal*

### **California Inspire Academy!**

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**Dana Encheff**  
*Principal*

### Cambridge Cubs Sports

Cambridge teachers will be implementing a comprehensive physical fitness program this year to promote student health and well-being. Teachers collaborated last year to learn about the California Physical Education Model Content Standards and designed a program to pilot this year to help all our students build and develop physical and social skills needed to improve fitness and athletic ability. We will be partnering with Elevo (Sports for Learning), ACES/Campfires, and local businesses and sports clubs to offer physical fitness throughout the school day and beyond. Our featured sports this year are: Soccer, Dance, and Ninja Warrior Courses. All students will be developing a handful of skills in each sport through standards aligned stations, drills, and games. At the end of each trimester, we will have a school-wide culminating activity to celebrate what we have learned. Our Cubs' staff and students cannot wait to get moving this year!



## Canyon *High School*

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**Craig Abercrombie**  
*Principal*

### Continually Improving Facilities

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. There is a lot to be excited about as we get this year started at Canyon High School. We welcome our new and returning students back to our continually improving facilities on campus. This school year will be the first full year in our new 24-classroom STEM building! Our teachers and students will enjoy larger classrooms with all the modern technology and equipment necessary for 21st century learning activities. Additionally, our students will enjoy our new food services facility that opens this year and is centrally located directly across from the library. Other ongoing campus improvements with school branding and with our athletic facilities truly

create an environment for success. As we return, we look forward to our students, families, and community coming together once again to support Canyon High School. We hope to see you all at a Canyon High event this year!



# Canyon Hills

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**Dr. John Erratt**  
Coordinator

## Excited for the New School Year

As we prepare for the start of a new school year, we look forward to welcoming our students back and being able to engage in many of the activities and events that were suspended during the pandemic. We were happy to have most of our students from the regular school year attend our Extended School Year program and participate in themed activities including Hawaiian Day, Pet Day, and Independence Day.

The Canyon Hills faculty and staff are busy preparing new and interesting materials for students and planning our community-based instruction programs. Our community-based programs allow students to integrate classroom instruction with practice in the community including community safety, money, and communication skills. As part of our community-based programs,

students visit Canyon High School to spend time with peers while enjoying snacks from the Canyon High snack shop.

We are happy to welcome the OUSD Special Education Assessment Center to our campus this year. The Center is a comprehensive facility providing assessments for district students from various referral sources. We are excited to support the new Center at Canyon Hills.

The Canyon Hills Parent Group is an active part of our team, and we appreciate the time and support their members provide. The Parent Group supports the school as volunteers in our classrooms in addition to funding activities and supplemental instructional materials. We are always grateful for their support, and we encourage all our families to become involved with the organization.

Our faculty and staff are excited about the opportunities the new school year brings and look forward to another year of learning and growth.

## Canyon Rim *Elementary School*

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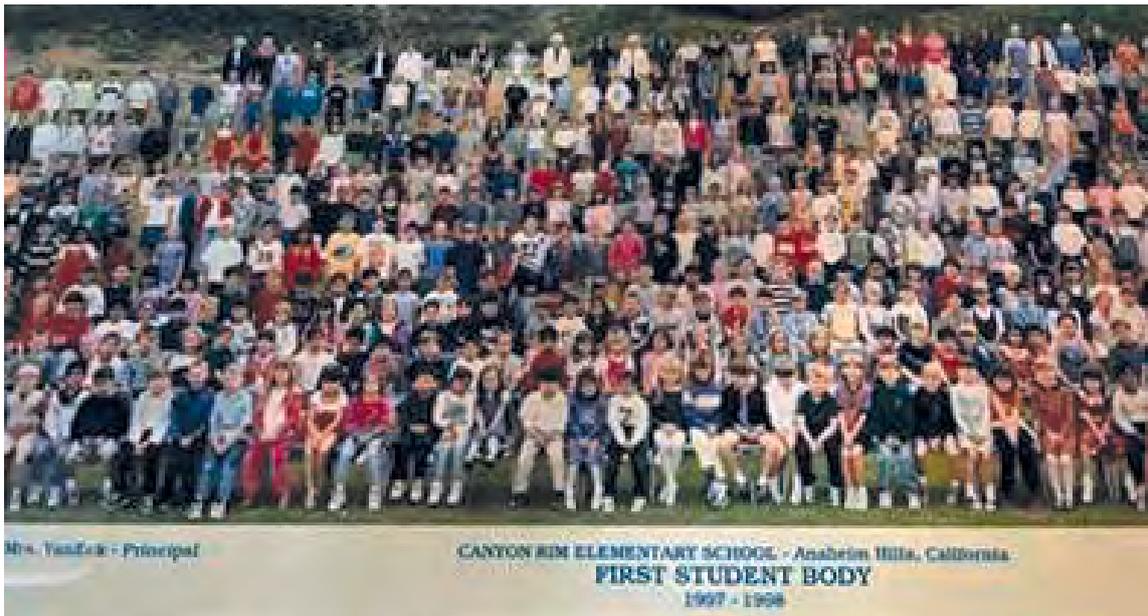
**Bree Tippets**  
Principal

## Happy 25th Anniversary

Canyon Rim opened on July 21st, 1997. This year, Canyon Rim will celebrate its 25th year of serving students, families, and our community. At Canyon Rim, our staff, alongside our families and community stakeholders, provide a safe and nurturing environment that supports all students' unique learning styles, empowers students to achieve academic success, encourages students to be life-long learners and

productive members of society competing in a global economy. In partnership with our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), the 2022-2023 school year will be a year that we celebrate our student, staff and school-wide achievement, success, and an important milestone. We look forward to celebrating our 25th year anniversary!

An anniversary is also a year to appreciate all of our current and former students, families, staff, community stakeholders, businesses and the Orange Unified School District for their support and effort that everyone has put in to making Canyon Rim a successful school.



## Cerro Villa *Middle School*

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**Madeline Morrison**  
*Principal*

### Summer Enrichment Program

Cerro Villa was pleased to offer our annual August Summer Enrichment Program to all students. This half-day program takes place the two weeks right before the beginning of the school year. The purpose of this program is to get students back in the routine of coming to school, familiarize

incoming students with our staff and campus, have an opportunity to make new friends, and gain some academic practice while having fun taking part in a variety of activities. This year, we offered students a rotation of STEM, Mandarin, and art electives. In STEM, students learned to fly airplanes using a flight simulator and built and launched rockets. In the Mandarin class, students were exposed to Chinese language and culture through art projects such as painting masks.

In addition, we offered a math bridge course for incoming ninth-grade students going into Math I which incorporates AVID strategies to better prepare students for success in high school. We hope you join us next summer!



## Chapman Hills *Elementary School*

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**Lana Merha**  
*Principal*

### Steam Lab

The CHE STEAM Lab will make its debut in 2022! For the past three years, our PTA has raised funds to support the creation of a STEAM Lab to

be a place for our Bobcats to be collaborative, creative, and innovative. Students will have a designated space equipped with new flexible seating where they can perform experiments based on Next Generation Science Standards and explore robotics, coding, Legos, 3-D printers, and green screen technologies.

As a result of last year's community support and generous donations, PTA will also be able to provide students with a STEAM Instructor who will lead our Bobcats in monthly STEAM challenges. PTA President Amy Watson shared,



"We cannot wait to see students learning in this new educational space! We're grateful to our parents, families, teachers, and Chapman Hills community for supporting this endeavor through PTA fundraising. Together we achieve great things for our students!"

## Crescent Elementary School

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**Antoinette Coe**  
Principal

### Setting Expectations is Key to Crescent's Student Success

Imagine walking into the first day of your new job where your boss shows you your workspace but provides little direction as to your company's expectations. Over the next few months, you observe others to learn the environment and culture until you finally feel comfortable and feel you can manage the company's unspoken expectations. Now

imagine how a child may feel when entering the first day of school and must learn and behave appropriately without knowing or understanding expectations. To avoid such needless stress, we introduced our expectations on the first day of school through the implementation of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) system.

PBIS's systematic approach is designed to build and sustain a positive culture and learning environment. Our system was created by our school team, designed to emphasize the teaching and modeling of expected

behaviors, positive recognition of students demonstrating these behaviors, and identify students that need additional support.

Prior to the start of school, our PBIS team developed a clear set of positive expectations. During the first week of school, time was set aside to explicitly teach what these expectations look like in various areas around campus. Throughout the year, we will continue to monitor student behaviors and reteach expectations when needed.

To encourage students to demonstrate positive behaviors in all areas of campus, we recognize students with "Pawsitive" tickets. Every Friday students can earn a prize through our behavior ticket drawing. In addition to the drawing, we recognize the entire student body's excellent behavior with a school-wide celebration each trimester.

Throughout the year, staff monitor each student's success and identify those that may need additional support. We believe that the implementation of a well-designed and fully supported system provides all students with a positive, safe, and predictable learning environment.

## El Modena High School

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**Sandra Preciado**  
Principal

### New Vanguard Aquatic Center

El Modena High School hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 2, 2022, for the new Vanguard Aquatic Center!

The new aquatic center is located adjacent to the new Science building that recently opened last spring. It is not only an expansion of the original pool built in 1972, but the Aquatic Center also features a new scoreboard, new LED deck, pool lights, new bathrooms, lockers, and snack bar area making this facility truly a state-of-the-art Aquatic Center. Arguably, the best

part of the El Modena Aquatic Center is the excitement that this has brought to our aquatics team.

Students, coaches, and faculty are all eager to adopt this space. Our Athletic Director, Edward Drzanek shared, "The El Modena Community is excited to see the completion of our new on campus aquatics complex and look forward to hosting league finals, home water polo games, and swim meets on site this upcoming season." His sentiment was echoed by head Water Polo Coach, Mr. Tim Craycraft. Mr. Craycraft shared, "In so many ways, this pool means so much to the El Modena water polo program. The kids are pumped up and so am I! Let's go ELMO!"



# El Rancho Charter *Middle School*

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## Welcome to El Rancho Charter School!

We are excited to return for our 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to having your students enjoy our many

electives, get involved in our ASB activities, and visit with our therapy dog Mojo. Our goal is to prepare our students for high school and beyond. Our “Future Ready Coyotes” will have many opportunities to make a positive impact while at school, and in our surrounding community. Our teachers and staff are all here to support you in your journey through middle school.

Let’s make it great year Coyotes!

**Michele Walker**  
*Principal*



# Esplanade *Elementary School*

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## First Day of School

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year, Esplanade Eagles! All of our teachers and school staff were busy preparing for the first day of school on August 17th. Esplanade provides a rich variety of exciting programs and opportunities on our campus such as AVID, visual and performing arts classes, extended library hours, the YMCA’s expanded learning program, State

Preschool and more! For parents and guardians, we have many ways to participate such as PTA, volunteering to help your child’s classroom teacher and/or by attending our School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC/DELAC) meetings. We are committed to the success of our students and look forward to partnering with our students, families, and the community. We are all in this together! We look forward to a wonderful school year full of growth and learning, together.

**Cheryl Sosa**  
*Interim Principal*



## Fairhaven *Elementary School*

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**Christina Hiraes**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Back Falcons!

We are incredibly excited for the 2022-2023 school year! Fairhaven is the proud recipient of many distinguished awards such as National Blue Ribbon, California Gold Ribbon, California Title 1 Academic Achievement, California Civic Learning Merit Award, and the California Pivotal Practice Award of 2022. Fairhaven has also been awarded a \$25, 000 grant to continue our growth and development of our exceptional Social Emotional Learning education. To instill the value of character and compassion, AVID Leadership and Goal

Setting, and Academic Achievement and College Readiness our teachers and staff work tirelessly for and on behalf of our students and community. This year Fairhaven is excited for our Expanded Learning Program that will provide before and after school care for our students. We believe that equity and inclusion are essential to a whole child development and students who leave Fairhaven have a greater understanding of these essential characteristics. We believe in the value of growth mindset and inquiry of continuous improvement and learning. As we ensure our students learn effective communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, we know they will be better prepared for college and beyond.

## Fletcher *Mandarin Language & GATE Academy*

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**Sara Pelly**  
*Principal*

### Fletcher has a New Name!

Fletcher Elementary School is now officially “Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy.” Housing one of the most established and successful Mandarin dual immersion (DI) programs in Orange County, Fletcher’s CSBA award-winning program is going into its 11th year, with the initial cohort entering Villa Park High School as juniors. Over the years, Fletcher became known throughout the county for their DI program, which currently serves students from 19 districts across Orange County, but it was never accurately reflected in the name.

Because many Fletcher Falcons, both in the DI and regular programs, qualify for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) in 4th grade, Fletcher introduced a

We have a new name!

## Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy



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cluster GATE program for 3rd graders, and a pull-out program for 4th – 6th graders, offered in both English and Mandarin.

Fletcher’s free, public program serves a very diverse population where the needs of all students are met! Go Falcons!!

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## Handy *Elementary School*

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**Erika Krohn**  
*Principal*

### Character Values

Handy is an outstanding elementary school nestled in a charming neighborhood in Orange. When your child is a Handy Hornet, you can be assured that not only is he/she receiving a high-quality education, but also will be surrounded by adults who truly care about his/her well-being. This school year, Handy scholars will focus on Character Values each month: Responsibility,

Respect, Gratitude, Generosity, Cooperation, Kindness, Grit, Confidence, and Friendship.

Handy Elementary has a strong reputation of academic excellence. In 2016, Handy Elementary School was named a Gold Ribbon School and earned the distinction of Title One

Academic Achievement School. Handy Elementary School proudly offers AVID strategies, restorative practices, one to one device program, Drone Team, Robotics Team, Mariachi Band, Accordion Group, Recycling/Composting Club, AVID Ambassadors, and academic interventions both during and after the school day. Handy Elementary has consistently exceeded goals in getting students to reclassify to fluent English speakers. For Handy scholars, college is not just a dream-it is the plan!

Our extraordinary school would not be possible without the influential and generous support of our newly formed Parent Teacher Association (PTA,) English Language Advisory Council (ELAC), and School Site Council (SSC) who are dedicated to promoting the education, health, and safety of children and families.



## Imperial *Elementary School*

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**Kristi McDougall**  
*Principal*

### Welcome Back!

Imperial Elementary's PTA had some exciting things planned for the first day of school. They had goodies waiting in the classroom and a warm and exciting welcome as students arrived. We were so excited to see all of our students!

The Orange Unified School District is working on a "Wellness" initiative this school year as we continue to recover from the instability of the past 2 years. Imperial staff will be focusing our attention on our PBIS, Social Emotional and Restorative Justice programs to make this year full of learning the expectations at school, self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making. All of these skills are necessary in life, not just at school. This year we will step up our positive student recognitions that will be



celebrated daily and at our weekly flag ceremonies on the blacktop. Our goal is for every student to feel like they are a part of our Imperial family!

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*Principal*

## Expanding Cutting-Edge Programs

Jordan Academy of Language and Computer Science continues to expand our cutting-edge programs this year by adopting curriculums for our 3rd grade students. This next level of instruction includes expanding learning

through LEGO Robotics and curriculum pathways from code.org for Computer Science as well as a more immersive and hands-on learning experience in Math using C-STEM and associated robotics learning. Last year, Jordan Academy was recognized as a Golden Bell winner for the results we are already seeing through our Computer Science and Dual Immersion programs. This is an amazing recognition of the hard work and dedication of the entire Jordan Academy staff, our students, families, and all involved. This is sure to be a challenging, but an exciting year with our next steps in Spanish and Computer Science!



## La Veta Elementary School

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**Lorena Rubio**  
*Principal*

## Sailing into a Bright Future

La Veta is ready for a new school year! The teachers and staff are central to the success of this school, but the future success of our school depends upon our ability to work together for the betterment of our students. For example, the stakeholders who volunteer

on committees such as School Site Council, English Language Acquisition Committee, and Parent Teacher Association, help La Veta Elementary School grow and thrive.

Our goal is to continue providing a positive and safe learning environment for all students. The school climate is enhanced through its special programs, assemblies, and activities;

many of which are sponsored by fundraising efforts of our PTA. La Veta Elementary School is a place where children feel safe while learning. This allows us to maintain high expectations for all students. We look forward to continuing to foster these partnerships while watching these Vikings SAIL into a bright future!



## Lampson *Elementary School*

13321 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/997-6153 • [www.orangeusd.org/lampson-elementary-school-k-5](http://www.orangeusd.org/lampson-elementary-school-k-5)



**Alejandra Pantoja**  
Principal

### Kicking off the School Year

Lampson Elementary is excitedly kicking off the school year! We have been looking forward to welcoming our Leopards and have a lot of exciting and enriching activities planned. We continue in our commitment to being an AVID Elementary School and supporting the foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System,

which prepares our Leopards to develop the skills to be college and/or career ready. We are committed to AVID's mission to close the achievement gap. In addition, we are looking forward to the relaunch of the weLAB and the exciting learning and innovation that will come from it. Our commitment to providing a rigorous, nurturing and exciting learning environment is at the core of everything we do. "Fostering critical thinkers today to solve tomorrow's challenges." Welcome to the 2022-23 school year Leopards"



## Linda Vista *Elementary School*

1200 N. Cannon St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6201 • [www.lindavistaelementary.com](http://www.lindavistaelementary.com)



**Renee Ybarra**  
Principal

### Welcome Back to School!

I am so excited for the 2022-23 at Linda Vista this year. This is my 27th year in education, and I have loved being an Orange Unified administrator for the past five years.

As a school, Linda Vista is passionate about students learning and gaining knowledge through a wide variety of experiences, both in and out of the classroom. We care deeply about the whole

child and understand that every aspect of a child's life impacts their learning. We focus on supporting students in their social and emotional lives, engaging in our community as awesome citizens, and utilizing technology to communicate ideas in creative ways.

We have a wonderful PTA that offers support for learning experiences beyond the classroom, such as

assemblies like Walk through California, Walk through the Revolution, and Walk through Ancient Times. Other assemblies include Science on the Go for each grade level and the Imagination Machine writing assembly for all grade levels. Our PTA also provides additional support for the Art Masters program for TK-6th grades and a PE Coach once per week for all students.

Additionally, Linda Vista offers Enrichment opportunities for students after school including a variety of sports, Science and STEM activities, and even foreign languages. This variety of experiences provides an environment that creates well-rounded students.

As we strive to be awesome citizens, we participate in community support through the American Heart Association, food drives, sock drives, and holiday toy drives. We practice our motto to "Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be Responsible" in everything we do on campus and in the community.

## McPherson Magnet *School*

333 S. Prospect St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6384 • [mcpersonhome.meteormail.net](http://mcpersonhome.meteormail.net)



**Brenna Godsey**  
*Principal*

### Summer Enrichment Camp

McPherson Magnet School welcomed incoming 6th graders to a summer enrichment camp in August! The focus of the

program was to provide an introduction and successful transition to middle school. Teachers Sarah Daniels, Lauri Truong, and Jodi Adams

provided fun engaging activities for students during the enrichment summer session. Students participated in AVID activities that gave them a head start as they adjust to managing seven classes as a middle schooler, including binder organization and note taking strategies. Also, to engage with McPherson's Magnet focus, students participated in a variety of STEM based activities including, 3-D printing and design challenges. A favorite activity by many students was building balloon bottle cars. Students worked

through the design process to build a car powered by the air released from a balloon. The sixth graders worked on and revised their designs to get the best results from their balloon car.



## Nohl Canyon *High School*

4100 E. Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 • 714/997-6203 • [www.orangeusd.org/nohl-canyon-elementary-school](http://www.orangeusd.org/nohl-canyon-elementary-school)



**Jeffrey Jones**  
*Principal*

### Family Buddy Program

At Nohl Canyon Elementary, our vision is to create an environment where all students and families feel welcomed. For the 2022-2023 school year, our parent group, Nohl Canyon School Association (NCSA), has developed a "Family Buddy" program. This program pairs

up new families with selected veteran families who support and share their experiences at Nohl Canyon. The "Family Buddy" program provides information on the ins and outs of life at Nohl Canyon. This community-building program creates an even more family environment than already present. To kick-start the "Family Buddy" program, Nohl Canyon hosted a "New Family" orientation prior to school beginning. All new families were invited to attend this orientation, where they met the Principal and NCSA Executive Board, gathered important information helpful



## Parent Opportunities

### Parent Buddy Program

Sign up to be paired with an existing Nohl Canyon family to help welcome you to our Community! They can help answer any questions, help meet other families, and connect new parents with volunteer opportunities!

for the first day of school (Bell Schedule, Parking lot instructions) and toured the school. Nohl Canyon is excited to continue building on community activities that welcome ALL families to attend.

## Olive Elementary School

3038 Magnolia Ave., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/637-8218 • [www.orangeusd.org/olive-elementary-school](http://www.orangeusd.org/olive-elementary-school)



**Heather Darrow**  
Principal

### Excited for the New School Year

Welcome to the beginning of another great year at Olive Elementary! As we begin the 2022-23 school year, we are already aiming high and setting the stage for our students to do well. As an AVID Elementary Showcase School, Olive students begin each year with a reminder of what it means to be a successful student, which means we also look at

what it means to be a successful educator. A big part of success is continuous improvement, through professional development for teachers, which translates into stronger instruction for students. This summer, Olive students and teachers were represented at the AVID Summer Institute! Our very own Olive Ocelots are the face of AVID Elementary across the country! Our teachers were so proud of their students on display at Summer Institute. More importantly, the teachers are excited to bring back their new learning so we can continue helping students build academic and scholarly language, which enhances collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Way to go, Ocelots!



## Orange High School

525 N. Shaffer St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6211 • [www.orangehighschool.org](http://www.orangehighschool.org)



**Sheryl Anderson-Glass**  
Interim Principal

### AVID Summer Institute

Welcome Back and we are off to a great start to the 2022 -2023 school year! Our Agriculture Department had an exceptional summer at the Chino Fair and Orange County Fair. Our students placed very well and had great experiences with the showing of their livestock and interacting with the community. The students have already begun planning for the new school year and the opportunities they would like to

challenge themselves with for next summer. Additionally, our teachers participated in the AVID Summer Institute to prepare for the upcoming visit as we are a National Demonstration School. One of our graduating seniors was chosen to represent Orange High School's AVID Program and to speak at the national conference in front of thousands of educators. What an honor it was to have such a great representative make an impact on so many. Our school community has been a tremendous support during these first few months. We look forward to accomplishing our academic goals and setting the bar higher as we develop positive relationships in the classroom and on campus. GO PANTHERS!



## Palmyra *Elementary School*

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**Christina Bletterman**  
*Principal*

### A Variety of Programs

Palmyra Elementary has a variety of programs; GATE-PACT, VAPA, SUCSESS-SPED, EL, AVID and ELOP/enrichment opportunities that endeavor to reach all students' essential educational goals. With this in mind, I wanted to share a little about my passion and personal connection as the leader of Palmyra. This last summer I had the opportunity to take my 85-year-old mother back home to see our family. It had been 10 years since we traveled back to the Netherlands. It offered me an opportunity to reflect on my story and my passion as an educator. I am from an immigrant family. 1st generation American. My father came to America under the Refugee Act of 1953 due to his internment in a Japanese Concentration Camp as a child in Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia. My first language

is Dutch. I am bilingual. My parents lived through World War II as children and suffered hardship that most cannot relate to. They did not have much formal education, yet their hard work and determination proved to be their strength.

Growing up in a family that was unlike my friends' created challenges for me in school. I struggled, failed, and persevered, ultimately becoming the Principal at Palmyra Elementary School. My story is unique but not unlike many stories of the families that attend Palmyra Elementary.

I share this with you to highlight that no matter your background — nationality, ethnicity, language, culture, history, education — you have value and are worth the fight to find success. Our school has a rich diversity. I am so proud to be at a school that includes all. My passion as Principal is to motivate students to be kind, respectful, ready, and build relationships that build successful future adults no matter the barriers that can get in the way.

## Panorama *Elementary School*

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**Erin Rosselli**  
*Principal*

### Celebrating Our 55th Year

Established in 1967, Panorama is celebrating our 55th year! We are looking forward to celebrations throughout the year to commemorate our past, current, and future Panthers. We will be inviting alumni to share their college and career experiences and decorating wall tiles to cement our memories.

We have prepared our campus for the new year by installing two murals. Our entry

mural proudly displays our school vision: Preparing, valuing, and empowering our scholars to learn, lead, and succeed. This vision guides our decision-making as we continue with our implementation of our school mission: Panorama supports our scholars in developing a resilient growth mindset to confidently learn, purposefully adapt, and empathetically lead in our evolving community and world. To support our mission, we will continue our focus on social-emotional learning with our OCDE grant and partnership.

Our vision and mission serve as our beacon as we begin our 55th year!



## Portola Preparatory Academy

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**Jeff Morgan**  
Principal

### Preparing for College and Career

We are excited for the 2022-23 school year to roll out as Portola Preparatory Academy. The first cohort of students will begin this year. We currently have 27 6th graders who will be a part of the first cohort in the Academy. This program will be a school-within-a-school model and will serve those students seeking to enter Orange High School's [Early College Academy Program](#).

The goal of Portola Preparatory Academy is to get every student prepared for college and career. Students that follow the course sequence through Portola Preparatory Academy

and Orange High School's Early College Academy will have substantial credit toward their two-year associate degree.

This year we have revamped our Mission, Vision, and our School-Wide PBIS acronym. Our new acronym is P.R.E.P., Prepared, Responsible, Excellence, & Perseverance. These four characteristics will be the driving force in getting our students college and career ready. Our rebrand is not just for the Academy, but a school-wide philosophy so that all our matadors are ready for what is next. Through an AVID lens and being supported as a [Verizon Innovative Learning Schools \(VILS\)](#), we will prepare all of our students to be college and career ready and successful here at Portola Prep as well as in the future.

## Prospect Elementary School

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**Mary Hinton**  
Principal

### Strategic Kids

Prospect is excited to start the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to our continued partnership with Strategic Kids. Their program provides Chess Club, Cartooning, Origami classes, and Masters of the Field sports games. Additional programs such as Legos are in the works!

Also, Prospect is pleased to announce the return of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to our campus, and excited for our youngest learners to see their newly outfitted classroom with all its fun and engaging activities. TK serves students whose birthdate is between September 2, 2017 - February 2, 2018. Students enjoy a creative and well-designed set of curriculums which focuses on social emotional learning, play, and academics.

Prospect is thrilled to welcome parents back on campus. Be on the lookout for our newly forming PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), our existing SSC (School Site Council) and ELAC (English Language Advisory Committee) meetings.



Finally, four more Prospect teachers were fortunate to attend AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Summer Institute held in Anaheim this summer. AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Teachers have high expectations and utilize collaboration, inquiry, and organization.

We anticipate a great year with many wonderful opportunities for enrichment, learning, and making friends!

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## Richland *High School*

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**Lisa Ogan**  
*Principal*

### Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year and Home of the Condors!

Richland is excited to start a new year and serve the needs of our students! We reaffirmed our WASC accreditation for the next six years, through June 2028. In addition, we are recognized and honored as a California Model Continuation High School (pictured with our Leadership class)

Richland SOARs through guided school-wide practices aimed at developing Skilled, Organized, Accountable, and Respectful young

people. Many outstanding and unique opportunities for students are provided at Richland: academic success with its four-quarter system, credit recovery programs, dual enrollment classes, early graduation options, personalized education plans, and flexible class scheduling. Richland, with its highly qualified and caring administration and staff, has created a learning environment that fosters social emotional health and wellness. Our practices are embedded in positive behavior reinforcement strategies, encourage student creativity and leadership, and continually celebrate student success. Go Condors!



## Running Springs *Elementary School*

8670 E. Running Springs Dr., Anaheim, CA 92808 • 714/281-4512 • [www.orangeusd.org/running-springs-elementary-school](http://www.orangeusd.org/running-springs-elementary-school)



**Christina Yokoyama**  
*Principal*

### International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Running Springs Elementary School is continuing to implement the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)! The PYP is a framework and philosophy for teaching and learning that emphasizes international-mindedness, inquiry-based learning, and student agency. The IB programme strives to help students develop into active, caring, and inquisitive life-long learners.

During the 2021-2022, the teachers of Running Springs taught all their curriculum within the framework of the Primary Years Programme. Additionally, all students at Running Springs received Spanish instruction for 30

minutes each week as learning an additional language is an important component of the IB programme. Furthermore, Running Springs Elementary School submitted the application for authorization to pursue becoming an IB World School and completed a virtual verification visit with two IB educators. We are hoping to become authorized as an IB World School this fall!

In the 2022-2023 school year, Running Springs is looking forward to continuing to improve our program by focusing on further developing our practices of student inquiry and agency. We believe that giving students voice, choice and ownership in their learning allows them to develop a strong sense of self-efficacy as well as learn the skills they need to make a positive difference in the world.

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# Santiago Charter *Middle School*

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**Dr. James D'Agostino**  
Co-Principal



**Ashley Pedroza**  
Co-Principal

## Conservatory of the Arts

Santiago Charter Middle School is proud to open the 2022-2023 School Year with some new, unique programs!

We will be kicking off this year with the opening of our brand-new Santiago Conservatory of the Arts. With three branches in Musical Theater, Visual

Arts and Instrumental Music, students accepted into the Conservatory will have the opportunity to get weekly individual coaching by professionals at no cost. Conservatory Students will have regular opportunities throughout the year to share their talents in our community and will end the year with an arts showcase that will highlight all they have learned. The Santiago Conservatory is the first of its kind and will highlight so many Santiago students and their unique gifts!

In addition to the Santiago Conservatory, this year we are launching our after-school Expanded Learning Program. Here, students will have daily opportunities to attend after-school classes until 6 PM throughout the year. Classes include supported homework time in a structured, quiet workspace, and unique course offerings that focus on enrichment opportunities that are different from what is provided during the school day! As a support to families and students, we are offering this program on a first-come, first-serve basis, and at no cost to Santiago students. We are excited to offer this extended day so students can further explore their interests while in middle school.

Similarly, many of our Santiago programs are coming back full force for 22-23! This includes our after-school sports programs, our elective programs offering over 22 different enriching electives and our exceptional honors and support programs aimed at helping students become college and career ready. With all we are offering this year, Santiago is living our mission to provide our middle school students with opportunities to learn, explore, and grow!

# Serrano *Elementary School*

17741 Serrano Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6275 • [www.orangeusd.org/serrano-elementary-school](http://www.orangeusd.org/serrano-elementary-school)



**Laura Kresl**  
Principal

## Back to School Bash

We are excited to welcome back our Serrano Eagles for the 2022-23 school year! This year we had our first Back to School Bash. We invited all our families onto campus the evening before school started so that they were able to see where their child's classroom is and then enjoy a meal from our In-In-Out truck! The event brought our families together and gave everyone

a chance to step foot on campus before the first day of school. We are looking forward to more family events as the year continues to bring together and strengthen our Eagle community.



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### Sycamore Elementary a School of Excellence

On August 1st, 2022, Sycamore Elementary was awarded the 2021-2023 National PTA School of Excellence designation. A prestigious recognition, which symbolizes Sycamore's community's incredible work as national leaders in developing strong family-school partnerships. Sycamore Elementary School was the only Orange County school to get this designation and one of 18 other schools in the state of California. This recognition is a testament that Sycamore is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and scholarly environment for all students, staff, and families. To strengthen the

community bonds with the school, developing a strong self-sustainable Sycamore PTA was a main objective for the 2021-2022 school year.

The success of Sycamore's collaborative environment is clearly reflected in the following sentiment expressed by one of many stakeholders surveyed, "The staff has made great efforts to keep families involved during these crazy and hectic times. Thank you for all your support. I have a child in special education, and I can't be more grateful for all the support." This was possible through the PTA Toolkit which provided Sycamore PTA the resources needed to effectively guide us to make our Sycamore PTA stronger and better able to collaborate, communicate, and implement its shared vision with the community in support of our students.

## Taft *Elementary School*

1829 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/997-6254 • [www.orangeusd.org/taft-elementary-school](http://www.orangeusd.org/taft-elementary-school)



### Summer of Exploration Program

The staff at Taft is enthusiastic and eager to welcome back our students and families! This summer we were fortunate to host two other elementary schools on our beautiful campus for the OUSD Summer of Exploration Program. Students were able to participate in tons of engaging activities and make new friends along the way. We are looking forward to a year full of learning, leadership, growth and FUN! We plan to have more options for students to participate in before and after school activities, including the return of the Boys and Girls Club Afterschool Program, an additional After School Program to expand the number of students we can support, and Tiger Club powered by Camp Fire, which is a before school program that will start at 7:15 each morning. We are inviting several other companies onto our campus to provide new and exciting enrichment clubs for our interested students. If you would like to see any specific programs offered at Taft during after school enrichment time, please contact us and share your ideas! We are hoping to build a dynamic, diverse program that excites and motivates all our Taft Tigers! We value your input and look forward to creating a rewarding, positive learning experience for all. See you soon and follow us on Instagram @tafttigersousd  
Go Tigers!



## Villa Park *Elementary School*

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**Rochelle Morga**, *Interim Principal*

### Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 School Year!

Teachers, students, and staff were excited to start the year with everyone on campus. They welcomed VPE's new Principal. In addition, VPE was thrilled to meet the new TK and Kindergarten students at the Kindergarten Round-Up on August 16th.

VPE's Parent groups, Home and School League and Dad's Club are fabulous supports to the school. They organize many fun activities for the students and families such as Jog-a-Thon, Spring Carnival, Holiday Store, Family Fun Nights, Camp Bobcat and After School Enrichment classes, which may include Chess, Sewing, Legos, Drawing and Dance.

VPE offers several programs that include Art Masters for grades Kindergarten through 6th, Visual and Performing Arts for 5th and 6th grade, and Sports for Learning will continue to run the physical education



classes for all grades. Last year, the school implemented an after school sixth grade Robotics Club and would like to continue implementing the program.

Go Bobcats!

## Villa Park *High School*

18042 Taft Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/532-8020 • [www.villaparkhigh.org](http://www.villaparkhigh.org)



**Dennis McCuiston**  
*Principal*

### Wellness Center

Villa Park High School is pleased to announce the opening of our Wellness Center! In partnership with the Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange County Department of Education, Orange Unified School District, and Villa Park High School Parent Faculty Student Organization, we are excited to introduce a space located here on campus focused on supporting the social emotional well-being of our students and staff in the Villa Park High School community. Our Wellness Center will be an extension of our counseling program and will be supported by qualified school and district staff.

Our trajectory for the Wellness Center is to explore the various ways in which we can support the social emotional learning of our students and staff. We understand the importance of mental health and have constructed a framework for our Wellness Center that encourages the community to engage in meaningful and intentional wellness. We had the honor of having the Orange County Department of Education Wellness Team design our Wellness Center and have created an environment that allows for social emotional growth and promotes everyday wellness. We also plan to implement different activities and wellness workshops that will actively support the mental health of our community here at Villa Park High School.

We are eager and beyond delighted to see all the positive contributions that the Wellness Center will bring to Villa Park High School. Stay well, Spartans!



## West Orange *Elementary School*

243 S. Bush St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6283 • [www.orangeusd.org/west-orange-elementary-school-k-5](http://www.orangeusd.org/west-orange-elementary-school-k-5)



### Ready for the New School Year

West Orange Elementary is excited to kick off the 2022-2023 school year with new innovative ways to engage our students and school community. Our families will have monthly STEAM Projects where they can work together to solve engineering

problems. Also new this year is our Healthy Me Challenge. The Healthy Me Challenge motivates students to stay healthy and active all month long with daily physical activity. For August, we are staying active by doing 25 sit-ups a day. Students, staff, and the school community are encouraged to get their workouts in daily!

This year we are continuing our Monday Math Word Problems for TK-5th Grade students. Students have an opportunity to answer a challenging math problem for a chance to win Warrior Bucks! We are also continuing our UC Davis CSTEM program for students in Kinder-5th



grade. Students will engage in math while learning how to code at a higher critical thinking level. We are also continuing our I-Ready monthly challenge, where students compete against another classroom. 2022-2023 school will be a spectacular year for our Warriors!!!

## Yorba *Academy of the Arts Middle School*

935 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6161 • [www.orangeusd.org/yorba](http://www.orangeusd.org/yorba)



### Toro Center

Yorba Middle School has created the Toro Center to address the social emotional needs of our students. The center offers a welcoming environment

where students go to help regulate emotions, create lasting friendships, and seek solace in times of need. In addition, Yorba Middle School's amazing counselors provide individual and small group support for students who need a calm break anytime during the school day. During lunch the center serves as a safe space for individuals to make friends, play a game, or just relax on the bean bags and cushions. The center contains a calm corner, virtual calming room, giant coloring poster, mini library, and board games. Academic



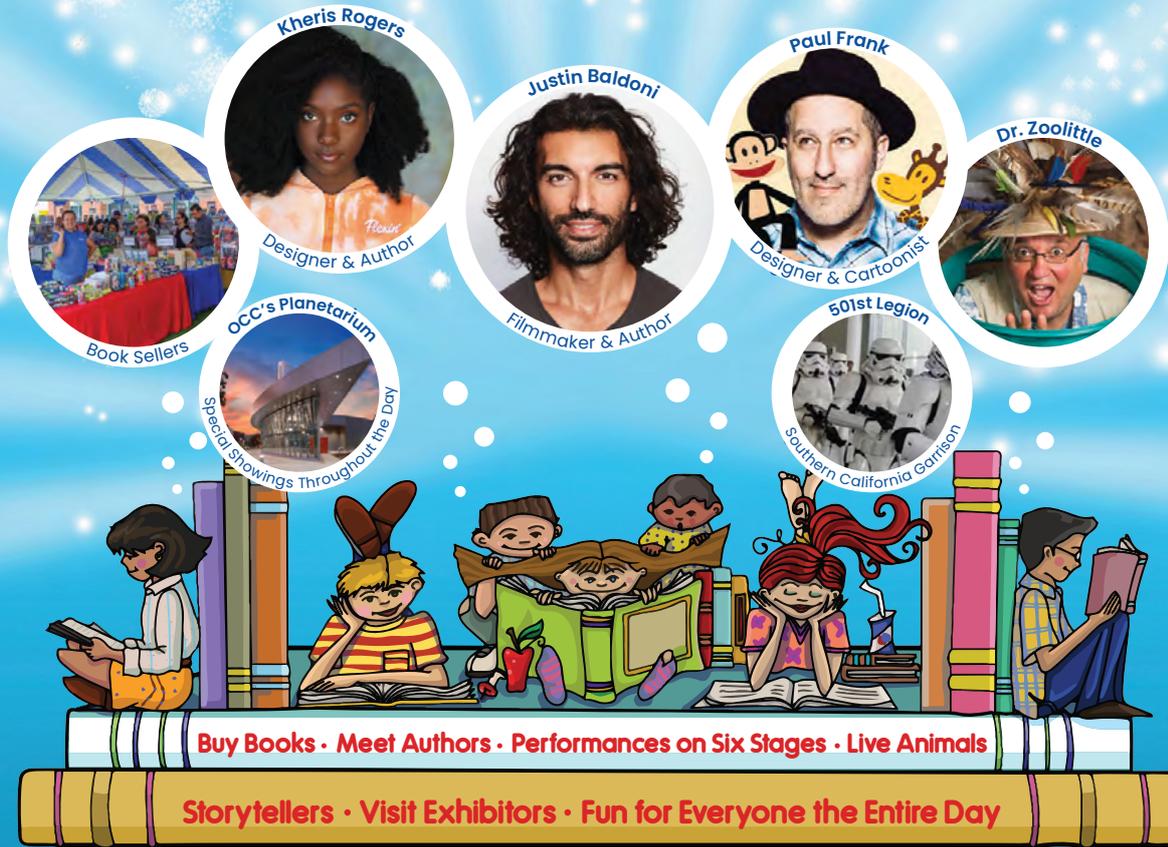
support is also offered after school as well. The positive impact on student morale has been evident and we look forward to building on last year's successes to provide additional support for the students at Yorba Middle School.

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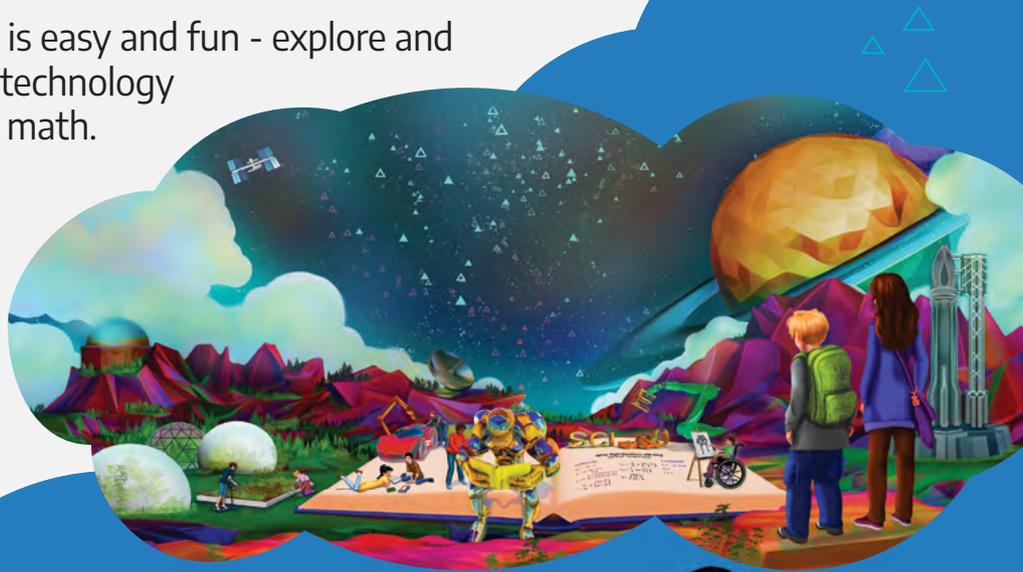
Presented by Orange County Children's Book Festival

**OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 4, 2022**

The second annual **S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge** is here!

Winning rewards and prizes is easy and fun - explore and read stories about science ▶ technology ▶ engineering ▶ the arts and math.

Everyone who finishes the challenge gets a personalized certificate of completion and a goodie bag.



**Eager readers earn virtual tickets to win bonus prizes! Here are just some**

- ▶ Book bundles
- ▶ Coding lessons
- ▶ Chromebook



Visit **ReadSteam.org** to sign up

**Science ▲ Technology ▲ Engineering ▲ Arts ▲ Mathematics**

- ▶ Registration begins **October 1, 2022**
- ▶ Open to SoCal students' grades TK-12
- ▶ Endorsed by the Orange County Department of Education