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We are at the end of another school year. Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices. Our next issue is October 31. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and be sure to include the library among your summer activities.



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GGUSD's Commitment to Innovation Leads to Student Success



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

Innovation: those who truly use their time and talent to innovate are changing the world. Our students today are the innovators of tomorrow. Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, our staff have embraced innovative strategies at every turn. We are constantly searching out cutting-edge tools that will transform our students'

learning experience and provide them with greater tools to innovate. Here are just a few examples:

- **Dual Language Academies:** GGUSD is launching its second Spanish Dual Language Academy at Russell Elementary School to meet a growing demand to provide students with a pathway to learn, read and write in both English and Spanish. Students enrolled in the program will also have opportunities to earn the Pathway to Biliteracy Award, which is provided by the Orange County Department of Education. This is an important tool for young people to succeed in a global society. Already, GGUSD's Spanish Dual Language Academy at Monroe Elementary and the Vietnamese Dual Language program at Murdy Elementary have demonstrated tremendous success.
- **Computer Science Immersion:** We partnered with Code to the Future, the nation's premier creator of computer science immersion schools, to launch the district's first Computer Science Immersion Academy at Heritage Elementary School beginning in 2018-2019. Students will learn robotics, coding, and other computer programming skills as part of their daily instruction.
- **STEAM Labs:** Many GGUSD schools have opened STEAM Labs to empower students to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math in new and exciting ways.
- **Coding and Robotics:** Students across the district are participating in after-school clubs to learn about and compete in coding, robotics, and rocketry.
- **College and Career Readiness:** Three GGUSD schools – Alamitos Intermediate, Doig Intermediate and Santiago High School, were among only five schools in Orange County to receive the AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction Award. This means, they are using the highest level of AVID's newest college and career readiness instructional strategies in every classroom.



Heritage Elementary School students celebrate the launch of the school's new Computer Science Immersion Academy.

- **Advanced Placement Capstone:** GGUSD offers the College Board's Advanced Placement Capstone Program at two high schools, providing a greater level of rigor and challenging students toward higher thinking and innovation. Only 1,000 schools worldwide are selected to offer this program.
- **Culture of Kindness:** Students are developing new ways to show compassion and kindness to their classmates, including a Share Table that uses allows students to donate their unwanted lunch items to a Share Table for those in need.

Our model practices and innovative ideas have led GGUSD to be named a 2018 California Exemplary District by the California Department of Education. The new award celebrates districts that have implemented model practices, which resulted in positive student outcomes. Additionally, eleven elementary schools in GGUSD were named 2018 California Distinguished Schools, a top honor for the state's most inspiring public schools that demonstrate significant academic gains in narrowing the achievement gap. GGUSD has more schools on the 2018 California Distinguished Schools list than any district in Orange County and any comparable district across the state.

We know our innovation is making a difference in our district, and the innovation we inspire in our students will help change the world.

El compromiso del GGUSD con la innovación conduce al éxito estudiantil

Innovación: aquellos que realmente usan su tiempo y talento para innovar están cambiando al mundo. Nuestros estudiantes de hoy son los innovadores del mañana. A lo largo del año escolar 2017-2018, nuestro personal ha adoptado estrategias innovadoras a cada paso. Estamos constantemente buscando herramientas de vanguardia que transformen la experiencia de aprendizaje de nuestros estudiantes y les proporcionen mejores herramientas para innovar. Aquí hay solo algunos ejemplos:



Dr. Gabriela Mafi

- **Academias de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas:** El GGUSD está abriendo su segunda Academia de Inmersión en dos Idiomas, (inglés y español) en la Escuela Primaria Russell para cumplir con la gran demanda y poder proporcionarles a los estudiantes la vía para que aprendan a leer y escribir en inglés y español. Los estudiantes inscritos en el programa también tendrán oportunidades para obtener el Premio del Camino a la Alfabetización, que es otorgado por medio del Departamento de Educación del Condado de Orange. Esta es una herramienta importante para que las personas jóvenes tengan éxito en una sociedad global. La Academia de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas, (inglés y español) en la Escuela Primaria Monroe y la Academia de Inmersión en Dos Idiomas, (inglés y vietnamita) en la Escuela Primaria Murdy, del GGUSD, ya han demostrado un gran éxito.
- **Academia de Inmersión en Ciencias de la Computación:** Nos hemos asociado con Code to the Future, la creadora líder de las escuelas de inmersión en las ciencias de la computación en el país, para abrir en nuestro Distrito la primera Academia de Inmersión en las Ciencias de la Computación en la Escuela Primaria Heritage a principios del año escolar 2018-2019. Los estudiantes aprenderán como parte de su instrucción diaria robótica, codificación, y otras destrezas de programación de computadoras.
- **Laboratorios STEAM:** Muchas escuelas del GGUSD han inaugurado laboratorios STEAM para alentar a los estudiantes a explorar las Ciencias, la Tecnología, la Ingeniería, el Arte y las Matemáticas de maneras nuevas y emocionantes.
- **Codificación y robótica:** Los estudiantes de todo el Distrito están participando en clubs extracurriculares para aprender y competir en codificación, robótica y coherencia.
- **Preparación universitaria y para carreras profesionales:** Tres escuelas del GGUSD – las Escuelas Intermedias Alamitos y Doig y la Escuela Secundaria Santiago, estuvieron entre las únicas cinco escuelas en el Condado de Orange en recibir el premio de Distinción

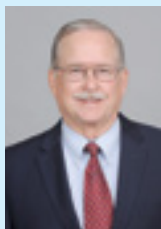
GGUSD Quyết tâm Canh Tân Đổi Mới Giúp Học Sinh Thành Công

Sáng kiến đổi mới: những người thật sự biết dùng thời gian và tài năng của mình để đưa ra những sáng kiến giúp thay đổi thế giới. Những học sinh của chúng ta của ngày hôm nay sẽ là những nhà sáng tạo của ngày mai. Trong niên học 2017-2018, nhân viên của chúng tôi không ngừng kết hợp những phương pháp tối tân và nghiên cứu những phương tiện hiện đại để học sinh có thể áp dụng những gì đã học và có phương tiện tốt hơn để sáng tạo.

Sau đây là một vài ví dụ:

- Các Chương Trình Song Ngữ: GGUSD đang mở Chương Trình Song Ngữ Tây Ban Nha thứ hai tại Trường Tiểu Học Russell nhằm đáp ứng nhu cầu đang gia tăng giúp con em học sinh trên bước đường học tập để có thể đọc và viết thông thạo Anh ngữ lẫn Tây Ban Nha. Học sinh ghi danh học chương trình này cũng sẽ có cơ hội nhận Bằng Khen Song Ngữ do Sở Giáo Dục Hạt Orange cấp. Đây là hành trang quan trọng giúp giới trẻ thành công trong xã hội toàn cầu. Trước đó, GGUSD cũng rất thành công với Chương Trình Song Ngữ Tây Ban Nha tại Trường Tiểu Học Monroe và Chương Trình Song Ngữ Tiếng Việt tại Trường Tiểu Học Murdy.
- Chương Trình Khoa Học Điện Toán Hội Nhập: Chúng tôi đã hợp tác với cơ quan ‘Code to the Future’, tổ chức đầu tiên thành lập các trường khoa học điện toán hội nhập trên toàn quốc để thực hiện Chương Trình Khoa Học Điện Toán Hội Nhập đầu tiên tại Trường Tiểu Học Heritage bắt đầu vào niên học 2018-2019. Học sinh sẽ học về máy tự động, mã hoá và kỹ năng lập trình trong chương trình học hằng ngày.
- Phòng Thí Nghiệm STEAM: Nhiều trường trong GGUSD đã mở phòng Thí Nghiệm STEAM (Khoa Học, Kỹ Thuật, Kỹ Thuật Công Trình, Nghệ Thuật Và Toán) để học sinh có thể học hỏi và khám phá những điều lý thú mới.
- Chương Trình Mã Hoá và Khoa Tự Động Học: Học sinh trong toàn học khu đang tham gia các chương trình tranh đua và học hỏi về mã hoá, tự động học và kỹ thuật hoá tiễn.
- Sẵn Sàng Vào Đại Học Và Chọn Nghề: Trường Trung Học Cấp I Alamitos, Trường Trung Học Cấp I Doig và Trường Trung Học Cấp II Santiago thuộc GGUSD là 3 trong 5 trường duy nhất trên toàn Hạt Orange nhận bằng Khen Xuất Sắc Áp Dụng Chương Trình AVID Toàn Trường. Điều này chứng tỏ rằng những trường này đang áp dụng các phương pháp giảng dạy mới nhất của AVID thuộc trình độ cao trong mỗi lớp học nhằm giúp học sinh vào đại học và chọn nghề.
- Chương Trình Trình Độ Cao Mở Rộng: Tại hai trường trung học thuộc GGUSD có Chương Trình Trình Độ Cao Mở Rộng ‘Advanced Placement Capstone Program’ của Hội Đồng Đại Học. Chương trình này khó và đầy thử

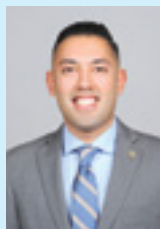
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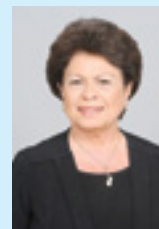
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Homegrown Employees Inspire School Pride and Successful Scholars

In Garden Grove Unified School District, we know that it is our people who make us great. This year, we launched a social media campaign called #GGUSDHomegrown to recognize a special group of employees. The campaign celebrates our more than 500 employees who attended our schools as children and then returned to work in our district.

The #GGUSDHomegrown campaign has been inspiring. More than 500 people shared their stories with us. Here are a few snippets of what they shared.

“I returned to GGUSD because I wanted to work for the district that helped and motivated me as a student.”

“My favorite part about working at GGUSD is that although it is a big district, there is a small-town feeling and everyone is always willing to help.”

“I didn’t even apply to any other districts, as this was the only place I knew would feel like home.”

“I felt I would be able to connect with my students more, having grown up in this area.”

Many shared stories of three or four generations of family members who went to GGUSD schools as students and returned to work in our district. We heard love stories of couples who met in our district as students, married, and returned to work in our district and raise their children here. It is heartwarming to know that our classrooms and our schools are filled with people who share a powerful pride and love for the district. We know that GGUSD is not only a great place to go to school – it’s also a great place to work.

The deep roots of our employees translates into caring staff members who are committed to helping all students succeed. In April, we hosted a celebration to honor and thank our homegrown employees for their commitment to our district.

Los empleados originarios del Distrito inspiran orgullo escolar y éxito en los alumnos

En el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Garden Grove, sabemos que nuestra gente son quienes nos hacen magníficos. Este año, lanzamos la campaña conocida en inglés como “GGUSD Homegrown”, para reconocer a un grupo especial de empleados. La campaña celebra a más de 500 empleados que asistieron a nuestras escuelas de niños y luego regresaron a trabajar a nuestro Distrito.

La campaña #GGUSDHomegrown ha sido inspiradora. Más de 500 personas compartieron sus historias con nosotros. Aquí hay algunos fragmentos de lo que compartieron.

“Yo regrese al GGUSD porque quería trabajar para el Distrito que me ayudó y motivó cuando era un estudiante.”

“Mi parte favorita de trabajar en el GGUSD es que a pesar que es un Distrito grande, se siente como si fuera una ciudad pequeña y todos están dispuestos a ayudar.”

“Ni siquiera solicité trabajar en otros distritos, ya que este fue el único lugar en el que supe que me sentiría como en casa.”

“Sentí que al haber crecido en esta área, iba a poder conectarme más con mis estudiantes.”

Muchos compartieron historias de tres o cuatro generaciones de miembros de la familia que asistieron como alumnos a las escuelas del GGUSD y regresaron a trabajar a nuestro Distrito. Escuchamos historias de amor de parejas que se conocieron en nuestro Distrito cuando eran estudiantes, se casaron, y regresaron a trabajar a nuestro Distrito y que criaron a sus hijos en esta misma ciudad. Es alentador saber que nuestros salones de clases y nuestras escuelas están llenas de gente que comparten un gran orgullo y amor por el Distrito. Sabemos que el GGUSD no solo es un extraordinario lugar para asistir a la escuela - también es un excelente lugar para trabajar.

Las profundas raíces de nuestros empleados hacen que sean miembros del personal que se preocupan y se comprometen a ayudar a todos los estudiantes a tener éxito. En abril, organizamos una celebración para honrar y agradecer a nuestros empleados locales por su compromiso con nuestro Distrito.

Nhân Viên Đã Được Học Khu Đào Tạo Dem Lại Niềm Hãnh Diện Về Trường Học và Những Học Sinh Thành Công

Tại Khu Học Chính Garden Grove, chúng tôi nhận biết rằng chúng ta vững mạnh là nhờ vào những nhân viên của chúng ta. Năm nay, chúng tôi đã thực hiện cuộc vận động kết nối trên các trang mạng truyền thông xã hội có tên gọi 'GGUSD Homegrown' để tuyên dương một nhóm nhân viên đặc biệt. Chương trình này tán dương trên 500 nhân viên đã từng theo học tại các trường trong học khu vào thời thơ ấu và sau đó trở về làm việc cho học khu chúng ta.

Cuộc vận động #GGUSDHomegrown đã tạo niềm hứng khởi khích lệ. Trên 500 thành viên chia sẻ các mẩu chuyện với chúng tôi. Sau đây là một vài đoạn trích những lời chia sẻ...

"Tôi trở về GGUSD vì tôi muốn làm việc cho học khu, nơi đã nâng đỡ và khích lệ tôi khi còn là một học sinh."

"Điều tôi thích nhất khi làm việc cho GGUSD là dù cho học khu này khá lớn, nhưng tôi vẫn có cảm tưởng gần gũi như trong một thị trấn nhỏ và ai cũng sẵn lòng giúp đỡ nhau."

"Tôi cũng chẳng nộp đơn cho những học khu khác vì đây là nơi duy nhất mà tôi cảm thấy như trong gia đình."

"Tôi cảm thấy mình có thể thông hiểu với các em học sinh hơn vì tôi đã lớn lên tại khu vực này."

Nhiều nhân viên kể chuyện về gia đình của họ gồm 3 hay cả 4 thế hệ đã từng đi học tại GGUSD sau đó trở về làm việc cho học khu chúng ta. Chúng tôi cũng được nghe kể về các câu chuyện tình yêu của các cặp vợ chồng gặp nhau ở học khu khi còn là học sinh, sau đó lập gia đình, sinh con và làm việc cho học khu. Thật là cảm động khi các lớp và trường học chúng ta có những thành viên với tràn đầy niềm hãnh diện và tình yêu dành cho học khu. Chúng tôi biết rằng GGUSD không chỉ là một học khu tốt để chọn cho con em – nhưng đây cũng là một nơi làm việc lý tưởng.

Vì bắt nguồn từ học khu, các nhân viên ân cần của chúng ta quyết tâm giúp cho tất cả học sinh thành công. Vào tháng 4, chúng tôi đã tổ chức buổi tuyên dương và tri ân sự quyết tâm phục vụ của các nhân viên đã được học khu đào tạo của chúng ta.

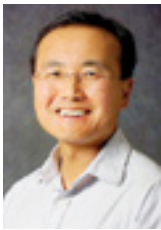
GGUSD launched a fun #GGUSDHomegrown social media campaign to celebrate its employees who attended GGUSD schools as students and returned to work in the district.



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Stroke Can Occur at Any Age



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Most people picture an adult when thinking about stroke. Sadly, this is not always the case. Strokes remain one of the top 10 causes of death in children. According to the National Stroke Association, stroke occurs in one in 4,000 live births. The risk of stroke from birth to age 18 is almost 11 in 100,000; though slightly more common in children under 2.

Risk Factors

Adult risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat and/or a hardening of the arteries. Pediatric stroke risks are different, and include:

- Congenital heart defects
- Sickle-cell disease
- Abnormal blood clotting
- Head or neck trauma
- Maternal history of infertility
- Maternal infection in the fluid surrounding an unborn baby
- Pregnancy-related high blood pressure in the mother



Signs & Symptoms

Recognition of stroke is often delayed or missed in children. The most common signs and symptoms of stroke in newborns and infants are:

- Seizures, including repetitive twitching of the face, arm or leg
- Apnea (pauses in breathing) associated with staring
- Extreme sleepiness
- A tendency to use only one side of their body

With children and teens, look for:

- Weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, usually on one side of the body
- Severe dizziness or loss of coordination
- Severe sudden headache, especially with vomiting and sleepiness
- Difficulty speaking or understanding others
- Vision loss or double vision
- New onset of seizures, usually on one side of the body

For more information about pediatric stroke, talk with your pediatrician.

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Don't Play With Toy Safety



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injury prevention
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According to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were an estimated 166,300 toy related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, and seven reported fatalities of children 12 years of age or younger during 2016. Register your toys to stay up to date with any recalls.

The Injury Prevention Program at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach wants to keep kids safe in the community by providing safety education to children and families. For more information on childhood safety education and resources, visit millerchildrens.org/injuryprevention.

Many toy related injuries and fatalities can be prevented by taking some precautionary steps when buying new toys for your child:

- Purchase age appropriate toys recommended by the manufacturer.
- Read and follow all warning labels, especially for electric toys.
- Avoid toys with small parts that may become a choking hazard for younger children.
- Be cautious of toys with small batteries and magnets because they can cause serious harm if swallowed.
- Be aware of toys that may contain lead.
- Ensure that toys with movable parts do not trap or jam your child's finger.
- Be sure your child can breathe comfortably in toys they can enter, such as a tent.

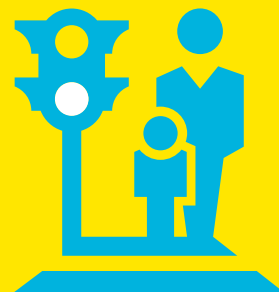


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Christine Pflughoff
Principal

Top Award for College Readiness

Alamitos Intermediate School has been honored once again as an AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction for the 2017-18 school year. This prestigious honor represents the highest level of AVID implementation and excellence in instructional practices. Alamitos is one of only five secondary schools in Orange County recognized for this achievement.

We are proud of our schoolwide promotion of college and career readiness through diligent training and implementation of self-regulatory skills for all students. Alamitos teachers participate in various trainings and regularly collaborate to support rigorous instruction and academic care for all students. We encourage a growth mindset and embolden students to engage in activities that maintain a positive culture in our school and our community.



Students celebrate the school's AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction award.

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Andrew Heughins
Principal

Students Excel in Academics and Arts

Ethan Allen Elementary School is one of the premier elementary schools in Orange County, excelling in academics and the arts. Allen was recently named a California Distinguished School for the fourth time and again placed first in

the top division of the Orange County Academic Pentathlon. In addition to our outstanding academic standing, Allen is committed to providing our students with experiences that will help students achieve college, career, and life success. To that end, we offer extended day activities in coding, chess, and even skateboarding! The Allen school community is also very proud of our arts program which includes our band, chorus, talent show, and annual Disney Musical in Schools production.



Students place first in the Orange County Academic Pentathlon.

Anthony Elementary School

15320 Pickford St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6104 • <http://anthony.ggusd.us>



Tyleen Perez
Principal

Commitment to Kindness

Earlier this year, students at Antony Elementary School participated in The Great Kindness Challenge. This national event focused on promoting a school culture based on kindness, compassion, and acceptance. A new kindness theme was highlighted

each day beginning with special morning announcements. Students participated in activities including writing kind notes, poetry writing, poster making, and completing an acts of kindness checklist. Thank you to parents and families that support our efforts to create a school culture of compassion, acceptance, and respect. Anthony Elementary is now a certified Kindness school. We have found that kind students are more productive students in achieving high academic standards. The culture of respect has helped students cheer each other on in their classrooms and work together to achieve results.



Students at Anthony Elementary come together to show off the school's big heart and commitment to kindness.

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Barker *Elementary School*

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Wayne Kelley
Principal

Fundraising for School Improvements

Recently, Barker School partnered with Apex Fun Run to host a “fun run” fundraiser sponsored by the PTA. After two weeks of campaigning, Barker students raised over \$20,000 for our school. During those two weeks, our students were impacted by the Apex Team in many ways. Our

main characters, “Righteous Ryan” and “Wonder Woman Whitney,” were on campus all day, every day, playing with students before school, at recess and lunch, visiting every classroom teaching character traits and building self-esteem, as well as the importance of healthy living, eating, and activity. The money raised will impact our school and our students. We have already installed a new sound system for the MPR; we have replaced our outdoor speakers and mobile sound equipment for playground hosted events; we have ordered new stage curtains for the MPR; we have purchased

door locks for each classroom to aid in securing our push bar doors in the event of an emergency, and we have purchased a class set of ukuleles for our music program to be used by 3rd-6th grade music students.



Barker Principal Wayne Kelly dresses up in a silly costume for the Apex Fun Run fundraiser.

Bell *Intermediate School*

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M'Liss Patterson
Principal

National Spotlight as Model School

Bell Intermediate School's most notable achievement for our students and staff include being recognized as one of California's 2018 Schools to Watch-Taking Center Stage model intermediate schools. In June the school will also be recognized in Washington DC as a National School to Watch. The review process for this award identifies signature practices that support

students' socio-emotional and academic needs. The Bell staff collaborated and developed school wide practices that foster a rich and supportive learning culture on campus. Some of these practices include an anti-bullying campaign, a growth mindset approach to learning, and an annotation guide. 21st Century technology skills are embedded in activities throughout the school day and after school college tutors and athletic programs are provided. Bell provides a great environment for students to thrive.



Bell Intermediate hosted a special assembly to celebrate their “School's To Watch” award.

Bolsa Grande *High School*

9401 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6424 • <http://www.bolsagrande.org>



Louise Milner
Principal

Freshmen Tackle Law School

Two groups of Bolsa Grande High School freshmen tackled a six-week law school experience through a unique partnership between the high school and the Saturday Academy of Law (SAL) program at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Bolsa Grande

High School teacher Greg Shadid taught the class in the fall and spring with support from UCI undergraduate teaching assistants and UCI law students. SAL provided ninth grade students with the opportunity to improve their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills while learning more about the legal profession and higher education opportunities.



Bolsa Grande High School freshmen celebrate the culmination of an intense six-week law school experience.

Students heard from various guest speakers, including Superior Court Judges, law firm attorneys, and government and public interest attorneys. At the culmination of the six-week program, students participated in a debate which was judged by six Superior Court judges who also helped students prepare for the debate.

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Brookhurst *Elementary School*

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Dianna Rangel
Principal

Scholars Give Back

Brookhurst students are dedicated scholars with a strong record of academic excellence. Students outperform the state average on standardized tests. Learning often extends beyond the classroom

with interactive field trips and project-based learning. Brookhurst's after-school coding and robotics program is very popular among sixth graders. Students at all grade levels enjoy the arts through Brookhurst's exciting choral and instrumental programs. The active student council plans many fun events and this year hosted a fundraising effort for disaster relief efforts. Students raised more than \$450 for the American Red Cross to help families in need. Way to go Brookhurst!



Students present a giant check to the American Red Cross for disaster recovery efforts.

Bryant *Elementary School*

8371 Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6451 • <http://bryant.ggusd.us>



Tanya De Leon
Principal

Learning College Readiness Skills

This year, Bryant piloted a study skills after-school program based on AVID, the largest college-readiness system in the nation. This summer, a team of Bryant teachers will be trained on the foundations of AVID which include: Writing to Learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to Learn. The overall goal of this

intervention is to increase organizational skills and student responsibility, leading to lifelong success.

Bryant is pleased to offer AVID study skills programs as a free after-school intervention in select grade levels. Our dedicated teaching staff contributes greatly to our mission to make a positive difference in our students' lives. Visualizing our students' pathway to lifelong success will be greatly enhanced by the addition of Bryant's AVID after-school programs.



Students from Bryant's Elementary AVID Study Skills class show off their organizational skills.

Carver *Early Childhood Education Center*

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<http://carver.ggusd.us>



Sharla Staab
Principal

Early Learning Growth

Spring is a busy and fun time of year in preschool. As instruction focuses on the concepts of growing and changing, our students are planting seeds and creating insect habitats to closely monitor the growth and development of plants and animals over time. These inquiry-based activities are hands-on, language-rich, and aligned with the Preschool Learning Foundations.



Carver students enjoy planting seeds in the school's garden and watching them grow.

For educators, spring is also a time to observe the growth and development of our students. The teachers at Carver ECEC are currently completing the state mandated Desired Results Development Profile. The assessment measures students' development across eight domains, including social-emotional development, cognition, English language development, physical development, language and literacy, history and social science, and visual and performing arts. This assessment, in addition to other formal and informal assessments, assists our special educators in ensuring that all preschool-aged students are being exposed to or are receiving instruction in all developmental domains and are also being provided with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills. At Carver, we are committed to helping all students succeed.

Carrillo *Elementary School*

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<http://carrillo.ggusd.us>



Kim Kroyer
Principal

Nurturing Students' Artistic Skills

Carrillo Elementary School continues to proudly offer extended day art enrichment opportunities. Students participated in Art Club under the instruction of Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Kovacs, and have been recognized in Orange County for their artistic creations. Ten works of art were chosen for the 2018 GGUSD First Impressions Student Art Exhibit. Sixth grader Olivia Nguyen Tran took Best in Show for PK-6. Student



The artwork of sixth grade student Olivia Nguyen Tran took Best in Show.

artwork will be submitted for Orange County's Imagination Celebration. First grader Jaden Hoang was recognized by the Orange County Department of Education and VSA Orange County, the county organization on arts and disability. Artwork was chosen from more than 800 submissions and will be exhibited in the Junior Art Gallery and the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts. Congratulations artists!

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Sue McClellan
Principal

Program Promotes Early Learning Success

This year has been an exciting one for the GGUSD State Preschool Program! In December, our superintendent and GGEA president interacted with students during an animated presentation of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” Many parents and students have participated in our Backpack Clubs, enjoying the opportunity to experience a variety of early learning activities together. The UCI vision bus visited our campuses to provide exams and glasses at no charge to students. Our teachers have been hard at work implementing our new preschool curriculum and attending an array of professional development opportunities. All of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms are ensuring that our students are ready for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten next year.



GGEA President Tina Gurney and Superintendent Gabriela Mafi captivate students with their performance of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!”

Clinton *Elementary School*

13641 Clinton St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6146 • <http://clinton.ggusd.us>



Jason Shabet
Principal

21st Century Learning Experience

Clinton Elementary School has been moving full speed ahead towards 21st Century Learning. Our world is experiencing rapid change and we need to prepare our students to achieve success. Clinton’s Character Strength program teaches success skills including self-control, grit, and optimism. Teachers are implementing

flexible seating, creating environments for all learning modalities, increasing ownership and collaboration. Technology is the wave of the future! Clinton’s Coder Club led the school for the Hour of Code. Coders attended a UCI Robotics competition and learned how mechanical engineering can aid them in careers. They toured the campus planting the seeds for future college attendance. Clinton is proud to provide an educational experience where students develop the success skills they need for a better tomorrow.



Students participated in a robotics competition at University of California, Irvine.

Cook Elementary School

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Students Increase School Safety

The Cook Elementary School staff and PTO, in partnership with the Safe Routes to School program and the City of Garden Grove, have made gains in safer transit to school for our community. Some of the improvements

added this year are; red curbing, new crosswalks, school zone street signs, and “Blind Person Area” signs alerting drivers to blind students, as Cook, Jordan Intermediate and Bolsa Grande High School host a program for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Additionally, the PTO has formed the Cook Safety Patrol. Each morning and afternoon the Safety Patrol offers valet service to students and adds supervision to the parking lot and crosswalk. Morning valet service also includes Junior Safety Patrol students. The Cook community works together to make our corner of the world a safer place.



Cook Elementary staff, parents, and students unite to promote school safety.

Crosby Elementary School

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Students Strengthen Creative Writing Skills

Students at Crosby Elementary School enjoyed an engaging assembly from a creative writing company. Prior to the assembly, all Crosby students used their creative writing skills to draft a story of their own, either in groups or individually. Actors from the company selected student stories and transformed them into entertaining

skits which they performed for the entire student body. The assembly helped challenge students to think and write with creativity and engage their imagination. The concept was developed by an educator and actor as a fun way to enhance writing curriculum. The assembly also celebrated students for the creative writing stories they developed. Crosby provides many fun opportunities for students to learn in and out of the classroom.



Actors help encourage students to continue strengthening their creative writing skills.

Doig *Intermediate School*

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Louie Gomez
Principal

Students Explore the World of Engineering

This year, 30 Doig Intermediate students were afforded a huge opportunity to attend the “Start Small, Dream Big” field trip at Golden West College. Students received a guided engineering/STEM activity that allowed them to use their imaginations to help design backpacks for future generations of students. Doig students went through the engineering design process which included designing a prototype of their creation. Doig students gained first-hand experience of how “making” is at the heart of large scale, innovative engineering projects. Among the more than 200 students who attended this event, two Doig students stood out with their innovative ideas and design. This was an outstanding event that gave students important insight about what they can accomplish in the future.



Eisenhower *Elementary School*

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Beth Cusimano
Principal

21st Century STEAM Skills

Eisenhower Elementary continues to offer multiple STEAM enrichment opportunities for our students. Students recently performed in the school’s fourth annual Disney Musical production, *The Lion King*. All performances sold out! Students on our Robotics Competition and Academic Pentathlon Teams are preparing and strategizing for their May competitions. Our upper grade students also benefit from coding or robotics instruction weekly, during the regular school day. Eisenhower



Teacher of the Year Jennifer Zarkades helps equip students with the tools for academic success.

School would also like to congratulate two of our staff members: Mrs. Pamela Sanchez, our noon duty supervisor, has been selected as GGUSD’s Classified Employee of the Month for April. Mrs. Jennifer Zarkades has been recognized as GGUSD’s Teacher of the Year in the Orange County Department of Education teacher recognition program. She will be honored by the Orange County Department of Education for excellence in teaching. Stay up-to-date on all of the great things happening at Eisenhower by following our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EisenhowerGGUSD/>

Enders *Elementary School*

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Michelle Askew
Principal

School and Community Pride

It has been an exciting school year at Enders. Our staff and PTA have created a plethora of events and activities for both students and community, including our yearly Rodeo Round-Up and School Talent Show. Enders has added to our after-school enrichment program, now offering academic chess and robotics to compliment the popular

after-school science program. In addition to our strong academic program, Enders staff focuses on developing the socio-emotional wellbeing of our students. Student philanthropy is encouraged through the donation of the harvest from our teachable garden to a local food bank. We also used the book “Only One You” as inspiration for the Enders Rock Garden, which utilized individual rocks painted by students to celebrate their unique traits. The exciting opportunities offered to Enders students help foster school and community pride!



Enders students and staff show school pride during recent event promoting school safety.

Evans *Elementary School*

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Lynn Hardin
Principal

Student Success on Instagram

This school year Evans Elementary committed to connecting with others by using the social media platform “Instagram.” Our fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Frances McGah spearheads this project and is an Instagram warrior! We now

have over 200 followers and are growing. At the moment we are doing a top ten countdown of what makes Evans Elementary great. #10 is school events. Our school hosts many engaging student and family events, including flag assemblies, winter and spring concerts, 100th day of school celebration, Bubble Walk-a-thon, Fun Family Night, Science Night, Book Fairs, Book Swap, Read Across America, Spirit Days, Red Ribbon Week, School BBQs, Tet Festival, Festival of Friendship, Awards Assemblies, Student Council, Dowler Dash,



Evans students and parents enjoyed a trip to the Angels baseball game.

Kindness Week, field trips, Evans Talent Show, and more. Join us on Instagram to find out what #1 will be. <https://www.instagram.com/ggusd.evans.elementary/>

Excelsior *Elementary School*

10421 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6106 • <http://excelsior.ggusd.us>



Sarah Mershon
Principal

STEAM Science Laboratory

Excelsior Elementary students have enjoyed a productive year of striving for excellence. Using student data, teachers have continued to work together to refine and reflect on their teaching practice to not only maintain, but increase student achievement. We have

opened up our “Collaboratory”, a STEAM lab where students apply their learning through hands-on project-based learning activities. Students completed STEAM activities during our Read Across America week. From kindergarten to fifth grade, students applied science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics concepts to books they read. Students continue to use the new lab for investigations and experiments aligned to science standards. After school, students who participate in enrichment programs use the Collaboratory for programming robots and conducting additional engineering projects.



Excelsior students use the STEAM Lab to take on an engineering challenge to build a bridge and test its strength by finding out how many pennies their bridge can hold.

Faylane *Elementary School*

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Mike Ingalls
Principal

State’s Top Award

Faylane Elementary has been recognized as a 2018 California Distinguished School, the state’s top award for schools that show significant success in academic gains. In addition to our academic success, Faylane Falcons S.O.A.R. on. Safety, Ownership, Acceptance and Respect are the essential behaviors of focus this year. Students’ performance of *The Jungle Book*, our

school’s first Disney Musical, was a smashing success. We expanded our before and after school coding, STEM, robotics and intervention classes. Our first annual soccer matches for students in second through sixth grade are underway. Our “Kind Iz Kool Bullying 4 Happiness program,” led by our anti-bullying trainer, has made great inroads in empathy! Our parents are actively engaged in our amazing PTA, School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee and parenting classes. We are a school on the move; watch us fly to higher heights!



Faylane recognizes students for academic success.

Fitz Intermediate School

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Michelle Repsher
Principal

Hands-On Engineering Experience

Thirty students from Fitz Intermediate School participated in the “Start Small, Dream Big” countywide field trip to Golden West College on March 23. Fitz students were selected based on their CCGI College and Career Readiness Inventory,

and their interest in exploring a career in engineering. Students participated in guided engineering/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) activities where every student was able to make a real project going through the engineering design process, including the imagination, design, testing, and improving steps. Students learned how this small example of “making” is at the heart of large scale, innovative civil engineering projects. The field trip concluded with a debut of the movie, “Dream Big, Engineering Our World.”



Fitz students enjoy learning about engineering principles during the “Start Small, Dream Big” countywide field trip to Golden West College.

Garden Grove High School

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Steve Osborne
Principal

Prestigious AP Seminar Program

Garden Grove High School students are completing their first year of the prestigious Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar program! Using an inquiry framework, students consider issues from multiple perspectives, evaluate the strength of

an argument, and make logical, fact-based decisions. Students question, research, explore, pose solutions, develop arguments, collaborate, and communicate using various media. These students are feeling empowered to bring their voice to the table on complex and timely issues that young people are facing today. The course includes a team presentation and 1,200 word individual research report inspired by the assigned readings. The culminating group research projects and presentations include themes of

nuclear power, poverty, censorship, immigration, gender inequality, and suicide prevention. Students at GGHS are actively engaged in university level discourse and analysis!



AP seminar students engage in university-level work.

Garden Park *Elementary School*

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Michelle Morales
Principal

Opportunities for Student Growth

Garden Park Elementary School provides many opportunities for students to achieve academic and personal growth. Recently we hosted our second annual Career Day. Presenters shared career highlights and educational paths that

led them to their chosen career. Students have had opportunities to participate in Art Masters, Coding and Robotics, Chess Masters, Comic Creators, and Aspiring Actors clubs as part of our school enrichment programs. Garden Park's sixth grade Academic Pentathlon team placed second in the Super Quiz Scrimmage at Garden Grove High School. Student Council raised money to adopt a classroom in Houston that suffered major

damage to their school after the hurricane. Through our helping hands, the Houston classroom was able to purchase technology lost in the hurricane. Garden Park is a great place to learn and grow!



Students excel in the Academic Pentathlon.

Gilbert *Elementary School*

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Charise Santana
Principal

Students Unite for Disability Awareness Event

Recently Gilbert Elementary School students learned about a variety of disabilities during the school's Annual Disability

Awareness event. Throughout the week, each class participated in learning about a variety of disabilities with a focus on what individuals with special needs can do. In GGUSD, we value the abilities of ALL students. Gilbert general education students teamed up with students with special needs to do a fun activity together. Students also enjoyed a school-wide barbecue and fun activities during lunch.



Students participate in school-wide event to raise awareness about disabilities.

Hare High School

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Todd Nirk
Principal

Learning Extends Beyond Classroom

In March, 23 Physical Science students from Hare High School were provided an exciting opportunity to visit a company in Long Beach that provides launch services for rockets and small satellites. The students were taken on a tour where they saw one of the world's largest 3D printers as well as various stages of rockets being built.

Hare scholars were given a complex group activity that called upon utilizing their critical thinking skills to solve a series of challenging puzzles similar to what the company will put potential employees through in their hiring process. Hare offers many opportunities for students to gain skills that prepare them for college and career success.



Students tour Virgin Orbit to learn STEM skills used in launch services for rockets and satellites.

Hazard Elementary School

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Melissa Sais
Principal

Innovation Lab

It has been an exciting year at Hazard Elementary School. We have continued our focus on 21st century learning skills. We now offer an Innovation Lab where students can participate in a variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities, such as coding and robotics, recording and editing videos, and tackling engineering challenges. To reinforce the importance of STEAM, sixth grade students observe STEAM classrooms at Santiago High School to gain a greater understanding of future opportunities in this field. Parents have been actively involved in education as well. They have attended monthly meetings where they learned current instructional practices, curriculum and scholarly habits. We believe it is this strong connection between students, staff and parents that has contributed to the success of our school!



Students put STEAM skills to work in after-school robotics club.

Heritage *Elementary School*

426 S. Andres Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6108 • <http://heritage.ggusd.us>



Michelle Pinchot
Principal

First Computer Immersion Academy

Heritage Elementary School has partnered with Code to the Future, to launch the district's first Computer Science Immersion Academy beginning in 2018-2019. All students will be part of the Computer Science Immersion

Academy, learning programming, robotics, coding, and other computer science skills as part of their daily instruction. Heritage hosted a special event to announce the academy program to families with a barbecue, school-wide coding activity, and an evening packed full of STEM activities. Students will have the opportunity to develop and strengthen core skills such as communication, creativity, critical thinking, in addition to 21st century skills that are projected to be in high demand in the near future. Stay up to date on our accomplishments by Liking us on Facebook @HeritageGGUSD



Parents and students celebrate the launch of the Heritage Computer Science Immersion Academy at the school's Family Coding Hour.

Hill *Elementary School*

9681 11th St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6561 • <http://hill.ggusd.us>



Tricia Chinn
Principal

Academics, Arts, and Athletics

Hill Elementary School students have demonstrated academic excellence during the 2017-18 school year as well as a commitment to grow. Hill will launch a new robotics program to allow students to explore their interest in computer coding and STEM concepts.

Last month, students delivered a delightful performance of Disney's Aladdin, part of our school's Disney Musicals in Schools program. We are expanding our recess to include structured athletic opportunities in parachute games, volleyball, tennis, baseball, and more. Hill teachers and staff celebrate student success in and outside of the classroom and give out brag tags for demonstrating monthly character traits including honesty, kindness, and teamwork.



Hill students deliver magical performance of Disney's Aladdin.

Irvine *Intermediate School*

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Bill Gates
Principal

Students Give Back

Irvine Intermediate School has a longstanding tradition! For years, the school's National Junior Honor Society has hosted a "Pennies for Patients" campaign to raise funds to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year, NJHS Advisors Sydnie Le and Eric Simons turned this fundraising opportunity into a fun competition between seventh and eighth grade students. The winning grade received an early release to lunch on four separate days. For two weeks in March, students donated any change. All coins count positively toward the grade's total amount collected. Students also had the opportunity to get ahead by donating bills. Any bills collected were deducted from that grade's total. This year, Irvine Intermediate School collected more money than ever before - almost \$4,000! And if you are wondering...the eighth graders won the competition!



NJHS students count the donations collected by Irvine Intermediate students to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Jordan *Intermediate School*

9821 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6124 • <http://jordan.ggusd.us>



Tracy Conway
Principal

Students Shine on Stage

Jordan Intermediate has a rich and robust visual and performing arts program. Jordan's band, orchestra, choir, and art students performed at top levels in local festivals and shows. Students with no experience are encouraged to enroll in one of our beginning art, choir, guitar, photography, band, or orchestra classes. Each year, visual and performing arts teaching staff lead up to 200 students in a standing room only spring musical production. This year's artistic culmination of student talent, growth and achievement will be displayed in the musical production of *Mulan*. The arts foundation established at Jordan enables students to pursue visual and performing arts education in high school and beyond. We are extremely proud of our program. Come check out our musical from May 31st-June 2nd!



Jordan students take the stage with an amazing vocal performance.

Jordan *Adult Transition Program*

9915 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92844 714/663-6486 • <http://jslc.ggusd.us>



Chad Ouellette
Principal

Celebrating Student Success

At Jordan Adult Transition Program, we have introduced monthly award ceremonies to highlight achievements in the domain areas of Academics, Daily Living Skills, Recreation and Leisure, Communication, Vocational Skills, and Social Skills. We also introduce the theme of our Unique Learning Systems lessons for the upcoming month.

Most of the ceremony is student led, with each classroom designated a month to present. We celebrate successes in many ways at ATP as it's an important component of empowering students toward independence. Our monthly ceremony has become a very entertaining, motivating, and fun event to come together as a school to focus on positive student outcomes.



Our student-led monthly award ceremonies inspires our students toward achieving goals and important milestones.

La Quinta *High School*

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Denise Halstead
Principal

College and Career Success

An exciting new development at La Quinta High School is our CTE and College and Career Pathways. These pathways feature programs of study that involve multi-year sequences of courses that integrate content and academic

knowledge with career and technical knowledge. At LQHS, we have established pathways in the following areas: Business, Computer Science, Biotechnology, AVID Discovery, Visual Arts and Performing Arts. Students who progress through the pathway course sequences will have opportunities for internships and college level coursework. Students also compete on local, state and national levels in all

pathways. Business students compete in DECA, the Arts and Music students compete in festivals and showcases, and Computer Science students compete in CyberPatriot and Esports gaming. AZTEC's ACHIEVE is our motto!



LQHS DECA business students compete at the state level in real world business simulations, interviews, and marketing scenarios.

Lake Intermediate School

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Margaret Feliciani
Principal

New Opportunities in STEAM

At Lake Intermediate, we are excited to offer elective classes, as well as clubs and extended learning opportunities which focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). In our lunchtime STEAM club, for students who

wish to learn a variety concepts within STEAM fields, some club members are organizing into teams to enter the OC Maker Challenge, held by the Orange County Department of Education and business partners around the community. Other members are developing an understanding of robotics and programming using VEX Robotics and Sphero SPRK+ Robots. During our after-school program, students are learning basic programming and how to code

using SWIFT language. These STEAM opportunities give students hands on experiences which prepare them for high school, college and career pathways.



Lake students proudly display their STEAM projects.

Lawrence Elementary School

12521 Monroe St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6255 • <http://lawrence.ggusd.us>



Marie Kennedy
Principal

Parents Help Promote Healthy Choices

Lawrence Elementary School's Parents in Action group paired up with Kid Healthy, an organization committed to promoting health and wellness by engaging parents and students

in programs that improve nutrition and fitness levels. Parents received training in child nutrition and physical activity, Three times each week, Lawrence Parents in Action volunteers lead various structured games and activities set to music during students' lunch recess. The dedicated parents help model healthy choices and an active lifestyle. Lawrence Elementary School provides many opportunities for parents to get engaged in the school community.



Parent volunteers partnered with Kid Healthy to lead physical activity at recess and promote healthy choices.

Lincoln *Adult Education Center*

11262 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove CA 92843 • 714/663-6291 • <http://cte.ggusd.us>



Connie Van Luit
Director

Spring Semester Filled with Learning

The Spring semester at Lincoln Adult Education Center has been filled with learning in a variety of content areas. Students enroll in traditional courses like basic writing and grammar, technology classes in Microsoft products, CPR, and more.

Even as adults, students work on goal-setting, decision making, and responsibility. GGUSD is proud of its adults who make a commitment to professional development and learning new skills. Lincoln Adult Education Center also hosts fun events and offers academic and personal support for its adult learners.

Mark Twain *Special Education Center*

11802 Loara St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6050
<http://marktwain.ggusd.us>



Chad Ouellette
Principal

Students Embrace Technology

Communication is a major focus on our campus at Mark Twain Special Education Center. We have implemented a variety of Assistive Technology devices that can be found all over the campus to support our students with choice making and sharing preferences. Our amazing Speech and Language Pathologist has not only recommended the devices to implement

but provides training to staff members on how to actively engage each individual student utilizing the technology.



Students with special needs use technology to make choices.

The devices begin with a choice field of one and progress up to higher fields as the students begin connecting the action of touching a device to a consistent response. Our students have shown great progress in communication and continue to make improvements daily.

Marshall *Elementary School*

15791 Bushard Ave., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6528
<http://marshall.ggusd.us>



Lorrie Klevos
Principal

Roadrunners Commit to Healthy Choices

Do you know what the term is for a group of Roadrunners? A “marathon” of roadrunners. By participating in the 100 Mile Club, our Marshall Roadrunners are living up to their name! Every morning the students are flocking to the field to get in some beneficial cardio on their way to the year-long goal of covering the equivalent of four marathons! The emphasis is on making exercise a healthy, communal activity to be enjoyed by students, teachers, and parents! This daily routine can contribute to our students reaching their academic and personal goals. Research shows a correlation between regularly exercising with a group and improved academic skills, a stronger sense of well-being and belonging, and better opportunity for lifelong success.



Marshall Roadrunners live up to their name with school's 100 Mile Club.

Los Amigos *High School*

16566 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6288 • <http://www.losamigoshs.com>



Vicki Braddock
Principal

Exciting School Year

It has been an exciting few months at Los Amigos, and there is even more excitement to come. GGUSD's Teacher of the Year is Los Amigos' own Jeannine Verellen. Mrs. Verellen is our Science Department Chair and is coordinating the Drought Response Outreach Program (DROPS) here at Los - a project to create an environmentally efficient campus and to increase the environmental awareness of students, staff and the community. In athletics, our Girls Soccer team made it to CIF quarter finals and Girls Water Polo made it to CIF finals! Some lucky Lobos "PAWS-ed" for reading with a few furry friends during the Scholastic Book Fair. And our Los Amigos choir earned the opportunity to sing the Star Spangled Banner at an Angels game! Way to go Lobos!



Los Amigos students team up with a furry friend during the school's Scholastic Book Fair.

McGarvin *Intermediate School*

9802 Bishop Pl., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6218 • <http://mcgarvin.ggusd.us>



Tahnee Phan
Principal

Academic and Social Support

McGarvin Intermediate is a great place for scholars to grow academically, socially and develop interests that will help them in their future endeavors. During the 2017-18 school year, we launched our P.B.I.S. program with the motto that "McGarvin Owls are W.I.S.E." Our motto reminds students to be Welcoming, to Improve Every Day, to be Socially Aware and to be Ethical. Teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors helps to develop and support a positive school culture and student motivation and we can see and feel the impact of students being W.I.S.E. on and off campus. The positive climate on campus has led to increased motivation among students as they continue to achieve high academic goals.

Recently, McGarvin Intermediate School students swept the competition at Knott's Berry Farm's Physics Fun Day. McGarvin students took home trophies for first, second, and third place in the Roller Coaster Building and Rubber Band Race Car competitions, showing off their mastery of high-level STEM skills.



McGarvin students show off their trophies from their success at a countywide physics competition.

Mitchell *Elementary School*

13451 Taft Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6131 • <http://mitchell.ggusd.us>



Chris Francis
Principal

New Playground Equipment

Students at Mitchell Elementary School are enjoying two brand new sets of playground equipment. The playground equipment was made possible through the combined efforts of Mitchell Elementary School's PTO, the District, and school site funds. The new playground equipment helps bring new energy and activity to the campus, as students from kindergarten through sixth grade enjoy their outdoor time more than ever. Mitchell Elementary administrators and staff are committed to ensuring students achieve both academic and personal growth, and ample activity outdoors is an important component to the overall health and development of its students. The playground equipment also helps create a positive school

climate and enhances school pride. The principal and staff extends a big thank you to all Mitchell parents who supported the fundraising that helped make these new additions possible!



Mitchell students are excited about the school's new playground equipment.

Morningside *Elementary School*

10521 Morningside Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6328 • <http://morningside.ggusd.us>



Nathan Bellamy
Principal

Students Get Behind the Camera

For the second year in a row, Morningside will have a photo gallery during Open House on May 31st. Our photo gallery is a project of photos taken by our photo club. The photo club is directed by Ms. Shigematsu, Ms. Mayhue and Ms. Franco. We presently have 25 students in the club. The club meets each Monday to study the characteristics of photography such as color, balance, topography, scale and hierarchy. Photo club will soon be taking a field trip to Mile Square park to photograph the natural landscape of an urban park and present some of their photos at the gallery presentation. All are invited!



Morningside Elementary students enjoy gaining new skills in the school's Photo Club.

Monroe *Elementary Dual Language Academy*

16225 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6264 • <http://monroe.ggusd.us>



César Loya
Principal

Dedicated Staff Members

Monroe Elementary Language Academy has experienced great success in the implementation of our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program. There are many factors which make a program successful, but number one on the list is the people who make up the organization. We are very fortunate to boast a high quality staff - both certificated and support staff. In April, we celebrated the amazing accomplishments of two of our very own - Rene Cantoran, 1st grade teacher, and Letty Estrada, School Secretary. Rene was awarded with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) Award for Annual Language Learner Celebration. Letty was selected to be the GGUSD representative for the OCDE Classified Employee of the Year. We are very fortunate to have both Rene and Letty as part of the Monroe team! Our staff members go above and beyond to ensure students feel supported and reach high academic standards.



Monroe Elementary Language Academy School Secretary Letty Estrada and First Grade Teacher Rene Cantoran were recently recognized with top awards from the county.

Northcutt *Elementary School*

11303 Sandstone St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 • 714/663-6537 • <http://northcutt.ggusd.us>



Gary Gerstner
Principal

Innovative Technology Use

Northcutt teachers are all highly qualified teachers who implement the latest research-based instructional strategies to support student success. Teachers enhance their lessons through the school's recent increase in technology. Northcutt has a high-tech Computer Lab and a one to one ratio of computers and iPads in second through sixth grades. Many students enjoy after-school coding, computer programming, and robotics clubs. Northcutt students continue to shine in their reading accomplishments. Each trimester, every first through sixth grade student sets three reading goals. All students who reach their reading goals are recognized during a special

ceremony with a certificate and a reading medallion. All students who read over one million words by the end of April receive a Million Word Club plaque honoring their astonishing achievement.



Students learn about computer coding in after-school robotics club.

Murdy *Elementary School*

14851 Donegal Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6405 • <http://murdy.ggusd.us>



Marcie Griffith
Principal

Success for Students

It has been a successful and exciting school year for Murdy Elementary School students. We are especially proud to have been recognized by the California Department of Education with a Distinguished School Award for academic excellence. Our Vietnamese Dual Language Program continues to thrive, with all of our students in the program expected to receive a *Pursuit of Bilingualism Award* from the Orange County Department for Education. Murdy students participated in many rich experiences. We sent two robotics teams to the First Lego League Challenge, and for the second year in a row, every student at Murdy participated in Code.org's Hour of Code. Equally exciting is that many of our students were recognized for talent in visual and performing arts. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed @murdyelementary.



Students participate in school-wide Hour of Code.

Newhope *Elementary School*

4419 W. Regent Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6581 • <http://newhope.ggusd.us>



Adam Bernstein
Principal

Parent Education

Children are not the only ones who are learning new things at Newhope! Recently, we offered a series of Parent Education Classes called What Your Child Needs to Succeed. These interactive classes focused on the developmental assets that help children succeed in life.

The parents who attended these classes learned about the importance of things like having high expectations, consistent rules, and good communication. The classes also focused on the importance of teaching kids about the value of community service, working hard in school, and showing perseverance. Congratulations to all of the Newhope parents who attended these classes!



Parents attend a series of classes to learn how to help promote student success.

Pacifica High School

6851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845 • 714/663-6515 • <http://www.pacificamariners.com>



Robin Patterson
Principal

Student Inspires Others to Succeed

Pacifica High School senior Isaak Togia received the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) "Every Student Succeeding Award" at a special breakfast celebration held on March 9th at Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. The award honors "Student Superheroes" for overcoming significant obstacles to achieve success and the school leaders who help them along the way. Togia will be honored at ACSA's



Pacifica's Isaak Togia recently received the "Every Student Succeeding Award."

Leadership Summit on November 8-10 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. With the help of his family and the staff at Pacifica High School, Togia has excelled in the classroom and on the football field. He earned an NCAA scholarship and was actively recruited by several Division 1 colleges before signing with San Jose State University. At school, he is a leader and mentor to students with special needs, athletes, and other students who face challenges.

Paine Elementary School

15792 Ward St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6118 • <http://paine.ggusd.us>



George Martinez
Principal

Coins for Children Battling Cancer

For three weeks in March, the sound of clinking coins could be heard on the campus of Thomas Paine Elementary School, as students brought in donation boxes filled with loose change. Students participated in the Pennies for Patients Program, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This is the tenth year that Paine students have participated in the Pennies for Patients Program. Responding with generous hearts and selfless giving, Paine students and staff raised more than \$2,000. Students learning to help others is an awesome lesson! Working together to aid children in their fight against cancer provided a valuable lesson to Paine students: through teamwork, they can make a difference!



Students raise more than \$2,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Parkview *Elementary School*

12272 Wilken Way, Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6266 • <http://parkview.ggusd.us>



Ryan Baker
Principal

Students Get Tech Tips

Parkview Elementary School students welcomed Google employees to their campus in early February. A Google technical assistant trained Parkview teachers in the use of Google's Augmented Reality software and devices. Students were provided the opportunity to use the devices to explore the Roman Empire, closely

examine insects and spiders, take a journey through the solar system, visit a rain forest and dropped into many other interactive scenes throughout the day. Students thoroughly enjoyed experiencing these lessons with their peers and discussing critical thinking questions in groups. Parkview teachers are committed to the use of technology to enhance their daily lessons and increase student engagement and success!



Students use Google's Augmented Reality software in a series of fun project-based interactive lessons.

Patton *Elementary School*

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Dr. Jennifer Carter
Principal

Patriots Shine in Musical Production

We are so proud of the talented students who attend Patton Elementary. Over the last three years, students in fourth through sixth grade received the opportunity to be part

of a musical. Mrs. Fleagle the music teacher and one of the sixth grade teachers, Mr. Minaker work together to put on a magnificent musical for the community. This year the students performed Disney's *The Lion King*. The dancing, singing, sets, and costumes were phenomenal! The Patton PTA and parents put in many extra hours to ensure the musical was a success! Our Patton Patriots also have other avenues to shine through the PTA Talent Show, Running Club, Colonial Day, Greek Games, and many other enrichment activities throughout the school year!



Patton students show off their musical talents in this year's production of *The Lion King*.

Peters *K-3 Elementary School*

13162 Newhope St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6085 • <http://petersk3.ggusd.us>



Kyle Benham
Principal

21st Century Technology Skills

Students and teachers have been very active during the 2017-18 school year. Students have embraced activities such as Kodable, Hour of Code, and have flourished in Peters' after-school Young Einstein's STEM Lab. All students continue to sharpen their 21st century technology

skills by taking advantage the school's 1:1 device-to-student ratio in first through third grade. Teachers continue to work together to promote critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration skills for all learners. During the monthly Super Kids Awards assembly, students are highlighted for exhibiting the focused character strength of the month. Thank you to our wonderful liaisons and parent volunteers along with Second Harvest Food Bank for making our monthly "Farmer's Market" such a success. Mark your calendars for future dates (5/4 and 6/8). A special thanks to our wonderful PTO

and parent volunteers for our recent Color Run and making it possible for our students to attend field trips and experience memorable assemblies throughout the year.



Students enjoy the many fun activities offered at Peters K-3, including the recent Color Run.

Ralston *Intermediate School*

10851 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6366 • <http://ralston.ggusd.us>



Ruth Dietze
Principal

Academic Success Program

Ralston Intermediate School continues to provide scholars with a rigorous academic program and a variety of extended learning opportunities after school. Teachers support students with academic discourse and have focused on integrating literacy across all

content areas. In addition, scholars participate in activities that support academics like our recent Pi Day celebration. Scholars can attend our "Academic Success Program" after school to complete assignments and projects with the support of our wonderful teachers and AVID tutors. We also have an after school Economics class which teaches scholars the basics of money, budgeting, saving, financing, and investments, and provides opportunities

for collaboration while playing a Stock Market Game. Our after school Robotics class equips students with important coding, robotics, and STEM skills. Lastly, a group of students are training with our teachers for the 5K Strawberry Stomp in May. Ralston scholars have many opportunities to engage in academics and activities during and after the school day.



Ralston students recently celebrated Pi Day with a fun math competition.

Peters 4-6 Elementary School

13200 Newhope St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6070 • <http://peters46.ggusd.us>

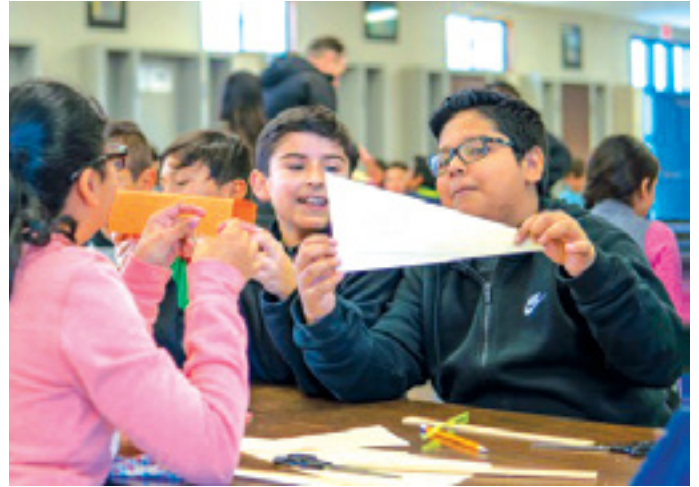


Gurprit Dhillon
Principal

Community Partners Support Students

Peters 4-6 is proud to have strengthened various community partnerships this year to support our students. We continue to be the only GGUSD campus to offer a monthly Farmers Market, sponsored by Second Harvest Food Bank, to provide free fruits and vegetables for our families and community. The Garden Grove Police Department has built connections with our students,

encouraging them to continue to focus on a growth mindset and literacy. Large corporations have donated their time to conduct STEM lessons. Recently, a company donated more than 1,000 books and supplies to our students during Read Across America week. Lastly, our school community recently raised more than \$12,000 for the school, which we celebrated with our second annual Color Run. It has been a busy but excellent year! Go Panthers



Students conduct STEM experiments with guidance from engineers.

Post Elementary School

14641 Ward St., Westminster, CA 92683 • 714/663-6354 • <http://post.ggusd.us>



Joy Ellsworth
Principal

First Annual Egg Drop Challenge

Post Elementary students receive many fun opportunities to learn 21st century skills outside of the classroom. This year, the school hosted its first annual Egg Drop Challenge. Students with help from their parents, built a contraption that was designed to securely hold a raw egg and keep it from breaking during a drop. The Orange County

Fire Authority Station 64 joined in on the fun and launched these contraptions from approximately 55 feet in the air as students, parents and staff watched their containers and eggs free fall to the ground. Parents and students anxiously awaited the results as they could hear “splat”, “pop” or see the oozing yolk. An impressive 28 of the 91 contraptions survived the fall without cracking. Students learned physics and engineering concepts while working with their parents. Students helped lead in-depth conversations using scientific principles to describe why the winning designs worked best.



Thanks to the Orange County Fire Authority for helping Post Elementary School host its first successful egg drop challenge.

Rancho Alamitos High School

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<http://www.ranchoalamitoshs.com>

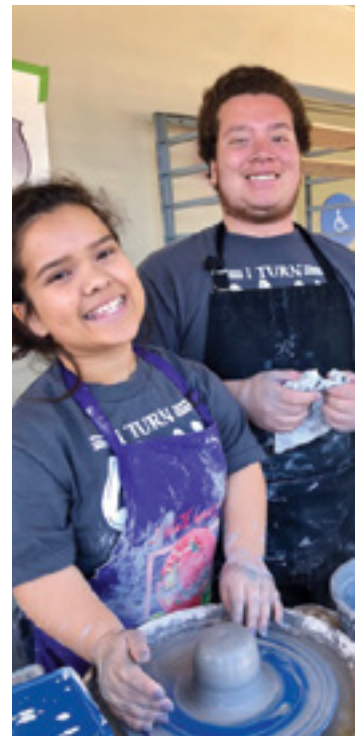


Mary Jane Hibbard
Principal

Visual and Performing Arts Programs

Rancho Alamitos High School hosted Arts at the Ranch, an interactive showcase of the school's visual and performing arts programs. Students were able to watch drama vignettes; listen to

musical selections from choir, mariachi, drum line, orchestra and band; view photographs and art projects; observe demonstrations; and participate in hands-on arts activities. It was a day of creativity and exploration and a wonderful way to celebrate our arts programs and our talented students. Rancho Alamitos High School students have many opportunities to gain a rich and rewarding high school experience.



Students showcased artistic talents during the school's recent visual and performing arts showcase.

Riverdale *Elementary School*

13222 Lewis St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6563 • <http://riverdale.ggusd.us>



Chris Ash
Principal

Students Shine On Stage

Riverdale students lit up the stage in this year's production of *The Aristocats*. Riverdale is one of a few select schools in Orange County to offer the popular Disney Musicals in Schools program through a partnership with Segerstrom

Center for the Arts and Disney. Students, parents and teachers worked together for 18 weeks to put together this amazing musical. Through this process students became confident young performers while learning important 21st century skills of creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication. To see photos and other events happening at Riverdale Elementary follow us on Twitter or Facebook @RiverdaleGGUSD



Riverdale students show off their artistic talents in the school's production of *The Aristocats*.

Rosita *Elementary School*

4726 W. Hazard Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703 • 714/663-6418 • <http://rosita.ggusd.us>



Don Terreri
Principal

California Distinguished School

It has been an eventful year for our students and staff at Rosita. Our growth mindset continued to produce results on the state standards test for the third year in a row for all of our students and in all of our subgroups. That led to Rosita being named a 2018 California Distinguished School. This is the first year of the return of Distinguished

Schools in California since the start of Common Core. This is an award for the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools that show significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap for all students. We feel honored to be selected. Rosita students' "Always Try Your Best" attitude is evident not only in their efforts in academics, but also in their participation in school wide events, like March in Motion, Read Across America, and the after school Robotics Club. We are proud of our Rosita Scholars!



Students celebrate the school's recognition as a 2018 California Distinguished School.

Russell *Elementary School*

600 S. Jackson St., Santa Ana, CA 92704 • 714/663-6151 • <http://russell.ggusd.us>



Kai Chang
Principal

Open Dual Language Academy

GGUSD is set to launch the Russell Elementary Language Academy beginning in 2018-2019. The new Spanish Dual Language Academy is the second of its kind in GGUSD and will meet a growing demand to provide students with a pathway to learn, read and write in both English and Spanish. All

students who enroll in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten will be placed in the biliteracy program where they will learn academic content such as science, social studies, literacy, and math, in English and Spanish. Students enrolled in the program will also have opportunities to earn the Pathway to Biliteracy Award which is awarded by the Orange County Department of Education. Students in biliteracy programs develop high levels of self-esteem which leads to high academic-competence and motivation, while also preparing them for the global job market.



Russell Elementary School Set to Offer Spanish Dual Language Academy.

Santiago *High School*

12342 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6215 • <http://www.santiagohs.org>



Michael Kennedy
Principal

Success Blossoms in Career Pathways

Santiago High School is proud to offer its students six exciting career pathways: Design and Visual Media Arts, Education, Engineering Design, Culinary Arts, Software and Systems Development, and Automotive

Technology. Recently two students in the Automotive Technology pathway competed in the OCADA(Orange County Automotive Dealers Association) Automotive Technology competition. The two Santiago students, Antonio Leana and Mauricio Rey, finished in first place out of over 120 students from schools across Orange County. They each won a \$1,500 scholarship and were chosen to represent

Orange County at nationals in New York City. During the competition they were tasked with finding 25 bugs in a rigged car. Auto technicians with these trouble-shooting skills can make six figure incomes.



Students Antonio Leana and Mauricio Rey, along with teacher Carlos Sanchez, showed off their first placed trophy at the Orange County Automotive Dealers Association Automotive Technology competition.

Simmons *Elementary School*

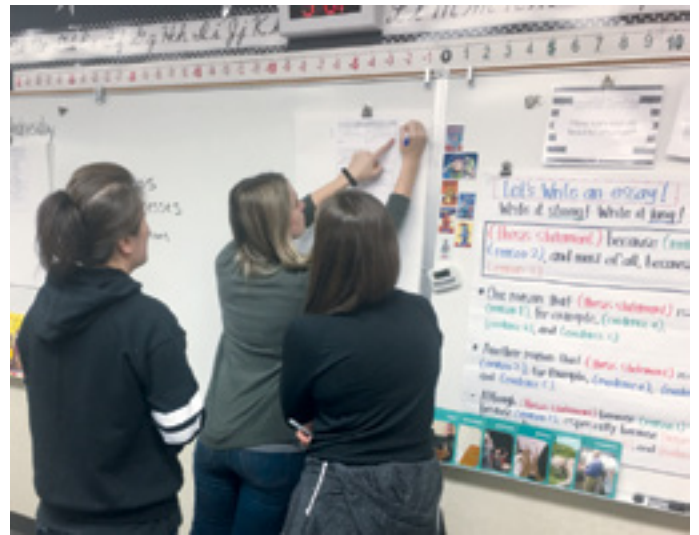
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Jaemie Johnson
Principal

Moving from Good to Great

In order to promote the best student learning, a school must first be a dynamic place of learning for teachers. With the recent adoption of new math and language arts curriculum, fine-tuning the development of instructional best practices has been our primary focus at Simmons during the 2017-2018 school year. Teachers have participated in quality professional development opportunities among and across grade levels. Our grade level chair representatives, instructional leadership team, and teacher on special assignment have worked closely together on a mission to up-level classroom practices, moving them from good to great! Our school-wide content studies have focused on: reading during trimester one, math during trimester two, and writing during trimester three. This emphasis on best practices leads to greater student success.



Simmons teachers and instructional leaders are committed to providing students with the best education possible

Stanford *Elementary School*

12721 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841 • 714/663-6458 • <http://stanford.ggusd.us>



Melanie Mathovich
Principal

New Opportunities for Student's Success

This year Stanford Elementary School has several exciting new opportunities for our students. We are proud to participate in the AVID Elementary Program, an after-school class focused on getting students on the path to college and helping students develop study and organization skills. Another new after-school program is our Beginning Guitar class, which will conclude with a recital in late spring. Earlier in the year, all

students sharpened their computer programming skills by participating in the global Hour of Code initiative. Stanford is continuing its participation in the Academic Pentathlon and Kids Run the OC this year, as well. Perhaps most notably, Stanford Elementary has been recognized as a 2018 California Distinguished School, a top honor for the state's most inspiring public schools that demonstrate significant academic gains in narrowing the achievement gap. A schoolwide culture of supporting one another, having a growth mindset, and taking on challenging tasks continues to propel our students to even greater achievements!



Stanford students take advantage of the school's new Beginning Guitar Class.

Stanley *Elementary School*

12201 Elmwood St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6484 • <http://stanley.ggusd.us>



Jamie Shippee
Principal

Music Leads to Learning

At Stanley Elementary School, students have the opportunity to learn more than reading, writing, and math. Through a partnership with GGUSD's Visual and Performing Arts Department, all students receive 30 minutes of music instruction every week. In March, Stanley's chorus members were invited to perform at Garden Grove High

School along with the local intermediate and high school choirs. Sixth grade students are learning to play ukuleles and students in second grade are learning to love music using boomwhackers. Disney Musical in School's 101 Dalmatians production allowed students in third through sixth grade to sing and dance in the delightful story of the pups attempt to be rescued from Cruella De'Vil. The staff at Stanley believe music leads to learning.



Stanley students are exposed to many forms of music education including learning the ukulele.

Sunnyside *Elementary School*

9972 Russell Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92844 • 714/663-6158 • <http://sunnyside.ggusd.us>



Susie Dollbaum
Principal

Fostering Student Success

Sunnyside has a great reputation for success. We believe that our students, staff, and families make the difference at our school. Each

group has their role to play in creating a safe, positive, caring climate for learning and celebrating. The Sunnyside staff puts students first and works to make sure that each individual student meets the high expectations set. Our parent groups enrich our school with many contributions of volunteerism, fundraisers for special activities, and worthwhile community events. And our students are amazing! They come to school ready to learn, do their best, and work together. We all benefit from what we share, a strong community that believes in student success.



Sunnyside hosts many fun, engaging activities including the school's recent Color Run.

Violette *Elementary School*

12091 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6203
<http://violette.ggusd.us>



Erin Lara
Principal

New Programs for Student Success

Violette Elementary School's staff and community continue to provide students with their favorite programs and have found new ways to give the Vikings the best elementary school experience. GGUSD's popular College Career Mentoring Program continues to be successful and Violette began AVID Elementary which will prepare the students for success in intermediate school, high school and beyond. As the program expands across all grade levels, students will have the benefit of learning AVID strategies that will improve their scholarly habits. We are celebrating our sixth year of the 100 Mile Club with daily student runs and monthly family runs. Additional clubs and activities have started, including Comic Book Club, Cooking Club, Robotics, a Ukulele class and lunch time sports tournaments. Thanks to the community's support of Measure P, Violette will receive air conditioning this summer.



Violette sixth grade students practice AVID STAR note-taking to prepare for collaborative study groups.

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Wakeham *Elementary School*

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<https://wakeham.ggusd.us>



Michelle Rushall
Principal

Academic and Social Growth

Wakeham continues to be a place where students are encouraged to grow academically and socially. The school's collaboration with both the Orange County GRIP program and Big Brothers/Big Sisters provides mentoring and incentives that help increase attendance and promote positive school behavior. Pure Games Soccer and Parents in Action work to help develop sportsmanship, strong character, and physical education among students and parents during recess. Sixth grade students are encouraged to reach for their goals with college and career mentoring and an opportunity to join the school's award-winning pentathlon team. Our hardworking PTA continued to fundraise to support many of the activities that make Wakeham special: classroom fieldtrips, assemblies, recycling projects, awards assemblies, cooking classes, and parent education opportunities. Also this school year, students were greeted with a beautiful, newly modernized, and air-conditioned campus. Thank you to the community voters that helped to make this possible.



Students continue to win awards in academic excellence at the county's academic pentathlon competition.

Walton *Intermediate School*

12181 Buaro St., Garden Grove, CA 92840 • 714/663-6040 • <http://walton.ggusd.us>



Jan Cody
Principal

Students Demonstrate Care and Compassion

Advisement lessons at Walton Intermediate School focus on the ROAR character traits of respect, ownership, attitude, and responsibility. One of these school-wide lessons was planned and presented by a group of student volunteers who stepped up to make a difference.

Students created posters to remember those lives lost in school violence and to highlight positive messages about how students can care for each other. Students carried their posters onto the field for a remembrance assembly. Students and staff read the names of those students and staff members lost at Stoneman Douglas High School and Sandy Hook Elementary. From the heart, student leader Hazel encouraged her peers to be thankful for being alive and to take every opportunity to be kind to one another.



Walton students lead assembly about care and remembrance.

Warren *Elementary School*

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Eileen Young
Principal

Students Love Learning to Code

Build it. Code it. Fly it. Warren students combined drone components in different ways to create everything from hexacopters to hovercrafts using innovative building systems. With magnetic attachments and modularity, the drones were only limited by student imaginations. Students were able to take their drones to the skies and learn to pilot the new creations, then discovered how to use codes and algorithms to give the drone a mind of their own. The after-school Battlebots class is also very popular. The class combined engineering, programming, and inventing together as students went head-to-head to have their last bot standing. At Warren, the sky's the limit!



Students work on their programming and coding skills.

Woodbury *Elementary School*

11362 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92843 • 714/663-6461 • <http://woodbury.ggusd.us>



Rose Jansz
Principal

21st Century Learning

Woodbury scholars have been part of many exciting activities this year, including a robotics club to develop 21st century technology skills, outdoor education science camp for sixth graders, Tiger Woods Learning Center for fifth graders, a College and Career Mentoring Program, the school's Tet celebration, and monthly Art Masters class. Woodbury fosters a healthy environment with opportunities for students to participate in the 100 Mile Club, as well as intramural soccer during lunch. We celebrate our school and student successes during monthly Woodbury Wonder Kids assemblies and Woodbury Responsible Tigers, where we reinforce positive behavior and scholarly habits. Thanks to community support and Measure P, Woodbury will receive air conditioning this summer!



Woodbury students enjoy participating in the national Hour of Code to sharpen their computer programming skills.

Zeyen *Elementary School*

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Sarah Van Dam
Principal

California Distinguished School

Louis G. Zeyen Elementary has been recognized as a 2018 California Distinguished School, an award granted to "schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education." By uniting all stakeholders in our effort to build a healthy, nurturing school climate, we have realized academic success. Teacher advocacy, an atmosphere of inclusivity, focus on character strengths, and parent involvement are keys to our success. When students believe that teachers and parents care for them and believe in them, and that they can achieve more with hard work, they invest more time into their learning. Their achievement grows as a result.



Zeyen second graders work together to explore measurement.

AVID Schoolwide del Plantel Escolar. Esto significa que están utilizando en todos los salones de clases, las estrategias de instrucción AVID más avanzadas y nuevas para la preparación universitaria y para carreras profesionales.

• **Programa de Asignación Académica Avanzada**

Capstone: El GGUSD ofrece el Programa de Asignación Académica Avanzada Capstone del CollegeBoard en dos escuelas secundarias, las cuales proporcionan un nivel superior de rigor y desafían a los estudiantes hacia un pensamiento e innovación superior. Solo 1,000 escuelas de todo el mundo son seleccionadas para ofrecer este programa.

- **Cultura de amabilidad:** Los estudiantes están desarrollando nuevas maneras de demostrarle compasión y amabilidad a sus compañeros, y se ha incorporado una mesa Share Table, que les permite a los estudiantes donar los artículos de comida que no deseen, para las personas necesitadas.

Nuestras prácticas modelo e ideas innovadoras son el resultado de que el GGUSD sea nombrado un Distrito Ejemplar de California del 2018 por el Departamento de Educación de California. El nuevo premio reconoce a los distritos que han implementado las prácticas modelo, las cuales han hecho que los estudiantes obtengan resultados positivos. Adicionalmente, once escuelas primarias del GGUSD fueron nombradas Escuelas Distinguidas de California del 2018, un gran honor por ser las escuelas públicas estatales que más inspiran y que demuestran logros académicos significativos que disminuyen la diferencia en el rendimiento académico. El GGUSD tuvo más escuelas en la lista de Escuelas Distinguidas de California del 2018 que cualquier otro distrito en el Condado de Orange y que cualquier otro distrito comparable en todo el estado.

Sabemos que nuestra innovación está marcando una diferencia en nuestro Distrito, y la innovación que inspiramos en nuestros estudiantes ayudará a cambiar al mundo.

thách, đòi hỏi ở học sinh sự suy luận sâu sắc và sáng tạo ở mức độ cao hơn. Chỉ 1,000 trường trên toàn thế giới được chọn tham gia chương trình này.

- Môi trường học tập thân ái: Học sinh bày tỏ lòng yêu thương và tình thân ái với bạn học bằng những cách mới, như Bàn San Sẻ 'Share Table' để các em có thể chia bớt phần ăn trưa không dùng hết của mình cho những học sinh khác.

Sự thành công trong việc áp dụng các mô hình và thực hiện các sáng kiến đổi mới đã giúp học khu đạt danh hiệu Học Khu Kiểu Mẫu California 2018 'California. Đây là bằng khen mới dành cho những học khu thành công trong việc thực hiện các mô hình đạt kết quả cho học sinh. Ngoài ra, mười một trường tiểu học của GGUSD cũng được tuyên dương là Những Trường Ưu Tú California 2018 'California Distinguished Schools', danh hiệu cao quý nhất của tiểu bang dành cho những trường công lập tiên phong trong nỗ lực thu hẹp một cách đáng kể sự chênh lệch về thành quả học vấn của học sinh. GGUSD là học khu có nhiều trường đạt danh hiệu 'Những Trường Ưu Tú California 2018' hơn mọi học khu khác trong hạt Orange và hơn hẳn bất kỳ khu học chính khác trên toàn tiểu bang.

Chúng tôi hiểu rằng những sáng kiến đổi mới giúp cho học khu chúng ta được tốt đẹp hơn và sự đổi mới này sẽ truyền nguồn cảm hứng trong học sinh của chúng ta để góp phần thay đổi thế giới.

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Christina's Book Review



My Favorite Book Series

In *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* Sammy is bored in her Grandmother's "Seniors Only" apartment where she has nothing to do, since she is not allowed to live there, stays there in secret and can't make any noise. One day Sammy borrows her Grams' binoculars and looks across the street at the shady Heavenly Hotel. Suddenly she sees a robber running out and he sees her. They stare at each other for a split second. Later a threatening note is slipped under the door that forces Sammy to solve the case before her Grandmother gets hurt. Sammy also has to start middle school and gets suspended on her first day for punching the Mean Girl Heather who started their rivalry by jabbing Sammy with a pin. To top it off, Sammy's nosey neighbor Mrs. Graybill knows that Grams is hiding her and wants to rat her out. With all this against Sammy, how is she ever going to catch the thief?

The Sammy Keys series are very action -packed stories. This is by far my favorite book series and I give it a 5 out of 5.

Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).



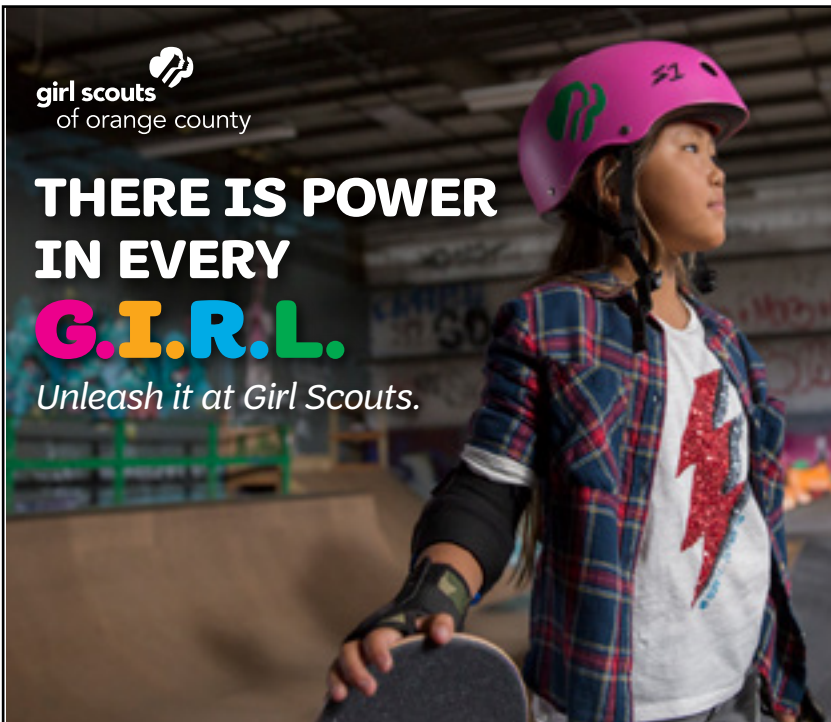
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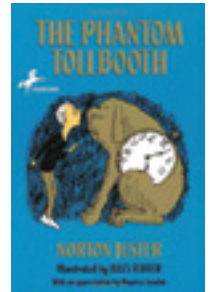
Richard's Book Review



Richard J.

The Phantom Toll Booth

This book starts with a boy named Milo being incredibly bored. One day after coming home Milo finds a toll booth in his room. He decides to go through to see what would happen.



Suddenly he finds himself in the land beyond, in a town full of creatures, which wouldn't go anywhere or do anything until the time keeper - a dog named Tock - scares them into getting on with their lives. Milo befriends Tock the dog. Together they go through a great adventure. They meet King Azaz, who rules over letters and words, and other magical creatures.

I liked this book because it is strange, but fun. Milo learns great lessons that make him appreciate different things in life. I recommend reading this book to understand the great story where so many magical things happen. I give this book 5 out of 5, with 5 being the best.

Richard J. is a third grader. Richard likes math, playing sports, physical activities like bike-riding and running, reading and spending time with his family.

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