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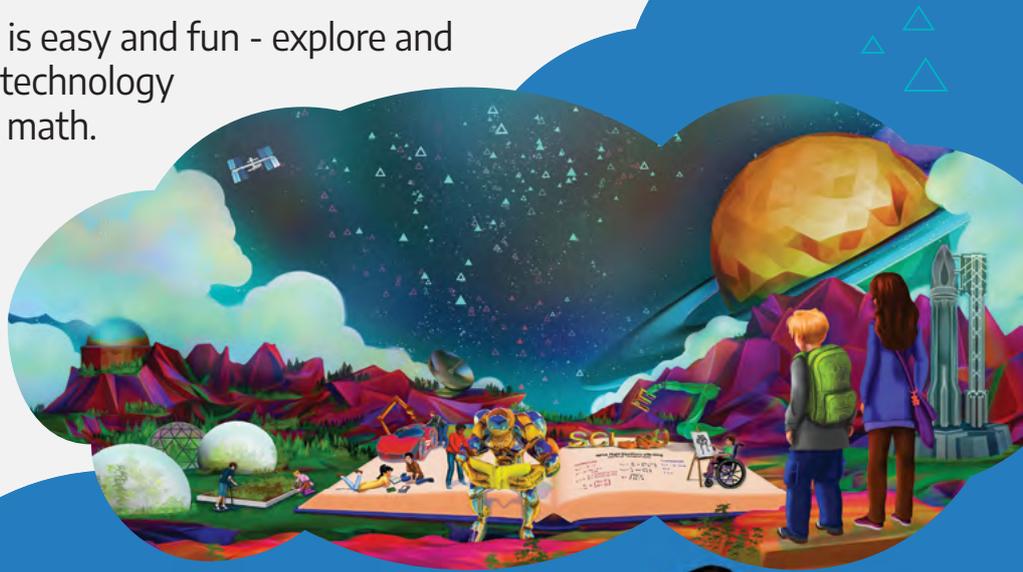
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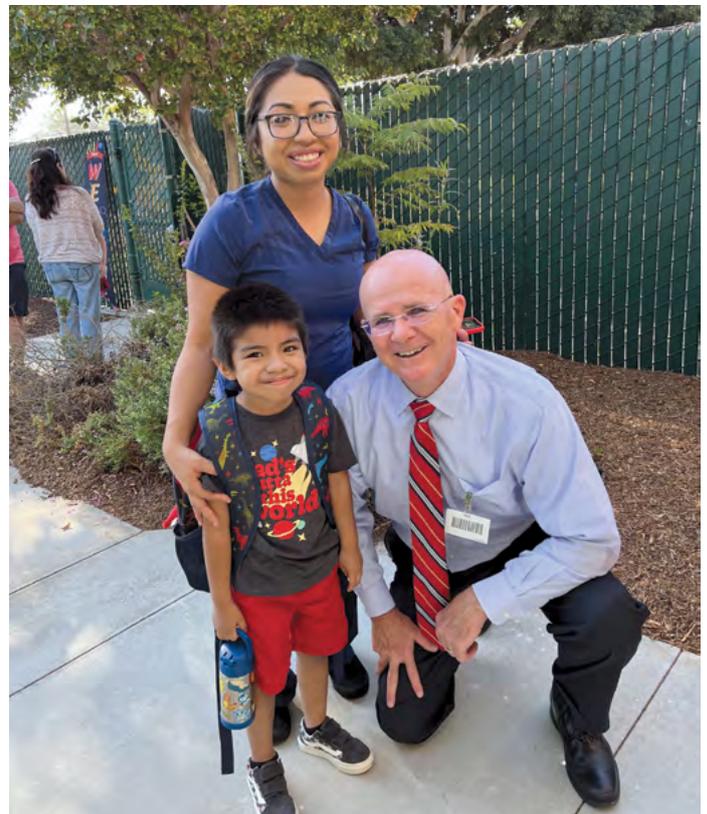
...And We're Off!

We are so excited to welcome our students back for the 2022-2023 school year! Our teachers, support staff, principals, administrators, parents, and Board of Trustees share high expectations for student achievement. We are all committed to quality instructional programs that meet the needs of all students.

In order to support the strong foundation we've built for continued success, we are focused on student and staff connections, a culture of collaboration and respect, a safe learning environment, and a strong partnership with parents.

We will continue to enhance our educational programs in an effort to progress and attain greater levels of achievement for our students. This includes providing effective daily instruction, social emotional learning, and enhancing our enrichment and support services. Our leading purpose is to ensure all students are well prepared for success, academically and emotionally today, in high school, and beyond!

We are looking forward to an outstanding school year! Thank you for supporting our schools and partnering with us to make a difference in the lives of children.



Superintendent Dr. Michael Conroy welcoming and interacting with students on the first day of school.



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Welcome back to a new school year. Dr. Conroy begins this issue on page 3 with his welcome. As you read the school articles in this issue you can almost feel the student's excitement of being back in the classroom.

We have included our student book reviews on pages 25-27. If your child would like to be a student columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for specifics. And word search contests are on pages 25 & 27 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is November 2.



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Sensational Summer Education Academy

Ocean View School District hosted a very successful Summer Education Academy (SEA) that provided instruction that focused on literacy, math, and enrichment opportunities for students. The program was supported by 77 dedicated teachers and served 1,381 students over 19 days, with 76 hours of learning. The Summer Education Academy was held from July 5 through August 4, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 am -12:00 pm each day for students in grades TK-7.

The goals of the SEA were to increase student achievement through additional instruction; provide intensive, strategic support through smaller class sizes; and support social-emotional well being through interactions and relationship building.

Each day, students were provided with:

- Daily whole group mini-lessons on grade-level priority standards
 - Supported keeping students on track with grade level expectations
 - Based on best instructional practices & high leverage learning strategies
 - Preplanned by Teaching & Learning Team to provide consistency
- Daily small group instruction differentiated by students' needs
 - Supported filling in individual instructional gaps
 - Teacher planned & supported by i-Ready Personalized Learning Platform
- Time built into the day for additional enrichment
- Science, art, social emotional learning, physical education, and more
 - Teacher planned



Students participating in our Summer Education Academy.

We were delighted with the Summer Education Academy turnout, as well as the positive feedback from both parents and students. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to the amazing teachers that went above and beyond to make this a special experience for our students. Plans are already underway for an even better program next summer!



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Mayor

Citizens Academy

September will be the month to remember!

Hope you and yours are settling back into the routines now that summer is officially over. Back to work or back to school, it's time to hustle as we near the end of 2022.

One of the things I'm most proud of in my tenure on the City Council was creating the annual Citizens Academy. We have offered the nine-week course to teach residents and business owners about the City and the services it provides. And now this month, we kick off a mini version of program to our local 6th to 8th graders with a Junior Citizens Academy Program! Starting Thursday, September 29, students will learn more about our local government, including how our City operates and collaborates with other agencies to provide the community with essential services. Community service hours will be awarded each month. The Academy will be 6:30 - 7:30pm at City Hall. City staff has been working diligently with administration from each junior high to select top candidates to participate. For more information, please call 714.536.5237.

September is jam packed with events so make sure you visit SurfCityBreak.com for all the latest happenings in Surf City. The City welcomes the International Surfing Association (ISA) for the 2022 ISA World Surfing Games, September 16 - 24. This the fourth time Surf City has hosted the competition, and surfers from 51 countries compete to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Check out the closing ceremonies happening at Pier Plaza on Sat., September 24 at 1:30pm.

Lastly, don't forget the Pacific Air Show roars into town the week of Sept. 26 with shows Sept. 30 - Oct. 2!

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Uterine Fibroids are Common, But How Does it Affect Pregnancy and Fertility?



Elizabeth H West, M.D.,
obstetrics and gynecology specialist, FACOG, MemorialCare Medical Group – Douglas Park

Uterine fibroids are the most common noncancerous tumors in women of childbearing age. Approximately three million women in the United States have fibroids. Fibroids are made up of muscle cells and other tissues that grow in and around the wall of the uterus. Some women may experience symptoms if they have fibroids, such as:

- Heavy periods
- Feeling full in the lower abdomen
- Urinating often
- Lower back pain
- Reproductive problems

If a woman happens to experience symptoms of fibroids or if it is suspected that fibroids are present during a routine exam, tests may be ordered to help confirm the diagnosis, such as an ultrasound or an MRI.

Approximately 10 to 30 percent of women with fibroids develop complications during pregnancy. The most common complication of fibroids during pregnancy is pain.

Treatment for fibroids is decided on a case-by-case basis. It is based on the symptoms a person experiences, what is found during a routine pelvic exam, and the fibroids' size/shape/location.

During pregnancy, treatment for uterine fibroids is limited because of the risk to the baby. A treatment option for pregnant women is removing the fibroids during a C-section delivery. As this is a risky procedure, this is only done if necessary. The safest way to treat fibroids is to remove them before pregnancy or after the post-partum period.

If you're planning a pregnancy and have been diagnosed with fibroids or suspect you have them schedule an appointment with your doctor. Knowing if you have uterine fibroids before will help ensure that you and your baby are safe throughout the pregnancy.

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Sue Broderson
*Principal on
Special Assignment*

Early Learning Preschool Programs

And we're off! What an exciting start to the new school year!

Our three preschool sites are up and running. This is such an exciting but emotional time for our students and their families. Gradually releasing your child to preschool can cause some fear and anxiety as many of our students haven't yet been out in the world so freely because of Covid.

We understand the mixed emotions that this can create for families. To help our parents and guardians learn a little more about attending preschool, Oak View hosted an in-person parent information meeting prior to the start of school. Parents learned about communicating with the school and staying connected using social media, how to become a volunteer, school hours and class schedules, food and nutrition, reporting absences, and how to become involved in our Parent Advisory Committee. They also learned that our preschool program offers monthly parent education classes on parent-suggested topics such as developmental milestones and building responsibility.

We value the partnership that we have with our families, and hope that we can bring more parents and guardians back into the classroom as volunteers. Our room was packed with excited and motivated parents who were eager about this new phase for their family.

Earlier in the day, our newest students had a wonderful time meeting their teachers at the morning Meet and Greet. Students came both excited and cautious when arriving on campus. Some were seasoned pros with a year of preschool under their belt, while others were more cautious.



Meet the Teacher



Parent Information Meeting

Parents and guardians came back later that night for the Back to School event, and had the opportunity to experience sitting in preschool chairs while they learned about what their child will be learning during the next year.

What a wonderful beginning to what will become an unforgettable new school year. Thank you, Early Learning Preschool families for joining us at these important events, and for being the best role models for your children. We appreciate all of you!

Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jessica Haag
Principal

It's a Great Day to Be an Eagle!

And we're back! We had another wonderful start to the school year, and we are so excited to learn, progress, and achieve in 2022-2023. We had so many Eagles soar back onto campus and were happy to welcome many new Eagles to Circle View Elementary School. We have been making connections and learning about the power of yet, growth mindsets, and so much more. We followed the lead of our superintendent, Dr. Conroy, and focused on making connections before

content. We are going to be successful because we are measuring our moods, learning breathing techniques, getting to know each other, participating in community circles, remembering that our words matter, collaborating, working together, and saying positive affirmations. We do all this because Eagles SOAR! We are S = Safe, O = On Time, A = Always Respectful, R = Ready to Learn. When our teachers focus on connections before content, we really are ready to learn. We love Circle View! If you are interested in our school, please check out our school website (circle.ovsd.org) and/or follow us on Instagram (@circle_view_eagles)



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College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Elaine Burney
Principal

College View receives the Silver for PBIS!

Congratulations to College View for being awarded the PBIS Silver Level Implementation Award from the California PBIS Coalition. Our PBIS leadership team, consisting of the principal, select teachers and staff, and a parent, analyzed school data from student and parent surveys, and established goals. With these goals in mind, the PBIS team met monthly to enhance best practices along with our schoolwide monthly traits program

to provide a positive school climate. Team members also met with our Student Council each month to solicit student voice and input regarding our established goals and data from monthly discipline reviews. Students collaboratively worked to enrich our school environment in various ways. Each week at our Friday Flag Assemblies, council members would provide students strategies for calm breathing and other positive social-emotional support strategies. Students recorded news episodes that were broadcast schoolwide and lead various positive campaigns. Thank you to the team, staff, and students for all your hard work.



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Lori Florgan
Principal

Students are Building Classroom Communities

Golden View staff uses Restorative and Community circles to build the relationships and communities within their classrooms. Throughout the week, you will see students circled up with their teacher and peers while they engage in meaningful conversations that build the relationships and skills students need to support one another and

collectively address the challenges they face. Starting the school year off this way allows opportunities for students to build trusting relationships with one another with the idea that they carry these lessons out onto the playground and into their lives outside of school. In addition, students have weekly mindfulness messages and mindful moments where students learn and practice calming breathing techniques to help them get through strenuous situations. Calming scenery and nature sounds are also heard and seen around campus creating a calming atmosphere.



Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Francesca Ligman
Principal

Harbour Honors Patriot's Day

For decades, Harbour View has held a tribute to the tragic event on Sept. 11, 2001. Before it was named Patriot's Day, Harbour View gathered the community and our first responders to honor the lives lost during the horrific attack. This tradition continues. Harbour students assembled on Sept. 9, 2022, wearing their patriotic wear, our scouts in uniform and many invited guests, like our School Resource Office,

Jose Gonzalez and parent, Detective Heffner. All participated in a moment of silence dedicated to our heroes, police, firefighters, families, teachers, and friends. The fifth-grade students lead the assembly with announcements and our Scouts lead the community in the pledge. The students raised their mini flags and sang "I am Proud to be an American" as a moving closure to the event. There as not a dry eye amongst the adults, but more importantly, the students will never forget. Learning about and understanding the recent history helps shape our students for the future.



Hope View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

Systems and Routines

At Hope View we know the importance of ensuring our students know the systems and routines on campus to be successful. We also know that holding high expectations for student behaviors will increase student learning and self-efficacy. This is a very important part of the learning process and for this reason, all areas of our campus have a “behavior

matrix” that requires the explicit teaching and practicing of learned skills. Pictured here are a few locations where teachers are teaching the students what the expectations are for this game/area. Teachers and staff take this time at the beginning and middle of each year to ensure ALL students have been taught what to expect. Hope’s Making a Difference tickets (MAD tickets) are one way we continue to encourage good decisions on campus once behaviors are taught. Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports go beyond just the playground rules but this is a very important piece to our PBIS systems and supports.



Hope View teachers sharing playground expectations.

Lake View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jill
Van Der Linden**
Principal

Lion Pride Assembly

A much loved monthly event at Lake View is our Lion Pride Assembly. During this assembly we celebrate the achievements of our students and build community. For our first assembly we reviewed our character trait of the month which is safety. Each month we focus on a character trait and teach our students what the characteristic is and ways that they can demonstrate it. During this month we focus on safety. Teachers and staff spend time to ensure that our students know what the LakeView expectations are thus setting students up for success. We also send the

expectations home to parents so that they are also aware of the school expectations. Partnering with parents is essential.

A special guest appearance by our school mascot, Leo the Lion, is always a big hit with our students. Leo is a local celebrity who gets cheers when entering the assembly. Leo accompanies our PTO who announces upcoming events for our school.

Lastly, we will all join together in a lake View chant. As this is the beginning of the school year, we need to learn the lyrics and gestures that go along with the chant. This is a wonderful way to end the assembly and the energy is palpable. Community is so important and the monthly assembly is a component that builds community.



School News Roll Call
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Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

Team Building Activities

There was much excitement in the air as our students returned to campus for the 2022-2023 school year. Marine View students were welcomed back with positive messages all around campus written by our teachers and staff. The positive energy continued as our students participated in orientation

activities throughout the week. Through these activities, students were able to learn more about our campus and school wide expectations, they were able to get to know a little more about the teachers and staff on campus, as well opportunities to get to know each other. During this time, students also participated in various team-building activities where collaboration and teamwork were essential to complete the task at hand. As the week continued students learned the keys to becoming a scholar, put their organizational skills to work and gained insight on how to be a successful middle school student.

The excitement continued to radiate here at Marine View as we learned for the second year in a row our school achieved the Silver Level Recognition from the California PBIS Coalition. We are very proud of the dedication and hard work of our staff and students, we are very excited for what is to come for the 2022-2023 school year and the Marine View community.



Mesa View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Jady Grunbaum
Principal

Mesa View, Where Everybody Belongs!

I am Jady Grunbaum, and this year is my 4th year as the PROUD Principal of Mesa View. It is an amazing place with a strong sense of community, connectivity, and empathy. A big reason for that is the strength in our students and staff and how much emphasis we place in connecting to one another. Every year for many years at Mesa View our ASB (Associated Student Body) and WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) student leadership classes run an amazing sixth grade orientation for all of our newest Eagles. This year was no exception, and our six graders were welcomed to a wonderful orientation with amazing student leaders and our leadership teachers Mrs. Croal and Mrs. Roberts. Prior to this Orientation, our teachers and student leaders met for multiple days of training to ensure they were ready to support our new students. On the Orientation day, students got to know each other, along with some of their seventh and eighth grade mentors. Students worked on team building exercises, icebreakers, and also got an introduction to the

school site before that somewhat scary first day of school. Middle School is a major transitional year, and we take that very seriously, knowing parents and students entrust us to make sure students are supported and cared for. As a result of this Orientation day, our newest incoming students were well-prepared for the first few days of school. In addition, for the last few years, our leadership students have been utilizing a service-based curriculum, and have been building their skills up to focus on servant leadership here at Mesa View. We learn about serving our community, making positive connections, and leading with kindness. It's one of the first ways we help build community and connection here at Mesa View.



Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Jenna Landero
Principal



Scenes from a great opening of the 2022-23 school year at Oak View Elementary.



Spring View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Isis Ortiz
Interim Principal

Excitement!

Hello, my name is Isis Ortiz, newly appointed principal to Spring View Middle School. I am excited to be collaborating alongside our new Assistant Principal, Jared de Lachia, where our motto is to Do the Right Thing. We both model our L.E.A.D. (Learning Together, Empowering Others, Achieving Goals, Discovering Our Potential) as Spring View leaders. Our goal as administrators is to make sure our students feel safe and ready to learn. The first three days of school were full of excitement and activities. This allowed us the time to pause and get to know our students. Teachers are making meaningful connections with our students, and families by reaching out with positive phone calls, emails,

and handwritten note cards letting them know they are important and valued.

In addition... New to Spring View this year is our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. We are excited to have over 90 students enrolled in our AVID elective classes and will learn strategies that revolve around five important components of education: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading which will help prepare them for high school and college. This school year our AVID students will be participating in various college field trips. Our first field trip for our Spring View students will be visiting USC to tour the campus and watch a football game. The Spring View staff is looking forward to engaging with each student and providing them with the tools necessary to have a successful school year. I look forward to a fun-filled year as a Spring View Spartan.



8th Grade AVID class

Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Paul Kraft
Principal

Building Relationships

Star View Elementary School roared into the new school year with an eye on academics and making connections with our students and families. Throughout the school you'll see teachers engaging with their students through activities focused upon building relationships and getting to know each other. You'll also see students involved in activities designed to connect with each other.

The principal, Paul Kraft, is connecting with students as well by meeting with students from every class each week where the students share something of which they are proud.

Star View's Back to School Night was a great opportunity to invite families in to make connections and show off all the great teaching and learning already occurring this year.

Along with a focus on making connections, the students are participating in engaging learning activities including music and art instruction. Finally, the students have been challenged to read 1 million minutes collectively this year and are voting on a fun incentive they can earn when the mission is accomplished!



3rd graders participating in music instruction at Star View

Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Tami Benane
Principal

Marine Animal of the Month

Mrs. Julianna's 4th grade class is working on projects that include a dolphin. The month of September is Dolphin month at Village View. All our classes from TK – 5th

are working on dolphin projects for the month of September. Students are learning new facts about dolphins every Monday. Students read and research dolphins during English Language Arts. We are so enthusiastic about integrating Marine Science along with NGSS, Next Generation Science Standards.



Vista View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Great, New Space!

What a fantastic start to the 2022-23 school year! Vista View opened its fully modernized site, and our students are thrilled to be

back in their permanent home! The admin team came back onto campus in the beginning of August, when we began to work on solidifying the programs students want to see on campus.

Dr. Rasheedah Gates
Principal



This is our second year working together and our first year in a space that supports the innovative thinking and opportunities that our students both want and deserve to have as a part of their education. We could not be prouder of our partnership and commitment to providing a premier educational environment. Giving students the space to be involved in college and career pathways in middle school is a game changer, and the students were filled with joy at both their new surroundings and the intentionality of opening a school built upon their needs and interests.

We are so happy to be back home in such a state-of-the-art facility! Vista Falcons SOAR!



Westmont *Elementary (K-5)*

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Sharon Ahlman
Principal

3rd Graders Integrating Art and Science!

The 3rd graders at Westmont Elementary School have been studying why leaves change color during the Fall season. As a VAPA school, all students integrate the Arts into a variety of content area studies. With their science exploration on leaves, students learned that because of changes in the length of daylight and changes in temperature, the leaves stop their food

making process. The chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears and the yellow to orange colors become visible and give the leaves part of their fall splendor. These color changes move from cool colors to warm colors as the

daylight and weather changes so it is a perfect lesson on the color wheel and the position of warm and cool colors on that wheel. Students worked with oil pastels to create a variety of colorful leaves, as well as incorporating pattern and design, using a variety of lines in the background of their completed art product. The completed work is vibrant and bold!

Westmont teachers are all trained in the California Arts Standards so students have many opportunities to experience all of the Visual and Performing Arts in their studies of Science, Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies. This method of incorporating the arts into content studies is what makes Westmont a unique place where students can thrive!

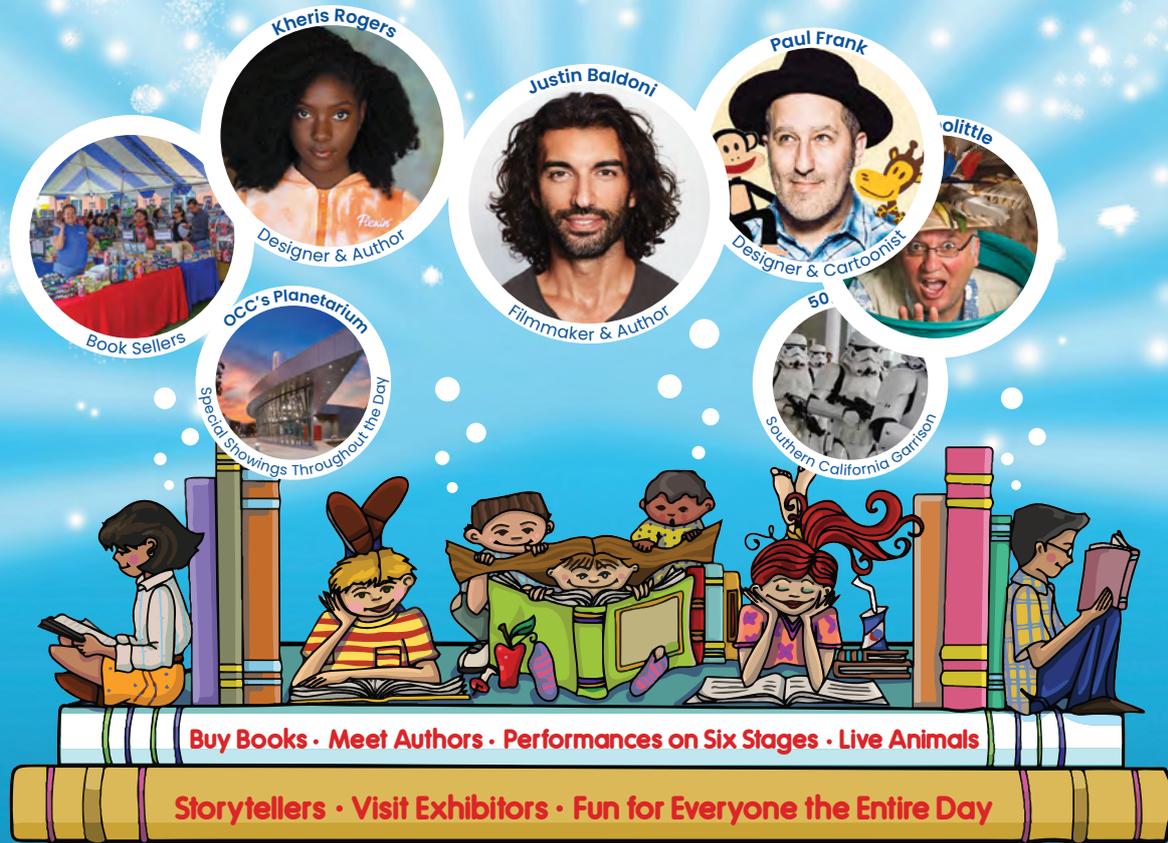


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Daniel's Review

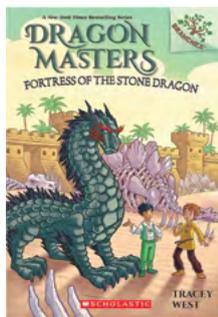


Daniel H.

Dragon Masters

In *Fortress of the Stone Dragon* (Dragon Masters #17) an evil wizard named Astrid is trying to rule the world and someone must stop her! Dragon Masters Drake and Mina, with

their dragons Frost and Worm, must get to another Dragon Master, Caspar, and his dragon Shaka (the Stone Dragon) to get help to defeat Astrid. This story had a lot of action, dragons, and magic. I really liked this book because it was fun to read. You should read this too!



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

Sourish's Review

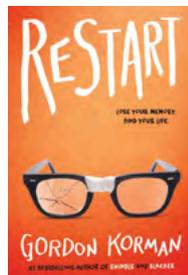


Sourish M.

A Second Chance, Something Everyone Deserves...

"I remember falling" says the first line of the book *Restart* by Gordon Korman. It describes the reminiscence of the main character Chase Ambrose who has an accident that changes

his life forever. The way the author has displayed this character is incredible. He writes the story from each character's own point of view which projects a movie inside the reader's head as if they are experiencing it live. Every character plays a role in the main character's life, Shoshana Weber, Bear Bratsky, Aaron Hakimian, Brendan Espinoza, Kimberly Tooley, and Joel Weber. Chase was a bully who would torment others, but when he got amnesia, he changed for the better. The readers may be entertained by the amusing moments in the story such as the time when Brendan drove a tricycle through a carwash! Chase received something rare to everyone, a second chance and that should be deserved by everyone!



Sourish M. is a seventh grader who is enthusiastic to learn more and experience new things. He likes Science and Reading, plays soccer, basketball, guitar, and has fun with friends and family. Sourish loves to spend long hours coding and expanding his experiences by traveling with his family.



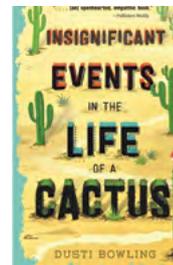
David's Review



David H.

Perseverance and Friendship

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus is a great book about perseverance. The main character, Aven, was born without arms and becomes friends with Connor, a boy who has Tourette



syndrome, and Zion, a boy who gets teased for being overweight. They are all trying to help each other survive middle school while being different. The author has a humorous writing style. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a heartwarming and uplifting read. Enjoy!

David is in fifth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and activities such as tennis, basketball, and bowling.

Jenna's Review



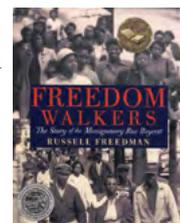
Jenna C.

Boycott of the Century

Title: *Freedom Walkers*
Author: Russell Freedman

The bus. The bus is the place where many Civil right movements have started.

Buses are more influential than some books. Could you believe, back then, MLK didn't know he was going to make one of the most popular speeches throughout history? Did you know John Lewis didn't know he was going to work with a bunch of different races and be treated equally? Did you know Claudette Colvin didn't know she was going to start a bus boycott? These all happened because they didn't know what was going to happen but they did it anyway and most importantly, somehow connected to the bus. I recommend this book to people who want to stand up for what's right.



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

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Welcome Back

By Melissa Ronning, Senior Youth Services Librarian

If you have been away for the summer, we would like to welcome you back to the Huntington Beach Public Library! Check out what is happening this fall.

September is Library Card Sign Up month, and we would love to see every child and teen in Huntington Beach with their own card. If your child or teen signs up for a card this September they will receive a gift bag as a thank you from the library. Teens can get their own card with just their student i.d. Children under the age of 13 need a parent or guardian with them to create their library card account.

September also marks the beginning of our fall storytime session, and we are ready to have a lot of fun with 13 storytimes offered each week. We are very proud to announce that the Huntington Beach Public Library was awarded the "Best Storytime in Orange County" by

the *O.C. Parenting magazine*. Check out our storytime schedule at www.hbpl.org/kids to find one that meets your needs.

Homework Help returns to the Central Library this fall too! We have a Reading Buddy Program for students in grades 1-3. Intermediate and Middle School Math Help for students in grades 4-8, and High School Math Help and Study hall for students in grades 9-12. Make sure to check out our website for days and times for each of these programs.

The Reading Challenge begins on October 1, and runs through November 12. Readers ages 4-12 receive a burger coupon for every 5 books they read, up to 3 coupons per child. You can register at hbpl.beanstack.org or in person at any library branch.

Make sure to check out our library website www.hbpl.org for all of our programs, including book clubs and teen events.

Aubtin's Review



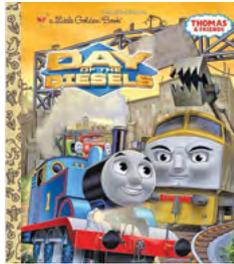
Aubtin M.

Teamwork

Title: *Thomas & Friends – Day of the Diesels*

Author: Christopher Awdry

On the Island of Sodor, Thomas the tank engine and Percy the small engine are best friends. When Belle; the fire engine



comes, she becomes Thomas's new friend. Percy feels very left out. Percy goes to the Diesel Works to see if the Diesels want to make friends with him. Percy leads the Diesels to the Steam Works, when he discovers that Thomas is held prisoner in the Diesel Works. What will happen to Thomas? Will Percy save him? I recommend you read this book to see what happens.

I learned about friendship, teamwork and cooperation from this book. I hope you will too. You will find great pictures in this book.

Aubtin is a 1st Grader. When not playing, Aubtin does writing, reading and drawing. He also likes sports, swimming, and music. He cares a lot about his family and friends.

Kailani's Review

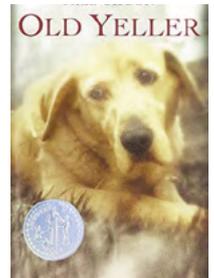


Kailani T.

Hardest Decision to Make!

Old Yeller by

Fred Gipson is about a stray dog and his relationship with the family who found him. Travis is a 14-year-old teenager who is left in charge of the ranch



while his father travels to a different city. Travis meets a stray dog who steals his meat one morning and really dislikes that dog. However, Travis's little brother (Arliss) wants to keep the dog. Mom lets the dog stay. The family calls him "Old Yeller". Mom's decision to keep the dog makes Travis even more upset since Travis is supposed to be in charge of the ranch while dad is gone. Will Travis and Old Yeller ever get along? Will the stray dog ever win Travis's heart?

There is a lot of feelings, tension and excitement in this book. Reading this book taught me that there will be many difficult life decisions to make when I grow up. I give this book 5 stars.

Kailani is a 5th grader who loves to read. When not reading, Kailani likes to play with her brother, jump on the trampoline, listen to music, and ride horses.

Love to Read!

Taegyong's Book Review



Taegyong K.

April Fools! Or not...

Title: *The Terrible Two*
 Author: Mac Barnett and Jory John

Everybody is someone at school. Miles Murphy is a prankster. But he is not just pulling a few pranks. He is the school's grand prankster.



But when he is forced to move to Yawnee Valley, he knows that he will lose his title as his school's jester. After he moves, he wants to make a comeback. But to his surprise, on the first day of school, someone had moved Principal Barkin's car on the front stairs of the school. What this means is that this school already has a prankster. As he is the new kid, Principal Barkin introduces him to Niles Sparks, the school helper. At first Niles seems like any school's goody two-shoes, but as Miles learns about Yawnee Valley's prankster, he realizes that some people might not be who he thinks they are. It takes two to accomplish something, but is that two terrible enough?

Taegyong K. is a 7th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

Friendships

Title: *Rules*
 Author: Cynthia Lord

Catherine is a 12 year old girl that is talented in drawing. She has a brother named David. David is diagnosed with autism.



David and Catherine's mom would go to OT. Catherine would sometimes come to. That's where Catherine met a friend called Jason. Jason is a teenage boy in a wheelchair that can't talk. They first meet when Catherine is bored and draws Jason. Jason catches her and tells his mom with his communication book. Jason's mom gets angry, but that soon leads to Catherine making word cards for Jason. Catherine also meets another person named Kristi. Kristi is a "cool" girl as said by Catherine. At first, Catherine is embarrassed to tell Kristi she has a brother that has autism and a friend who is in a wheelchair. Will Catherine learn to value good friendships? Will she find out what is truly important to her? Read to find out!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

Going Green! Word Search Contest

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

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

Entries must be received by November 15, 2022

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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Orange County Department of Education



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

Back to school season has begun, and while the last few years have taught us valuable lessons about making predictions, it is noteworthy that this is the first new school year since 2019 to start without strict requirements for face coverings or contact tracing, bringing us closer to a more traditional school experience.

Moving forward, we must continue to be mindful of the less visible impacts of the pandemic, and our schools are well-equipped to do this. As students return, we know that many will be in need of accelerated learning, social-emotional interventions, counseling and access to wrap-around mental health services.

School employees who have been on the front lines also need support, stability and grace. And of course our families need expanded learning opportunities, robust communication from their schools and districts, and access to resources.

Certainly the last school year posed extraordinary challenges, and no two experiences were quite the same. Many of our students, families and school employees endured illness, disruption and personal loss on a scale that is unimaginable. Yet we also heard incredible stories of resilience, innovation and achievement in 2022.

At Westminster High School, for example, four students who were concerned about declining bee colonies were honored for their proposal to create a probiotic that can strengthen bees against insecticides. Earlier in the year, our own OCDE educators set up schools for about 60 newly arrived Afghan children whose families were forced to flee their home country after assisting U.S. troops or holding other positions that compromised their safety.

In districts and charter schools across the county, our students earned county, state and national recognition for devising solutions to real-world problems. They produced mental health videos, built highly innovative smartphone apps, designed electric vehicles, partnered with industry leaders for work-based learning opportunities, and expressed themselves through the visual and performing arts.

The success stories are too numerous to list here, but I would be remiss in not mentioning that two of California's five Teachers of the Year for 2022 were from Orange County, as were four of the state's top nine Classified School Employees of the Year.

Although this past school year tested us in so many ways, I am beyond proud of our schools for continuing to provide exceptional experiences for students and opportunities for them to shine. As we head into another fall, the sky's the limit on what we can accomplish together. Let's take care of one another and make it a great year.

Word Search Contest

Words Associated with School

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