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As we near the end of the most unusual school year, I would like to thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Now more than ever communication is important. We are grateful for involved parents, students enthusiastic for learning and dedicated educators. Our *School News* motto is

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Be sure to enter our Word Search Contests on pages 21 & 26 (all ages may enter).

Our next issue is September 8 when we welcome the beginning of a new school year. Have a fun, healthy summer!



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Safety is Key to a Fun-Filled Summer!

By Chantel Rothenburger and Danny Luna, coordinators
Injury Prevention Program,
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Temperatures are rising and summer is around the corner! As COVID-19 restrictions lift and friends and family begin to gather outside, make sure to keep safety top of mind. Follow our tips to have a safe and fun summer:

Sun Safety

Sunburns are caused by overexposure to UV rays and can increase the risk of skin cancer.

- Seek shade. UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday.
- Wear hats that shade the face, scalp, ears and neck.
- Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB (broad spectrum protection) 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as needed!

Water Safety

Every day, about 10 people die from unintentional drowning.

- Never leave your child in the water without adult supervision, no matter how shallow.
- We recommend using US Coast Guard-approved floatation devices.
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- Install barriers, such as fencing around a swimming pool.

Bug Safety

Protect your family by preventing bites and diseases, like West Nile virus and Lyme disease, which can be transmitted by insects.

- Avoid areas where insects congregate, such as stagnant pools of water.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET.
 - The CDC recommendation for children older than 2-months-of-age is to use 10% to 30% DEET.
 - DEET should not be used on children younger than 2-months-old.
 - Avoid applying DEET on hands, around eyes or mouth.
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Kailani's Review

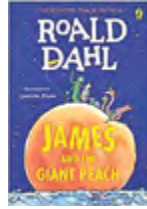


Kailani T.

Whoa, a Giant Peach!

James and the Giant Peach

Peach is a classic children story written by Roald Dahl. The story is about James, an orphan boy who was forced to live with his wicked aunts after he lost his parents in a



horrible rhinoceros accident. One day, James received a bag of magic crystals from an old man. The man said these crystals would change his life forever. James accidentally spilled the crystals on his aunts' peach tree. The peach fruit kept growing bigger and bigger. It grew big enough for James to fit inside. From that point on, his adventure began.

The story is magical and suspenseful. Reading this book taught me the importance of friendship and having hopes and dreams. I recommend this book for anyone who loves magic and mystery. Since this book is not very warm and fuzzy, it may be best for kids who can separate facts and fiction or younger kids to read with parents.

Kailani is a 3rd grader who loves to read. When not playing with her baby brother, Kailani likes to color and draw. She started taking Spanish lessons while sheltering-in-place. Horseback riding and skate boarding are the new activities she enjoys. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

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Norma E. Martínez
Superintendent

I want to express a deep sense of gratitude to our students, our staff and our families for the incredible effort and support during the 2020/21 school year. April has been a special month for us in the Centralia Elementary School District as we have transitioned our Hybrid learning model into a return to a 5-day instructional program! This transition effort has been a tremendous success, attributed to the high-quality staff

that we have here at Centralia ESD. This return to a 5-day program will enable us to end the year strong, with the maximizing of instructional minutes for in-person learning. As we reflect and look back at this incredible year, we have much to celebrate!

District and School Recognitions

Centralia ESD is proud to share that it has been selected as a Model SARB (School Attendance Review Board) Program for the State of CA this year. In fact, CESD is one two districts identified for this recognition in the County of Orange. The district is being recognized for rising to the occasion of supporting students during this time of unprecedented disruption by:

- Shifting staff roles and responsibilities to meet the needs of distance learning students
- Supporting virtual attendance of pupils with unique needs
- Providing for the mental health and well-being of students during distance learning
- Pupil and family engagement and outreach

We are proud to share that two of our schools were recently selected to receive Awards of Merit for the California Civic Learning Awards. Congratulations go to Los Coyotes and Raymond Temple Elementary Schools! Each school has implemented programs that promote student leadership and enhance civic learning and engagement with our students.

The Educational Results Partnership's most recent listings for Honor Roll distinctions has identified several schools in CESD who have been identified as having high performance in California. Congratulations to the following schools:

- Buena Terra and Miller Schools are identified as a STAR and STEM school, demonstrating above average scores in Language Arts, Mathematics and Science
- Dysinger, Raymond Temple, and San Marino Schools are identified as STAR schools, demonstrating above average scores in Language Arts and Mathematics
- Los Coyotes Elementary is identified as a Scholar School, demonstrating above average scores in Language Arts and Mathematics

These school and district awards confirm the high expectations that are a norm in CESD! Congratulations to all schools and programs highlighted!



Miller Elementary students being welcomed back to campus

Highlighting Special Programs

Though our instructional program has been impacted this year by the effects of the pandemic, CESD has continued to look forward and continued to innovate and implement programs to bring a fuller learning experience to our students. We look forward to continuing to grow our programming into the new year.

Music Program: Recognizing that music instruction is of high value to our community, CESD has hired two certified music teachers to continue to bring this subject matter to life in our district, helping to enrich and develop students' academic and life experiences. We know that musical training is of benefit, helping to develop language and reasoning skills, improving coordination and giving children satisfaction and a sense of achievement. As we finish off the school year, we will be focused on providing this instruction in our Distance Learning program, with planning ongoing for the 21/22 school year.

Foreign Language Elementary Experience (FLEX): FLEX is a new program that is focused on helping students to gain exposure and enrichment in being exposed to a new language. Through the support of a teacher and use of technology, our students will have the opportunity to explore Spanish, gaining comfort in language study in CESD. This year, we celebrate the piloting of this program for second graders, and we look forward to an expansion of this program in the new year.

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Verizon Innovative Learning Grant: We are pleased to offer the Verizon Learning Grant program in three of our schools to our 6th grade classes, Buena Terra, Centralia and San Marino. Through the support of their facilitator, Ms. Clark, these students are interacting with technology in incredible ways, truly infusing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) into their content learning. A recently completed student project highlights students' abilities to create a school video tour using specialized technology that is just AMAZING! It's incredible to see the hard work and creativity of our scholars come to life on the screen!

CyberPatriot Program is a partnership between Cypress College and Los Coyotes School. In this program, 6th grade CyberPatriot scholars attend classes at Cypress College and learn content related to Cybersecurity. The program culminates with an end of year CyberPatriot competition in which our 6th grade team competes against 6th grade teams from other Districts. We are proud to remind all that it was a Los Coyotes Team that won the inaugural CyberPatriot Cup just two years ago! Best wishes to our team this year!

Summer Learning: This summer, we are launching our most ambitious extended learning program in the district, inviting students who are in need of support to catch up on learning. We are opening up spaces for students to apply from all schools and will be hosting this Academy at three sites: Dysinger, Danbrook and Miller Schools. In addition, San Marino School will be hosting the annual Extended School Year program for our students with IEPs requiring this service.

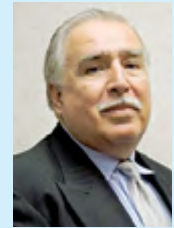
Looking Forward to 2021/22

As we look forward to the start of the new year on August 10, 2021, I can share with pride that CESD has done a phenomenal job adjusting to the changing guidance and health conditions in our community. This effort to keep our students and staff safe has been extensive and is ongoing. Our information is posted online, and I do encourage all families who wish to read it to connect with us and stay informed. Please join me in celebrating the tremendous work of our scholars who have showed perseverance and dedication this year! We are honored to have our families choose Centralia ESD and partner with us in such positive and supportive ways! Enrollment is ongoing and we encourage all families to enroll as soon as possible so that we can plan for staffing. Enrollment is available to you at this website location: <https://www.cesd.k12.ca.us/> Again, thank you so much for your wonderful partnership this past year!

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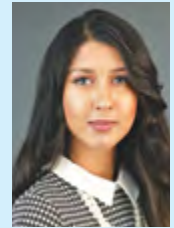
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Dr. Dominic Nguyen
Principal

Celebrating Excellence in Academics

At Buena Terra, we have had many reasons to celebrate. We were one of six elementary schools in all of Orange County to earn the Civic Learning Award of Merit given to schools for their outstanding efforts in providing high-quality civic education.

We were also again awarded Education Results Partners (ERP) Honor Roll as a high-performing school, with both STAR and STEM distinction. In 2020, Buena Terra was also recognized and awarded the California Distinguish School Award. With all the accolades, we are proudest of our work supporting our community during the pandemic. Our

community, students, and staff showed great resiliency throughout as we were able to provide different learning options that met the needs of our students and their families. On April 22nd, we will celebrate again as Buena Terra will be offering five days of in-person instruction to our students.



The newly landscaped entrance to Buena Terra welcoming our community

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Roy Lopez Jr.
Principal

Celebrating Our Centralia School Scholars

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused our school to make many modifications and adjustments to the manner in which

we conduct our usual school business. These adjustments included our monthly PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) awards assemblies. Since September, Centralia School has celebrated and honored our student scholars with a monthly drive-thru awards assembly. Our students are aware of our distance learning behavior expectations, and we identified character traits that exemplified what it means to be good Digital Citizens and Digital Learners. Parents and students were then invited to drive through



Principal Lopez celebrating students at Centralia School's monthly PBIS drive-thru assemblies

the school during the lunch hour to be recognized by staff and teachers with a certificate and a free coupon to local business. Underneath the masks you knew students were smiling with joy and parents with pride as they drove through. Well done, Bees!

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Erasmo Garcia
Principal

Danbrook - School of Dreams in Action

Looking back at the school year, we have a lot to celebrate. We began with the offering of Distance Learning 2.0. The goal was to offer our students a comprehensive distance learning program that incorporates STEM and engaging visual and performing arts activities.

Standing by the distribution table, I was overjoyed to see the families and their smiles when they opened their materials packets. In October, we brought our students back to campus with safety protocols in place to insure a safe return to in-person instruction. Great in-class instruction was followed by an offering of after school sports, arts programs and engineering. Virtual Family nights brought the school community together. Our most popular event was “Storytime with Grandabuela.” Our Engagement TOSA, Soraya Santiago, dressed up as everyone’s “little old grandma”, read to our students,

and shared funny stories about her experiences traveling the world. During uncertain times, Danbrook continues to be a “School of Dreams”.



“Grandabuela” Ms. Santiago, Leading Danbrook virtual family nights with a fun story

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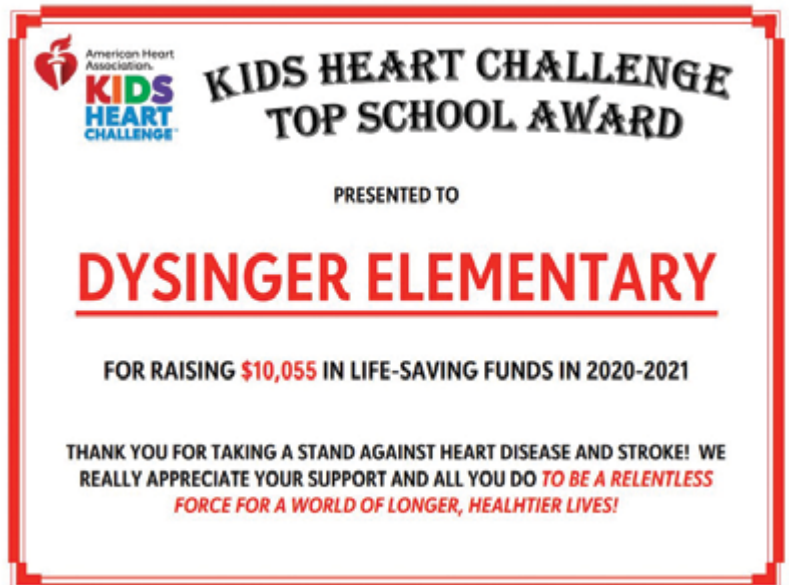
Shawn Stuht
Principal

CELEBRATION OF #DYSINGERSTRONG

Today I celebrate our Dysinger School community who has come together in unbelievable ways during a pandemic. Staff has reinvented what education looks like and has been steadfast in their goal of providing a top-notch education in an incredibly challenging year and have once again achieved the honor of being

recognized as an Honor Roll School. Dysinger students have persevered and learned how to navigate technology and use the components of Zoom, Seesaw, and Google Docs to gain access to their education. Dysinger Parents are an incredible educational partner and have been invaluable in their child’s education. And in amazement, during a time when many in our community have struggled emotionally and financially, the community has once again come together during our annual philanthropic fundraiser, this year with the Kids Heart Challenge, and raised a phenomenal \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.

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Dysinger celebrates unifying the community in support of the American Heart Association

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Dr. Vicki Wong
Principal

Celebrating Student Strength and Resiliency

When it comes to Los Coyotes, there is much to celebrate this year. Today, however, we are celebrating our students' internal successes demonstrated this 2020/21 school year.

This past August, Los Coyotes students began a school year with challenges they never imagined. Many students were separated from friends, and the familiar school routines of Los Coyotes vanished. Each student had to adapt quickly to a foreign learning experience in an unfamiliar, non-traditional virtual classroom. And yet they prevailed!

Los Coyotes students have faced challenges with internet connectivity, asynchronous learning, and the range of emotions brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic. Under each difficult circumstance, Los Coyotes students showed the future-ready skills that their teachers hoped they would. They remained curious, open, and engaged in their learning. These students demonstrated persistence and flexibility in their thinking. Hats off to every Los Coyotes student for a successful school year!



Los Coyotes Scholar in action!

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Dr. Omaira Lee
Principal

Celebrating our Learning Community

We begin by acknowledging the challenging work of our teachers. The year began in distance learning (DL) with enrollment of 514 scholars. When moving to Hybrid, four teachers committed to DL and they quickly adapted to the schedule. Our PK-6th in-person teachers welcomed scholars to Hybrid learning

while parents navigated staggered arrival and gate assignments for dismissal. We celebrate our parents who helped their students facilitate Zooming daily, staying engaged with the school community, attending virtual meetings and communicating their needs. Thank you to the San Marino office staff and custodian for always being responsive. Finally, we want

to celebrate our San Marino scholars who have remained resilient; those at home learning and those at school learning while keeping safety protocols. We are pleased to close the year with five days of in-person instruction for our scholars along with a sixth-grade promotion event. This entire year has been a unique puzzle, and we continue to appreciate our community for helping us put these exceptional pieces together.



San Marino Students return for 5-day in person learning

G.B. Miller *Elementary*

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Robyn Yarbrough
Principal

Celebrating Student Resiliency

At GB Miller School there is much to celebrate! Our sixth-grade students have completed and graduated from the Police Interacting with Youth program, which is provided by the La Palma Police Department. This program has been a cornerstone of the social-emotional learning (SEL) for our 6th grade students for several years. Our fifth-grade students participated in the Phoenix House program that also covers SEL curriculum. We also celebrate our second-grade students in their quest to learn a second language through our Foreign Language Exploration (FLEX) program. Our biggest celebration is the return of our In Person students to five days a week of on campus instruction! With the new

CDHS guidelines, we can safely have more students in a classroom, and this allows us to merge Groups A and B, eliminating the need for the hybrid program. Welcome back Roadrunners! We RACE to Success!



Miller students leading a lesson on meeting new classmates as they return to 5-day per week instruction

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Dr. Estela Salas-Sarmiento
Principal

Le Jardin de Matisse

MaryAnn Kohl, a well-known art educator and author of numerous art books for young students once said, "Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves, and to explore what is possible." At Raymond Temple we embrace those arts and consider it a fundamental part of a world class education. We strive to celebrate the artist in all of us!

We are proud to have three thriving gardens and celebrate the opening of our latest flower garden we named, "Le jardin de Matisse" which is French for Matisse's

garden. We hope the flowers and the outdoor easels will inspire all our scholars to find their inner artist and help them explore what is possible within them.



Raymond Temple students showing off their newest garden space

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Honoring Excellence... Cypress School District Employees of the Year!



Anne Silavs
Superintendent

Every year, Cypress School District recognizes the outstanding service of its teachers and staff. In this issue of School News, it is our pleasure to introduce you to our 2021 Teacher and Classified Employee of the Year nominees and winners. We hope you will take a few minutes to learn more about some of the amazing people who are serving the children of our community. Their efforts are especially notable given this extraordinary school year!

Teacher of the Year:

Lynn Lindsay, Margaret Landell Elementary School

Lynn uses innovative teaching methodologies to engage her students and meet their individual needs.

She is well versed in the effective use of educational technology and a master at providing high-quality distance learning experiences for her students, which has been an asset during this pandemic school year!

Classified Employee of the Year

Traditionally, a classified employee of the year is selected from a pool of worthy candidates. This year, we honor all classified employees for going above and beyond to support in-person instruction. The district's ability to successfully reopen last September was due in large part to our classified staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support our students and teachers.

Teacher of the Year Nominees:

Tammy Newman, A.E. Arnold Elementary School

Tammy has served the Arnold community for 31 years, teaching well over 750 students how to read and write. She creates a safe environment for learning where every student feels special and respected.

Jaime Berry, Clara J. King Elementary School

Jaime is a compassionate educator who understands that students have different needs. She values each student's gifts and talents and does everything within her power to ensure their school success.

Cristina Roumeliotis, Steve Luther Elementary School

Cristina is a skillful writing teacher and serves as a resource for other teachers. She readily gives of her time outside the classroom to support the students and staff at Luther.

Peri Sorenson, Juliet Morris Elementary School

Peri has dedicated her teaching career to serving primary-grade students. Her classroom reflects her creativity and provides an engaging environment that supports student learning.

Jennie Lee, Frank Vessels Elementary School

Jennie provides students with hands-on lessons that bring the classroom to life through her use of readers workshop, math workshop, and cognitively guided instruction teaching methods.

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Vanessa DeSantis
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Engineering a Fuel Source

This year, Arnold fifth-grade students learned about the Law of Conservation of Matter by experimenting with different chemical reactions to propel an object.

The students used materials such as vinegar, detergent, and baking soda to engineer

a fuel source for cars they designed and created out of water bottles. The goal was to create a fuel mixture that would propel the car forward as far as 8 feet but not more than 10 feet. Students performed many fuel mixture tests to determine the best ratio of materials that would build sufficient pressure to accelerate their car. Two students, Jenettsy and Brayden, were successful in moving their car the required distance. STEM experiments such as these help students better understand the importance of science, math, and critical thinking skills.



A successful trial for Brayden!

Clara J. King *Elementary*

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Jacki Teschke
Principal

Students Recognized for Character Traits that Serve Them Well in Challenging Times

The staff at King wanted to develop a unique way to recognize students this year for exhibiting the character traits that would help them be successful students and citizens during challenging times. Whether students are attending school on a distance learning, hybrid,

or in-person schedule, the team determined that the following attributes were especially important this year: caring for others, showing effort, understanding others' points of view, practicing a growth mindset, adapting to different circumstances, and exhibiting resiliency.

Students who are recognized each month receive a yard sign delivered to their home with a personal message from the teacher and principal. These students feel a sense of pride in having their sign where family and neighbors can all see. During challenging times, it's reassuring to know that we can deliver a nice surprise to our students—one that makes them feel good about themselves and about school!



Megan proudly displays her yard sign that was delivered by her principal and signed with a personal message from her teacher

Margaret Landell *Elementary*

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Emma Connoy
Principal

Spring Brings STARBASE to Landell!

Landell fifth-grade students participate in STARBASE, a Department of Defense program held at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos. This year, STARBASE staff also facilitated lessons in our school's STEM lab. The STARBASE program provides an opportunity for students to apply the California content standards in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through activities such as applying knowledge of the periodic table in molecule building and engineering robots. Students are given the opportunity to interact with military personnel to discover careers for their future and observe STEM applications in the "real world."



Fifth-grade student prepares to learn about "building molecules!"

Steve Luther *Elementary*

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Denine Kelly
Principal

Virtual Field Trips

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Luther students did not have the opportunity to take traditional field trips in the community this year. However, that didn't stop us from helping them explore virtually. Luther students participated in a variety of educational programs, including those sponsored by the Los Angeles Zoo, the Holocaust Museum, California Missions, STARBASE, and Inside the Outdoors/Santiago Oaks. We are also in the planning stages for our sixth-grade students to participate in a virtual outdoor education, or sixth-grade camp, experience this spring. While our physical access to these places may have been restricted, our students were still able to "visit" them in a whole new way and receive the educational benefit that they provide.



Luther fourth-grade students take a virtual tour of the California Missions.

Juliet Morris *Elementary*

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Helen Lu
Principal

Here We Grow . . . Again!

The Morris garden was brought to life in 2011/12 through generous donations from our PTA, community, and local vendors. It was initially called “The Morris Veggie Garden.” Now, we plan to update the garden

with perennial plants and a mulch cover to hold back weeds. The garden will be divided into categories such as a pollinator garden with plants favored by butterflies, an herb garden, a heat-tolerant/low-water/desert garden, and a sensory garden. We also hope to have a small water garden and orchard.

COVID-19 delayed our plans for this endeavor, but we’re preparing to get started early next year. In the meantime, Morris hosted a “Virtual Family Gardening Night” where we offered lessons on planting seeds and kitchen scrap gardening and shared a slide show explaining the history of the Morris garden and plans for our new garden. Exciting things are sprouting here at Morris!



Virtual Family Gardening Night

Frank Vessels *Elementary*

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Mark Holman
Principal

“Virtual” Sixth-Grade Camp at Vessels

Although this year has been unique in many obvious ways, the Vessels staff was still able to create and maintain a plethora of activities and traditions to keep our students engaged and ready to learn.

Physical distancing and other COVID mitigation measures prevented our sixth-grade students from attending camp this year, so we decided to bring the camp to our kids. Over a week in mid-February, our sixth-grade distance learning students were treated to a “virtual” camp experience that exceeded expectations. Students first checked into virtual “cabins” and began with team-building exercises to promote group unity. While in their cabins, students met one another and got accustomed to their virtual rooms for the week. Over the next couple of days, they explored the daily themes of animals, the environment, and astronomy. Students also participated

in escape room competitions and viewed live nature webcams to experience nature and the ecosystems of local mountains. Students were also provided the opportunity to asynchronously build “shelters” while taking field notes. Also important to the overall camp experience is food, which is typically best experienced in a noisy mess-hall setting. Our sixth-grade teachers mirrored this experience by hosting a pajama breakfast and communal Zoom lunches. Teachers also provided fun camp activities such as choreography and dance class. One of the most memorable experiences of sixth-grade camp is making a necklace to keep as a memento of the trip. Although they did not make one themselves, students were given a necklace utilizing colored beads to represent each activity throughout the week.

Although our students couldn’t physically go camping this year, they had a lot of fun and learned quite a bit about the great outdoors and the delicate balance of nature and ecosystems.

Magnolia School District

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**Dr. Frank
Donovan**
Superintendent

Magnolia School District campuses joyfully welcomed students back April 12th. Colorful banners decorated every school entrance, and enthusiastic staff members greeted students, who were full of eager anticipation as they lined up at all nine schools as they returned to In-Person Learning. Parents had the choice of having their children continue with Virtual Learning or return to In-Person Learning under a Hybrid Model. Sixty percent of our families chose the Hybrid Model. Under this model, students attend school for part of the day and continue with Virtual Learning for the other part of the day, five days per week. Even though the classrooms look different with all of our safety protocols in place, students have been happy to return to school, and have been doing a great job following the new procedures. Students will continue under this model through their last day of school on June 17th. Students, staff and parents were all smiles on April 12th as classes resumed.

We are currently preparing for a comprehensive Summer School Program that will run for five weeks from June 28th through July 29th. We will continue our partnership with the Anaheim Family YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club during the summer. This program will provide focused

lessons in English Language Arts and Math, as well as high-interest, interactive learning activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students will also participate in fun and engaging recreational activities. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students. We are currently in the planning stages, but information on our Summer School Program will be available soon.

In addition to our Summer programs, all students will receive a summer “Getting Ready” activity book that will provide them with some home learning activities that they can do to prepare for the next grade.

Our goal for next year is to have our students return to their regular full day school schedule. We will continue to conduct daily health screenings of all students and staff that enter our schools and our safety protocols will continue to be implemented. We will continue to work closely with the Orange County Health Care Agency to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. We are happy to report that vaccines have been available to all of our staff members.

We know that the Pandemic has been traumatic for students and staff and we have counseling services available for those who need additional support. We look forward to a safe and productive future in the Magnolia School District.

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer School

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Marcy Chant
Principal

Welcome Back

Finally, after a long 13 months, the Schweitzer staff was thrilled to welcome our students back to school on April 12th. Parents were able to choose whether to send their children back in person for half days, or to keep their children attending virtually. Many families chose to send their students to school. There were lots of smiles behind the masks as students lined up to get their temperatures taken. Teachers were ready to welcome the children into rooms at desks that were set up for social distancing. The students did a great job of following new procedures and routines during their time in class. Every day on their way out of school, students are able to pick up a hot meal with dishes such as orange chicken, a cheeseburger, or roasted chicken, thanks to our Food Services team. They have been working hard to keep our students fed under these difficult circumstances for the past year!



Schweitzer Students Return to School!

Dr. Jonas E. Salk School

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Katie Brown
Principal

Soaring Seahawks

Salk school maintains its high expectations during virtual learning. One of the school's expectations is to earn 100 AR points by the end of the school year. During the school closure, and Virtual Learning, we maintained our high level of expectation meeting or exceeding the number of students that were meeting their monthly goal than the same time last year before the school closure. Salk students have been motivated to meet their goals in order to earn the coveted 100 Points AR Shirt.

The 100 Points AR Shirt changes color each year to encourage students to earn a new one for each school year. Students are often seen wearing their past 100 Point Shirt from previous grades. Siblings are often in



The Reza Children--Lynnette (Kinder), Ivanna (3rd grade), ROCK, Michelle (4th grade), and Fabian (5th grade) showing off their AR and Salk Strong t-shirts.

competition to see which one will earn their 100 Point AR Shirt first. Salk students are soaring to earn their 100 Point AR Shirts. Go Seahawks!!

Dr. Peter Marshall *School*

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Alma Guzmán
Principal

Mindset is Our Secret

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is more important than ever for our students to continue practicing and developing a healthy mindset. The learning community at Dr. Peter Marshall has embraced the tools of growth mindset as a foundational approach for navigating through the uncharted waters of distance learning, and the transition to in-person hybrid education.

Identifying the need to build a bridge to “not yet,” a tool that sets up an environment where it is okay to fail, our Scottie Scholars are taught that their beliefs or perceptions about their intelligence and ability can affect their cognitive functioning and learning.

Knowing the difference between a fixed and growth mindset became a recurring segment of our virtual morning announcements at the beginning of the school year. Over time, these segments have grown to incorporate

short clips from our Students of the Week, sharing how they use a growth mindset to persevere and adjust to this new way of learning.

It has been inspiring and positively shocking to see how our K-6 students have assimilated the growth mindset philosophy as a tool to cope with challenges. They say things like, “I’m not that good at reading, yet,” and, “I love a challenge.” Through their virtual bios, our Scotties display how they have assimilated resilience, persistence, and optimism. They understand that their abilities can grow through hard work and persistence, and believe that their intelligence is malleable and not fixed.

The pandemic has undoubtedly changed the 2020–2021 academic year, yet our students’ potential to thrive remains. With this in mind, continuing to cultivate a growth mindset, both in the physical classroom and online, and expanding the practice across the school community, is something that Peter Marshall looks forward to as we enter the final stretch of the school year!

Esther L. Walter *School*

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Dr. Roger Nguyen
Principal

Reopening

The students and families at Esther L. Walter Elementary were excited to hear the wonderful news that school would be reopening for in-person hybrid instruction after their Spring break. Staff has been working hard to ensure that social distancing would

be maintained in the classrooms and that all health and safety protocols would be followed. The school has been conducting distance learning since last March. Although some parents have opted their child to continue virtual learning for the remainder of the year, many parents have requested to have their children return back to school for hybrid learning. Hybrid learning consists of a combination of learning that takes place in the classrooms on-campus for part of the day and then a continued learning experience as a structured learning block remotely on their own. Kudos to our Walter teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to keep all of their families safe and provide every student with the best opportunity to learn, thrive, and SOAR!



SOARING Back into Hybrid Learning

Juliette Low School of the Arts

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Dr. Debra Von Sprecken
Principal

Annual Art Show

Kyrie Valdez's drawing, "Fun Day at the Mall," took First Place and Itzayana Benitez's painting, "2020: Our Daily Life," took Third Place at the annual Buena Park Elementary Art Show. Students were required to explore the theme "People and Places in My Neighborhood!" in either a painting or drawing.



Kyrie was inspired by the enjoyment that she experiences at the Buena Park Mall. Prior to beginning her drawing, for which she used colored markers, she went with her family to the mall and took a variety of photos. In Kyrie's drawing, she and her brother enthusiastically pose, with some of their favorite storefronts as the backdrop.

Itzayana was inspired by her observations of people in her neighborhood helping and supporting each other during the pandemic. The mask on Mother Earth reflects our global responsibility to keep ourselves and each other safe. Itzayana used oil pastels to create her thought-provoking painting.



Fourth Grade students honored at Buena Park Elementary art show.
Kyrie (above)
Itzayana (left)

Lord Baden-Powell School

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Rudy Aguila
Principal

Back at Last!

At Baden-Powell, students came back to school with smiles on their faces. For the first time in over a year, our campus was full of happy little voices eager to return to in-person learning.

Parent volunteers, support staff, office staff and administration greeted students with festive

balloon decorations, fun music and smiles. Students were temperature screened and sent off to their classes, ready to learn. Our kitchen staff members, who have been here every day throughout the pandemic, continued to cheerfully hand out grab-and-go lunches as students went home for the day. The custodial staff worked tirelessly before and after each session to sanitize rooms, bathrooms and common areas. Of course, teachers enthusiastically welcomed the students into the classroom and also continued to teach virtually to the students who chose to remain at home.

The staff, students and community all showed their best for a smooth "start" to this unconventional school year. We are looking forward to the next couple of months at BP. Go Roadrunners!



Gearing up for reopening

Mattie Lou Maxwell *School*

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Steve Pescetti
Principal

Welcome Back

On April 12, the staff of Maxwell School welcomed back our students for in-person learning. Welcome Back signs were hung on the gates as students returned to our campus for the first time since last March.

The in-person learning day starts with temperature

checks of all of our students. Once they enter the campus, they participate in a two and a half hour block of instruction with their teacher. Desks are spaced apart from each other aligning with social distancing expectations. After the block of instruction, a grab and go lunch and breakfast is given to each student. The afternoon block is designed for structured learning.

In the afternoon, our teachers have a two and a half hour instructional block with their students for virtual learning. These students have completed their structured learning block in the morning.

We are ensuring that our students are given the best education they are entitled to during these difficult times.



Robert M. Pyles *STEM Academy*

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Dawn Bakker
Principal

Community Partnerships

As families seek guidance in order to support their children during virtual learning, the Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy has been a wealth of resources and opportunities for our community and parents. Our school, along with our Parent Liaison and Community Liaison, have worked with many community partnerships in order to support our families during Distance Learning. With the help from these

partnerships and district resources, our families have found needed support. As shown, and socially distanced, our monthly School Pantry food distribution has supported our entire community. We cannot thank our Pyles parents and guardians enough for not only volunteering during our School Pantry, but also for their work on our Virtual School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, and PTA teams. Pyles STEM Academy is proud of our invaluable community connections and we are pleased to continue our community partnerships.



Walt Disney School

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Regina Ford
Principal

Celebrating Read Across America

What an exciting week March 1-5 was at Disney school! Read Across America is a nationally celebrated week where students, teachers, families, and the community at large proclaim their love of reading and pledge to be lifelong learners. Each morning, students had the opportunity

to view a video clip and guess the title of a book by listening to a famous quote from a specific book. As the week progressed, students exhibited enthusiasm about what the next story might be! Another exciting activity was the ability to hear parents and students read stories to multiple classes. With the help of technology,

many teachers, families, and students recorded themselves reading a story allowing multiple classes to listen to a myriad of books. We also had the amazing opportunity to host many “special” guests, such as Dr. Donovan, Dr. Appling, Ms. Fielder, and Mr. Bailey who read virtually to our classes. Thank you to all for making this such a fun-filled and exciting week!



Walt Disney School Celebrates Read Across America

CAMPING–Word Search Contest

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Savanna School District

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Dr. Sue Johnson
Superintendent

I've never been more proud of our students and staff than I have been this year as I've witnessed first-hand their flexibility, perseverance and resilience. In a year unlike any other we've ever experienced, our staff and students have risen to the challenge and embraced learning in ways we could only have imagined a few short years ago. While teachers have become experts at using technological tools to enhance the

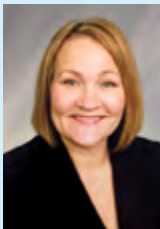
instructional program, students have embraced a myriad of ways to participate in online classes, join remotely, collaborate in small groups and submit assignments electronically. We're proud that we've been able to provide both distance learning and in-person options for students and parents that each resulted in a strong instructional program focused on grade level standards using our core curriculum.

I'm proud that we will once again offer Summer Academy for our students currently enrolled in kindergarten through grade five. Our 2021 Summer Academy Program will focus on assisting students with learning loss stemming from school closures and to help address potential setbacks in student learning and academic achievement over the summer. The program will provide students with foundational skills

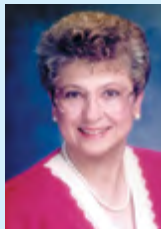
in language arts and math at the grade level they were assigned to during the 2020-21 school year. In addition to a focus on academics, students will be provided with social-emotional learning activities to help them feel comfortable returning to school with their peers. For some, it will be their first time back on campus in over a year; for others, the four-hour day will be an expansion of in-person learning from the cohorts provided during the 2020-21 school year. In addition, we are proud to partner with community organizations to extend the Summer Academy day as well as to provide childcare programs. We know that the summer programs will provide much-needed support for our students and parents as we prepare to return to school full-time in the 2021-22 school year.

When I reflect on what makes a good school district a GREAT school district, I recognize that it is "people;" people like our staff who are committed to what they do each day to ensure student success that we can be proud of; people like our parents who provide the home support for our students so that they can reach their potential; and people like all those in our community who have contributed to our successes in so many ways. Because of the flexibility, perseverance, and resilience of our students, staff, and parents, the 2020-21 school year has indeed been a successful one in which we take tremendous pride.

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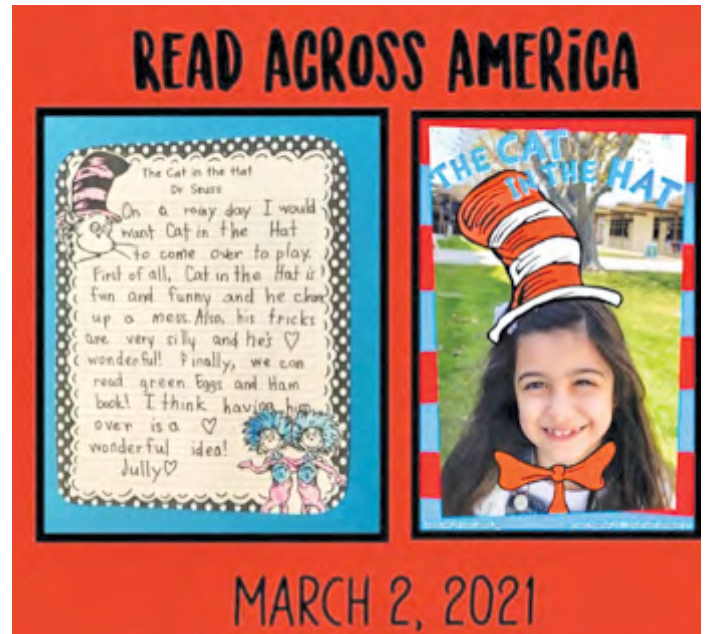
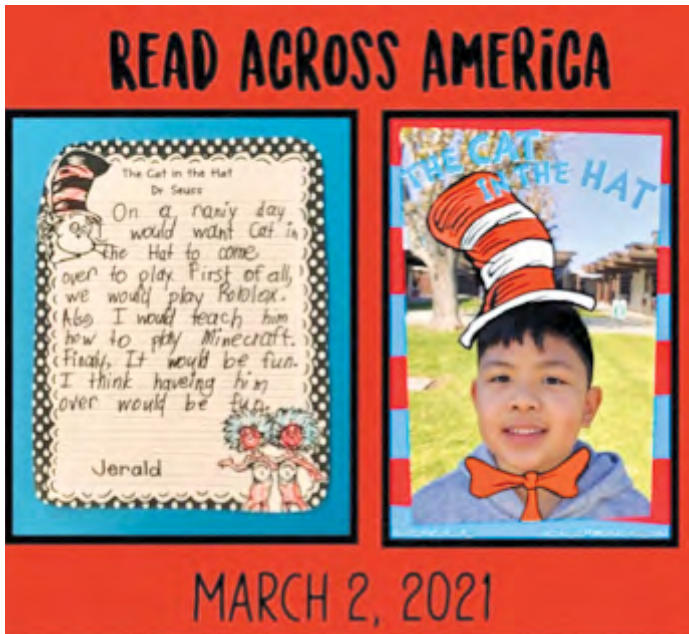


Lauren Stuart
Principal

Cerritos Cheetahs Celebrate Reading

Each March the Cerritos Cheetahs celebrate Read Across America Week, and despite the pandemic, this year was no different. Although Read Across America Week looked a little different in 2021, it didn't stop the students, teachers and staff from celebrating. Teachers and staff used the week to raise awareness about the importance of reading and literature.

Many of the teachers had special virtual guest readers join the class online to read their favorite children's book to the class. Teachers used the time to introduce new authors to their students and to foster a love of reading. Students, teachers and staff also celebrated the week by doing something special each day. Our students showed their school spirit in a variety of ways. Our Cheetahs wore stripes, bright colors, backwards clothes and even their pajamas. Everyone spent the week reading, celebrating literacy and encouraging stronger reading practices.



Hansen School

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Nicole Fischer
Principal

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

In this 5th grade STEM project, Ms. Veazie's students were challenged to create their very own tea ship to connect back to the Boston Tea Party expository writing that the class had completed. The students were given a piece of aluminum foil, a strip of scotch tape, and 4 popsicle sticks. Their mission was to see who could create the strongest tea ship that could carry the most tea bags.



As the students built their ships, the class discussed the possible structures of the ships that could have made them strong enough to carry all the tea. The wet tea bags students placed in their boats represented the weight the ships had to carry. The students were able to test their ships to see if they would float in a tub of water. As ships sank, students were provided with a visual representation of what the harbor might have looked like the night of the Boston Tea Party.



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Jason Blade
Principal

Character Education

Holder School is fortunate and very proud to be a part of the Positive Actions thru Character Education (P.A.C.E) program in partnership with the City of Cypress. Recently, our sixth-grade students were able to take part in a virtual P.A.C.E promotion ceremony honoring the completion of the program and celebrating the lessons they have learned throughout the year. This character education program focuses on

teaching our sixth-grade students how to make good decisions, resist pressures that may influence them to experiment with drugs, help them deal with bullying and issues involving the use of social media. Students develop positive character traits in order for them to problem solve and make wise decisions when dealing with peers and the internet.

Having worked in a middle school for over 20 years before joining the Savanna School District, I know first-hand the pressures that our students can and will deal with and the importance of quality character education.



Mrs. Debbie Estrada was named Savanna School District's 2022 Teacher of the Year. She is shown here with Holder School Principal, District Superintendent and Board Members. She has been selected as a Semifinalist for the 2022 Orange County Teachers of the Year.

Twila Reid School

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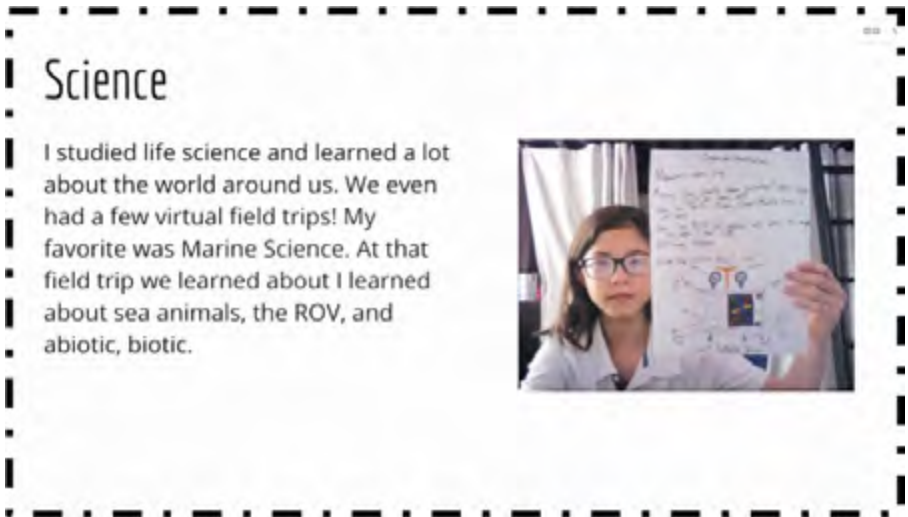


Erin Helenihi
Principal

Twila Reid's Virtual Showcase

Our school community has overcome many obstacles this school year to support our students. Teachers and parents joined together with innovative lessons, hands-on learning opportunities, and technology support as families used digital resources that worked hand in hand with distance learning. As we began our third trimester, we wanted to reflect on how much students have grown. Each Twila Reid teacher shared a Virtual Showcase with their students' families that highlighted how much our students have accomplished. These accomplishments reflect a variety of learning opportunities in core subjects and creative ways to accomplish tasks that needed to be done differently this year. The showcase highlighted the digital experts that our students,

teachers and parents have become over the course of the past year. Even though the 2020-2021 school year brought unprecedented challenges, our teachers and supportive parents have helped our students grow.



Science

I studied life science and learned a lot about the world around us. We even had a few virtual field trips! My favorite was Marine Science. At that field trip we learned about I learned about sea animals, the ROV, and abiotic, biotic.



A 5th grade student shares her accomplishments in science.

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Nuts about Nut Butters



**Carol Berg Sloan,
RDN, FAND**

A jar of creamy peanut butter used to be your only choice when shopping. Fast forward to 2021 and the nut butter aisle has become one of the fastest growing segments in the grocery store. Popular nut butters or spreads now include almond, cashew, walnut, and pecan. Many brands are combining nuts, adding various flavors such as coconut or popular taste combos. Nut butters continue to be used as the traditional sandwich spread, but also as a main ingredient in entrée sauces, toppings for waffles or pancakes or ice cream, stirred into hot cereal, or as a dip for fruits or veggies.



**Kelly Sloan,
MS, RDN**

Nut butters are full of good fats (monounsaturated/polyunsaturated) and are very satisfying. You can easily make your own nut butter by adding canola oil and sea salt to your favorite nuts and blending in a food processor. There are various ways to use nut butters that can also add good protein and fiber to your diet, such as in baked goods, desserts, or smoothies!

Try my Jumbo Peanut Butter Cup recipe.

This column provides insight from Carol Sloan RDN, FAND and her daughter, Kelly Sloan, MS, RDN. They provide tips to help you make healthier food and beverages choices.

Jumbo Peanut Butter Cup

Makes 10 cups

Ingredients:

Chocolate Layers:

- 3/4 cup dark chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil

Peanut Butter Layer:

- 1 cup all-natural creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons fine almond flour
- 2 stevia packets

Directions:

Prepare muffin tin with liners. Set aside. In a microwave safe bowl, combine chocolate chips and coconut oil. Microwave for 1 minute stirring at 30 second intervals. Repeat until chocolate is melted and smooth. Spoon melted chocolate into liners, spread evenly to cover the bottom. Place in freezer for 10 minutes and prepare peanut butter layer. (You should have melted chocolate leftover for last layer.) On the stove top in a pan, combine peanut butter, almond flour and stevia. Mix well and cook for about 5 minutes or until peanut butter is smooth and flour is dissolved. Take muffin pan out of freezer and add peanut butter layer on top of solid chocolate layer. Spoon about 1 tablespoon on top of chocolate layer (you can add more peanut butter if you want a thick middle layer), spread evenly to cover chocolate. Place back in freezer for 10 minutes. With leftover melted chocolate, spoon chocolate over peanut butter layer and spread evenly. Freeze for 10 minutes, sprinkle with sea salt and enjoy immediately! Note: Peanut butter cups can last about a week in the fridge or a month in the freezer.



Nutrition Facts per serving: 171 calories, 13 g fat, 77 mg sodium, 12 g carbohydrates, 1 g dietary fiber, 9 g sugar, 4 g protein.



Classified School Employees of the Year



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

Classified staff members are known for performing essential roles that promote the health, safety and success of all students.

In the face of a global pandemic, however, their actions were nothing short of awe-inspiring. Exhibiting ingenuity, creativity and dedication, these school employees more than met the moment to support schools and families.

If you're not familiar with the term "classified employees," you are certainly aware of their contributions. This group includes office clerks, custodians, instructional assistants, technicians, bus drivers, maintenance workers and other non-certificated staff members who make our schools and district facilities run smoothly and efficiently.

Classified employees are often the first to greet students as they arrive on campus, and they're the ones who clean our schools and lock the doors at night. As such, these employees forge strong connections with our communities, and they are deeply invested in student achievement.

It was no surprise then that these workers went above and beyond in the COVID-19 era to ensure that Orange County students had access to healthy meals, technology for remote learning, health and wellness supports, and campuses that met the highest safety standards once in-person instruction resumed. They performed these roles with patience, grace and reassuring smiles that were apparent in spite of face coverings.

Of course, many of these unsung heroes prefer to work quietly behind the scenes. But now is the time to pull back the curtain and give them a standing ovation.

The California Department of Education created the Classified School Employees of the Year program about 13 years ago to spotlight the contributions of these professionals, and while there are so many who are worthy of our praise and admiration, the Orange County Department of Education recently selected nine local winners by job category.

The 2021 Orange County Classified School Employees of the Year are:

- Allison Goettman, school clerk, La Habra City School District (Clerical and Administrative Services)
- Miguel Laris, senior custodian, Westminster School District (Custodian and Maintenance Services)
- Rosemary Tamayo, food services lead, Garden Grove Unified School District (Food and Nutrition Services)
- Cassandra Palacios, licensed vocational nurse, Los Alamitos Unified School District (Health and Student Services)
- Jessica Lee, paraeducator, Huntington Beach City School District (Paraprofessional)
- Patricia Mendez, activity monitor, Santa Ana Unified School District (Security Services)
- Adrian Prieto, HVAC technician, Anaheim Union High School District (Skilled Trades)
- Chris Martinez, systems network technician, Magnolia School District (Technical Services)
- Mathew Sobelman, bus driver, Huntington Beach Union High School District (Transportation Services)

These individuals will be formally celebrated by OCDE and Schools First Federal Credit Union during Classified School Employee Week, which begins May 17. Each is also eligible to compete for state and national honors.

They are certainly deserving of that and more, because these employees weren't just honored for their technical skills; they were selected for the care, empathy and compassion they showed to others.

In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out."

We have endured a great storm over the past year. But the kindness and dedication of our classified workers was never more evident, and these are traits that will endure long after the pandemic is over.