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## Welcome Back to College!

*By Superintendent Dr. Carol Hansen*

The newly modernized College View Elementary is the college everyone wants to attend! Thanks to funds from Measure R, a general obligation bond the community passed in 2016, College View Elementary has been totally transformed.

The school was built in 1965 and serves students in preschool through 5th grade. The modernization project entailed a complete overhaul to the school building, starting with the demolition of everything inside the building shell. The modernization plans called for a re-envisioned school, beginning with creating interior hallways that did not exist previously. In a nod to the school's name and as an inspiration to students, the new hallways have beautiful murals of local colleges and universities adorning the walls. As students walk through the school, they see murals of local California State Universities (Long Beach and Fullerton), University of California Universities (Irvine and Los Angeles), private universities (USC and Chapman), as well as local community colleges (Golden West and Orange Coast). In addition, more than 50 solar tubes that bring in natural light have been strategically placed to brighten the hallways.

The project scope also included air conditioning/heating, electrical and lighting upgrades; technology and security upgrades; new flooring, furniture, paint, and landscaping; a revamped library media center; a redesigned kindergarten; a new preschool wing; an upgraded front office; and a new bus drop-off and pick-up area.



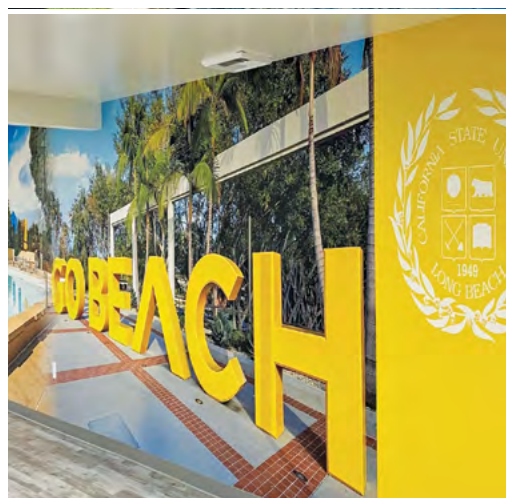
**Superintendent Dr. Carol Hansen and College View Elementary Principal Elaine Burney – Chapman University**



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All College View classrooms now have two ViewSonic flat screens. Each classroom is outfitted with both 86-inch and 43-inch screens, which are connected to each other to allow casting, and other instructional functions. In addition, all classrooms have flexible-designed student furniture, such as desks, chairs, and tables that allow maximum student engagement.

New and energy efficient systems have been installed throughout the building. We are utilizing a NASA technology called BioPCM, which acts like a thermal battery, storing and releasing heat in a way that stabilizes room temperature around a desired set point. For both cooling and heating, BioPCM interacts with the building's HVAC system to reduce energy consumption. Ocean View School District is the first school district in California to use this technology!

We are so proud of this beautiful school and the dynamic learning opportunities it provides our students. When you walk the halls at College View, you can't help but feel hopeful and optimistic. The new and improved College View Elementary conveys a message to its students, and that message is "Dream big, the future is yours!"

For more information visit [www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org).

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## Welcome Back to a New School Year

All of us can remember our first day of kindergarten, meeting our teachers, seeing our old friends and making new ones, and finding our classrooms. However, students are having a different experience this year that they will also remember.

The past few years we learned about STEAM, STEM, and lots of acronyms for new programs. We can now add ZOOM and other communication programs. Lots of parenting hours have gone into encouraging children to spend less time on technical devices and more time

playing with friends outside. Now children are focused on computer screens for learning and are not allowed to physically interact with their friends. Through all of this children continue to laugh and find joy. We are an innovative society capable of rising to challenges.

Thank you parents for doing your part to help your children adapt to the abnormal. Thank you educators for leading and continuing the learning process.

We look forward to continuing to publish the excellence from the classrooms virtual, in-person or hybrid. Our next issue is January 20, 2021. Be well.



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# A Watershed Moment



**Dr. Al Mijares**  
 Superintendent

The case of Mendez v. Westminster broke new ground not just for Orange County, but for our entire nation.

Now, more than 70 years later, the Orange County Department of Education and the City of Westminster are breaking ground on a park and monument honoring the legacy of the court case that famously led to the desegregation of California's public schools.

Statues of Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez, who successfully took legal action after their children were turned away from their neighborhood school on the basis of race, will soon be the centerpiece of a public space along Westminster Boulevard at

Olive Street. The sculptures will be surrounded by other evocative pieces, including a large textbook monument and interpretive panels with additional insight on the case and its far-reaching impacts.

We're hoping you will take a few moments to watch a pre-recorded and physically-distanced celebration marking the start of construction on this highly anticipated project. Our virtual groundbreaking ceremony, which debuted Oct. 13, can be found on the OCDE and City of Westminster Facebook pages, as well as on the OCDE Newsroom.

As the precursor to the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education ruling, the Mendez case is worthy of commemoration for reasons that go beyond acknowledging a historic injustice. It should be viewed as an affirmation of who we are, how far we've come as a society, and what we're still capable of accomplishing. And it all started here in Orange County.

In 1943, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez tried to enroll their three children — Sylvia, Geronimo and Gonzalo Jr. — in Westminster's 17th Street School, known as "the white school." But they were directed instead to Hoover Elementary, an inferior campus for students of Mexican heritage.

Keep in mind these students and their parents were American citizens. Their ensuing lawsuit, Mendez v. Westminster, was supported by four other families who argued that children throughout the county were unjustly discriminated against under the 14th Amendment.

A year after their victory in U.S. District Court, the ruling was upheld by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1947. In 1954, the Supreme Court took up a similar case in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, declaring that policies justifying school segregation were in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Artist Ignacio Gomez has been tapped to create the statues for Westminster's new memorial, and OCDE is developing content and curriculum for the park and four interactive stations that will be installed along a walking path on Hoover Street. Collectively referred to as the Mendez Freedom Trail and Tribute Monument project, the project is expected to be completed in 2021.

These public spaces will bring communities together to unite behind shared values and reflect on a watershed moment for this country. They will also provide an opportunity to further recognize the courageous families who made it possible. But make no mistake: In the United States, their legacy is everywhere.

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### Keeping Your Family Safe and Healthy This Flu Season



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As we approach peak flu season during a pandemic, now more than ever, it's extremely important to ensure that everyone in your family follows optimal hand hygiene practices. Good and frequent hand hygiene is one of the most effective ways to prevent infections, including flu and COVID-19.

Parents play an important role in teaching children lifelong healthy habits, which includes handwashing. Use these tips to encourage hand hygiene:

- Explain that handwashing prevents your child from getting sick and getting other people sick.
- Encourage your child to wash his or her hands before eating and avoid touching their face with unwashed hands.
- Make sure your child always washes their hands after going to the restroom, playing outside, touching an animal, or coughing or sneezing.
- Provide your child with hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Lead by example and wash your own hands as often as possible and carry hand sanitizer with you.

In addition to good hand hygiene, it's also important that you and your family get an annual flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone over 6-months-old get a flu shot by the end of October, with some rare exceptions. Once available, it will also be important to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to help end the global pandemic.

As the COVID-19 pandemic and flu season overlap, make sure you and your family take precautions to stay healthy. Face masks, hand washing, social distancing and avoiding large gatherings are important practices that help prevent illness.



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## Online Homework Help, Sidewalk Service and Children's Programming at the Library

Need help with school homework? Use the library's online service Brainfuse HelpNow. HelpNow offers free live tutoring for students of all ages, practice tests, and essay reviews as well as resources for job seekers and veterans. The Children's Library webpage also has links to other educational sites @hbpl.org.

The Huntington Beach Central and Banning Branch Library are offering sidewalk service. This service allows people to place the books that they want on hold and the library staff will pull the titles for them. The library is also offering a book bundles service. Fill out an online form and the library staff will select books for you based on your preferences. This service is for all ages. For more information go to hbpl.org or visit the library's Facebook page.

Library storytimes are being done online and can be viewed anytime on the Children's Library webpage. The children's department is offering weekly busy bags for toddlers/preschoolers and Take&Make kits for elementary students September - November. There are also kits for teens. Parents and teens need to register online on our Calendar of Events @hbpl.org. Each week's children's activities are also posted on the Children's Library webpage for parents to print out.

This year's Fall Cover-to-Cover reading program will not be done online. There is a reading log posted online so it can be printed out, or parents can pick one up during our Sidewalk Service hours at Central Library. The reading program runs Oct. 3 - Nov. 14 for children ages 4 -12.

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Mark Johnson**

### Celebrating the FVSD Family

This year, more than ever, we celebrate the FVSD Family. While the current school year brings unique challenges, we are confident in the resilience and creativity of our team. The FVSD Family is made up

of highly skilled teachers and classified staff, led by dedicated administrators. In addition, our family is fortunate to include outstanding parents and guardians that have stepped up even more so these past few months and will continue to ensure our students are successful this year. Lastly, we are grateful to be a part of a wonderful community that supports our students, staff and schools in every way possible. Together, our FVSD Family continues the FVSD Way including a commitment to: high expectations for all; working collaboratively to improve practices and meet future challenges; dedicating ourselves to professional learning; and, working to ensure that ALL students meet or exceed expectations.

As we move forward in the 2020-21 school year, we are committed to carrying on our efforts to be better each and every day. We will continue to *prepare today's youth for tomorrow's future* as we are devoted and dedicated to **IMPACTING** the lives of **ALL** children. Whether in the classroom, or virtually connecting from home, the students in Fountain Valley School District will continue to thrive because of the support and care of our FVSD Family.



**The Fountain Valley School District celebrates the FVSD Family now more than ever.**

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### Science Buildings Near Completion at Fulton Middle School

*By Jeanne Galindo, President*

It is with great excitement that we share the tremendous progress we have made in our modernization efforts at Fulton Middle School! In the coming weeks, Fulton Middle School will welcome the completion of their Measure O modernization projects, as well as the installation of its brand-new science rooms. In speaking for the entire FVSD Family, we are thrilled to welcome our students into such inviting and supportive learning spaces. These dedicated science rooms feature modern equipment, flooring, tables, resources and storage cabinets intentionally designed to support middle school science at Fulton.



**Fulton Middle School Welcomes New Dedicated Science Rooms.**

In addition, new landscape and hardscape creates a courtyard outside these rooms that adds to the student-focused atmosphere across the campus. Similar to science rooms added at Masuda, these rooms are simply stunning with warm wood paneling, metal awnings and modern finishes welcoming students to a space created for scientific exploration.

In 2016, the FVSD community supported our schools through the passing of Measure O. As we enter Phase 3 of construction, more than half of our schools enjoy air-conditioned classrooms with infrastructural improvements, new windows and roofs, paint and flooring. And more so, like Fulton, our middle schools will soon all enjoy modern science buildings. We continue to be grateful to our community for their generous support of our students, staff and families through the passing of Measure O. Our FVSD Family is truly lucky to be a part of such a special community!

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

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**Cara Robinson**  
Principal

### Welcome Back!

I am honored to rejoin the Fountain Valley School District family as the new Cox Elementary principal. I feel so very fortunate for this opportunity to work with such an incredibly gracious community. And I can't wait to see students walking through our doors!

So much has already gone into preparing for the start of school. For weeks, our district and site leaders here planned for our reopening in September. You have my commitment to keep our children safe in light of the pandemic. Cox has been prepared with open arms—contactless, of course—as we bring students back.

To share with you a little bit about me, my husband and I reside in Costa Mesa with our two children. I started my teaching career in the Garden Grove Unified School District teaching at Lawrence Elementary School. I did that for a while, and then I was hired in FVSD to teach sixth and seventh grades at Masuda Middle School. After teaching at Masuda for a few years, I was promoted to assistant principal and then to principal of Masuda. I left Masuda in 2009 and became the principal at Talbert Middle School. I have spent the past six years of my career at the district-office level as both the director of Support Services for FVSD and, most recently, as the director of Human Resources with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District.

And now, I am fortunate to return back to the school site to pursue my true passion as a principal in the district I love. I cannot express how excited I am to be back, and I cannot wait to see all of you in person!



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**Chris Christensen**  
*Principal*

## Virtual Learning Kicks Off at Courreges!

Courreges students began their new school year in a virtual/remote educational setting on September 9, 2020.

The students were fully engaged and the first few weeks of school were

very successful. Courreges teachers are “rocking” their new virtual world. Mrs. Shute (K teacher) is seen here on her first day with her students. Courreges students returned to the in-person hybrid model on September 22, 2020.



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

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**Erin Bains**  
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**Julie Gonzales**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Thank You Students

School might be looking different but our students’ dedication to their classmates and school is not! Our ASB/Leadership students were on campus, appropriately distanced and with masks, to create videos for their peers to welcome

them back to Fulton. New procedures and protocols are in effect so what better way to educate everyone? Our Falcons demonstrated the new ways to enter campus, how to socially distance, the appropriate use of masks, entering and exiting classrooms, and the use of desk shields to name a few topics. We truly appreciate the eagerness of our students and their willingness to help their peers. We are looking forward to having our students safely back on campus and the leadership of our students is something a principal cannot be prouder. Thank you to our students for taking their time for the benefit of all!



**Thank you to our ASB/Leadership students for their help in educating our Falcons!**

# Robert Gisler *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Teri Malpass**  
*Principal*

## Return of the Gators!

In September, the Gators returned to campus in a hybrid in-person model. Classrooms are following all safety guidelines: desks measured 6 feet apart, individual plexiglass dividers for each student and 15 to 16 students per classroom.

Students have been put into a.m. and p.m. cohorts. Students in the a.m. cohort are on campus Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10:35 a.m., and students in the p.m. cohort attend from 11:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. All students are virtual on Mondays.

Extensive cleaning takes place between the a.m./p.m. cohorts in all classrooms, wash stations and restrooms. Students enter gates from four different locations based on grade levels. This allows for less congregation when students are entering and exiting campus. All staff has been trained in safety protocols.

The Gisler staff is beyond excited about the Gators to return to campus!



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

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**Jay Adams**  
*Principal*



**Matt Ploski**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Welcome Back!

Everyone here at Masuda is so excited to have gotten the 2020-21 school year underway and to again have students back in our midst! We started Online/Virtual at the beginning of September and moved into our Hybrid program by the end of the month! It has been an arduous learning process since students first left our campus last March. No one imagined we'd be out this long, nor how MUCH we would miss the energy and joy our students generate when they're on campus. We're so grateful to be back, and we thank all of our Masuda families for your ongoing patience and support as we work together to make our Monarchs into the best and brightest!



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

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*Principal*

## Students Return In-Person to Newland Elementary

On Tuesday September 22nd, students returned in-person to Newland Elementary. A great deal of work has gone into making sure Newland will be a safe environment for our students and staff while still continuing the high standards that has made Newland such a special place. Newland is currently working in a hybrid model. Students are virtual on Mondays and in person Tuesday through Thursday, split into either AM or PM cohorts so there are less students on campus at any given time. Safety measures such as students being required to wear masks, spacing 6 feet apart with shields on the desk, and cleanings between AM and PM cohorts are in effect for the safety of students and staff. With these and many other safety measures in place, it is wonderful to have students back on campus.



# Isojiro Oka *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Julie Ballesteros**  
*Principal*

## Thank You, Scott Stone!

The Oka Wolf Pack is a true family that continues to support one another throughout the years. Wolf Pack alumnus Scott Stone of Troop 1 chose to create an Eagle Scout project that would benefit the students, staff and families of Oka School.

An Eagle Scout project is an extensive service project that the scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Scott worked with our Oka staff to create a new lost-and-found receptacle for the school. Each day, children leave personal items on campus. This lost-and-found unit has created a clean and organized place for children to find lost items or to turn in something that has been found.

The staff is very thankful for this kind gesture, but more importantly, we are proud of Scott Stone's accomplishments. According to the Boy Scouts of America, "the Eagle Scout rank has represented a milestone of accomplishment that is recognized across the country and even the world. Eagle Scout is not just an award; it is a state of being." Congratulations to Scott on a job well done!



Eagle Scout, Scott Stone and family dedicated a new Lost and Found to Oka School



# Urbain H. Plavan *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Dr. Patrick Ham**  
*Principal*

## Roaring Back to Life

Plavan Panthers have been away from our campus since March 2020 due to the Coronavirus. On September 22, 2020, Plavan Elementary School, along with all other elementary schools in the Fountain Valley School District reopened our doors for our students' long awaited return. Though we opened under different circumstances, the love we all share for learning together did not change! All the countless hours preparing for this day was all worth it once we saw our first little Panthers return to their natural habitat on Tuesday morning of September 22nd! Thank you Plavan parents for placing your trust in us. We will work diligently to help make this program a success. Please enjoy the pictures from first day of Hybrid instruction. Go Panthers!



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

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**Molly Kuykendall**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Positive Energy

Whether we are “in-person” or “online” for the 2020-2021 school year, Talbert is blessed to be able to work with such great families and staff. While COVID-19 has impacted the world around us, we started off the year successfully online/virtual and returned to school in person

hybrid the week of September 28th. It has been great seeing all the students and share in their positive energy!

Construction is well underway at Talbert. Progress has been made over the summer and we are looking forward to returning to some of our classrooms with air conditioning and new heating by the end of December.

It is going to be a great 2020-2021 school year! Go T-Birds!!!

# Hisamatsu Tamura *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Kathy Davis**  
*Principal*

## Terrific Tigers

The summer has flown by, and school began virtually two weeks ago. Everyone at Tamura Elementary School is excited for the new school year to be underway. Sept. 22 was the date to have our students return in person in a hybrid model. We anticipate another great year for our students.

As a staff, our emphasis will be on student and staff safety as well as collaborative teams whose members work interdependently toward common student-learning goals. As members of a collaborative team, adult stakeholders will increase their own capacity to learn and to be driven by the collegial collective energy necessary for the incredible tasks of meeting the diverse learning needs of our

student population.

As parents, your participation is valued. Educational research shows that school effectiveness is positively impacted by parental participation.

Here are some ways parents can support our students: Join PTA; attend all parent conferences, Back-to-School Night and Open House; volunteer to help in the classrooms once we return in person; and volunteer for all of our virtual activities, such as our Book Fair.

The Tamura staff looks forward to working with every child and fine-tuning programs to ensure that all students are safe and their needs are met. Our commitment is to provide all Tamura students with the academic and prosocial behaviors that will be the foundation of their present and future success.

# FVSD Connected *(Virtual TK 5/6—8)*

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**Erik Miller**  
*Principal*

## Stay ‘Connected’!

Within Fountain Valley School District, there are over 1,550 students between transitional kindergarten and the eighth grade who are participating in FVSDConnected, our full-time virtual online learning model for the 2020–21 school year. These students are now part of FVSDConnected, our newest group of learners spanning 10 grade levels in over 50 classrooms from all across our district.



Our goal is to keep all students connected to their classrooms, teachers, peers, learning and even the brick-and-mortar schools they would be attending in person. We are excited to provide this new opportunity and help our families develop a school community that continues to connect each other, with the focus on our top priority, students.

Currently, students have been given the chance to provide suggestions for our soon-to-be-named school mascot. The creativity can already be seen by students, and we look forward to announcing the official FVSDConnected mascot in the near future. Until then, stay tuned, and stay Connected!



# Ocean View School District

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## Health & Safety is our Top Priority

By Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President

Since March, we have been looking forward to the day we can welcome back students for on-site instruction. For several months, our staff members have worked diligently to prepare to reopen our schools in a safe and responsible manner.

There is no doubt that school will look much different this year than in years past. Furthermore, we understand that each family has unique circumstances, so it was important to our Board of Trustees to offer families a choice in these uncertain times. This year, all students were provided the option of choosing our In-Person Learning Model or our new Virtual Academy that is 100% on-line.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is of the utmost importance and our District is committed to following the guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Health Care Agency. We will mandate physical distancing measures, healthy hygiene practices, stringent cleaning standards, and small cohorts. In addition, we will require and provide face coverings for all students and staff (except individuals that are exempt).

Every school will have front office counter shields, touchless thermometers, standing hand sanitizer dispensers, fresh water hand washing stations, water-bottle filling stations, masks, gloves, social distancing signage, electrostatic sanitizing wands and masks for students and staff. Every classroom will have protective plastic shields for teachers, plastic trifold desk guards for all students, disinfecting wipes, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

I would like to thank everyone in the community that has continued to practice safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Your actions have brought our numbers down in Orange County and have allowed schools to reopen for in-person instruction for those students that are ready to come back. Please continue to be vigilant, as coming back to school is essential for the social and emotional well-being of many of our students.

For more information regarding our protocols, health and safety precautions, notification procedures and more, please see our comprehensive School Reopening and Protection Plan as well as our School Site Protection Plans on our website at [www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org).





# Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

6261 Hooker Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 • 714/893-5305 • [www.ovsd.org/circle](http://www.ovsd.org/circle)



**Jessica Haag**  
Principal

## Eagles SOAR

At Circle View Elementary, our Eagles SOAR. They are Safe, On Time, Always Respectful, and Ready to Learn. Our students exemplify what it means to SOAR, and are doing a great job of following our new school safety guidelines and procedures. Starting the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>, our students in our Special Day classes returned to campus. So proud of our Eagles for already doing a fantastic job of wearing masks, staying socially distanced, hand sanitizing often, sitting behind desk shields, paying attention to their teacher while she is standing behind her teacher shield, and more. We are expecting and preparing for all of our



**Mrs. Resnick and her awesome Eagles**

Eagles to return to campus with our hybrid schedule the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students will either be on campus Mondays and Tuesdays or Thursdays and Fridays. Our Circle View website currently has updated information for parents as well as our School Site Protection Plan.

# College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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



**Elaine Burney**  
Principal

## New for You!

The College View staff couldn't be happier to welcome back our students and families to the 2020-21 school year in our newly modernized school! Students will enjoy learning in the beautiful new classrooms housed with updated furniture and double the technology, providing for a wide variety of flexible learning spaces.

Our excited staff's enthusiasm is certainly contagious, as students will see. Additionally, our updated layout provides for safer and more efficient paths of travels. The beautifully detailed floor-to-ceiling college murals that adorn our hallways throughout the campus inspire students to pursue a college-and-career path and, more importantly, a love for lifelong learning.



College View is also proud to house a wide variety of programs from special education to GATE. We are especially delighted to welcome our preschool program, so now even our youngest Wildcats can join the learning and fun!

# Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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



**Elaine Burney**  
Principal

## Keeping Our Connections Strong!

At Golden View Elementary School, we intentionally focus on building relationships with our students, based on trust; respect for themselves, others and school property; empathy; and a sense of belonging and community in and out of the classroom. Our staff has set a high standard for building character and positive student behavior aligned to our PBIS expectations and guidelines. We continue to build on our commitment to providing an atmosphere where students and staff are respectful, responsible and safe.



Additionally, this year more than ever, we realize the importance of building and maintaining positive and supportive connections not only with our students but our community families as well. Our staff makes sure to provide students with all they need to be successful. It was inspiring for both staff and students to connect with one another at our recent curriculum-and-materials drive-by event. The excitement and love from our students warmed our hearts.

# Harbour View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Dr. Joy Harris**  
Principal

## Social-Emotional Focus

With much excitement, the Harbour View staff welcomes back students and families to the 2020-21 school year! Prepared for an online or hybrid learning platform, our teachers and staff are ready with an innovative—and fun!—online or in-person learning experience.

Harbour View's legacy of academic excellence will be equally matched by our focus on our students' social-emotional health, especially during these unique times. With teachers trained in a variety of methods to address students' social-emotional needs, be assured that every child's distinctive needs will be met. Our dedication to the whole child is not only a critical need today but it is also one that we are excited to promote.

Proudly, Harbour View is now offering the first and only dual Spanish-English immersion program in OVSD. We welcome Mrs. Strecke and Ms. Brito, our dual immersion teachers, as they lead our students to become bilingual, biliterate and bicultural high achievers. Not only will students in this program think, read, write, and speak fluently in both languages by fifth grade but all Harbour View students will also participate in lessons and activities that highlight the appreciation of other cultures while developing a strong sense of responsibility to one another. As our character-education program enters its second year, we will highlight the DLI tenets of strong citizenship, while our monthly teaching of the character traits will evolve to address the changing needs of our society.

As our students reenter in-person learning, our protection protocols, mandated procedures and other site-based safety measures are identified on our School Site Protection Plan, found on our website. Also, like our social-media pages for up-to-the-minute information, pictures and celebrations on Facebook @HarbourViewElementary or Instagram @harbourviewelementary!





**Christina Luckey**  
*Principal*

**Community of Caring**

Hope View School is truly a community of caring. Over the last six months of uncertainty, our school has continued to work on ways to build on our connection with our community.

In conjunction with our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) activities, our students participated in making posters; thanking our frontline workers; letter writing to thank our service workers, mail carriers and grocery-store workers; and our most recent activity, rock painting. Two of Hope View’s students, Kirra and Mya, shared out the rocks they painted in hopes of leaving a smile on someone’s face.

This year we will continue our work on keeping our campus clean; do our beach cleanup activities; participate in food drives, toy drives and Pennies for Patients—collecting and donating money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; write correspondence letters to hospital patients; and our favorite school activity: Pennies for Puppies!

Hope View is committed to making a difference.



**Kirra and Mya Hanoian, Hope View students**



**Sara Schaible**  
*Principal*

**A Lot That’s New**

As we begin the 2020–21 school year, I know many of us are met with a variety of emotions, and I will share how excited Marine View is to begin welcoming our Mariners back to campus! The start of the school year may look a little different, but I am confident that our Mariners will embrace a new way of doing things by demonstrating Mariner PRIDE each and every day!

Our staff has been working behind the scenes to ensure that our students are welcomed back to campus in a safe manner and embracing a growth mindset as we rise to the challenges of embracing new routines, new schedules, new procedures and a new way of learning. I am confident that our Mariners will rise to the occasion and make the 2020–21 school year one of the best years yet. We are all in this journey together, and the Marine View staff is committed to providing an environment where our students can thrive, celebrate successes, grow our mindsets, and support one another!

Although some of our daily routines may have changed, one thing that remains the same is our daily morning reminder that Mariners show PRIDE with preparation, responsibility, integrity, determination and excellence! Mariner PRIDE will continue to remain strong throughout the year—wishing everyone a wonderful school year!



**Jill Van Der Linden**  
*Interim Principal*

**Up for the Challenge!**

I am excited to join the Lake View Elementary School family as your interim principal this year! I have been in the Ocean View School District for 13 years and have served at many of the schools in a variety of positions. As a graduate of California State University, Long Beach, I continued on to earn my master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from National University and my administrative degree from the Orange County Department of Education. When not at school, you will find me enjoying the outdoors with my family of three adult children, their families and my husband.

It doesn’t take long to recognize that Lake View is a special place where both students and staff experience an inclusive culture and thrive. As an innovative school, I feel that Lake View is well prepared to meet the challenges this school year brings, using our problem solving and engineering skills. Already, I have observed engaging Zoom sessions filled with creative and rigorous learning opportunities. Kinder students have already mastered the tools to be effective learners in Zoom distance learning, while fifth-grade students engage in interactive web-based quizzes, demonstrating skills in language arts and math.

Lake View is a STEAM school that uses project-based learning models to solve real-world problems. We remain committed to our core values of integrity, innovation and equity that continue to guide us through any challenge.



**Jadyn Grunbaum**  
*Principal*

**Virtually Fantastic Year!**

The Mesa View Eagles are off to a strong start! Our teachers excitedly welcome students into their virtual classrooms daily, and while having the first day of school via a screen was a new experience, the excitement felt by students and staff was a refreshingly common feeling.

This year is a different year for all, but Mesa View staff and students are already working to create alternatives to some of the activities and events we cannot hold to keep the awesomeness alive. For instance, our ASB leadership and WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) classes worked on creating a virtual orientation for our sixth-graders and new students. Using Google Classroom and student-created videos, our amazing student leaders helped create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, touting our favorite slogan, “Dude. Be nice.”

Mesa is the epitome of “When there’s a will, there’s a way!” This year, we *will* have a fantastic year!



**Our ASB and WEB Leadership classes planning opening activities for students via Zoom.**



## Oak View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Jenna Landero**  
Principal

### Remember to Breathe!

2020 ... what a year! We are so excited to welcome our Owls back to school! It has been a long six months, but we are happy to have you back again!

This year may look different with all of us in masks and learning behind sheets of plexi, but I know that we are up for the challenge. As this new year kicks off, I want us all to be mindful of our health and our safety. This includes not only our physical health but our mental health, too. Remember to breathe

if you are getting overwhelmed, and remember that you are never alone. There are so many people in each of your lives who care about you.

We will continue to work on our weekly "I Am" affirmations as an entire school and carry on the lessons from Inch and Miles with our monthly character traits. Remember, Owls, if no one has told you they love you today, Mrs. Landero does!



## Star View *Elementary (K-5)*

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



**Paul Kraft**  
Principal

### Delivering Quality Instruction

Star View Elementary School, a California Distinguished School, charged into the new school year with a focus on delivering high-quality instruction to all students from day one. Though starting in a distance-learning format is challenging, the dedicated Star View teachers and instructional support staff are equal to the task and have accepted the challenge head-on.

Prior to the first day of instruction, the Star View team provided Chromebooks and instructional materials to all families,

ensuring that the students had the necessary learning tools to be successful. Additionally, the school has taken all necessary precautions to ensure that when students return to campus, the school will be safe for all.

Once instruction began, a tour of the classrooms or visiting the distance-instruction lessons via Zoom indicated that the staff was indeed delivering high-quality instruction to all Star View students.

Star View students in the special-day classes have returned to campus and are receiving high-quality instruction in small cohorts. Way to go, Star View!



**Star View 4th and 5th Grade teacher Jennifer Mullin delivering a zoom lesson to her students.**

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

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**Randy Lempert**  
Principal

### Smile Behind the Masks

As we open up the 2020-21 school year, I want you all to know how proud I am to be your children's principal. I am humbled by the responsibility of keeping your children safe and leading a team that will guide them through middle school. I'm committed to continuing to lead with enthusiasm, a positive mindset and compassion. I'm confident that our Spring View staff is committed to doing the best we can for each child to succeed.

With the unprecedented series of events that have occurred so far this year, without question, our Spartan families will need to come together as a community. We need to rally behind one another as we take on this unique school year. With much patience and grace, we need to cheer one another on, celebrate our successes, learn from our mistakes and from one another, and spread the positive vibes.

We face a new reality that is giving us new routines, structures, classes and schedules. Our staff is working hard behind the scenes to continue to improve our practices and make the appropriate adjustments to our new world. If there is a mistake or a mishap along the way, we'll work together to make it right. We are committed to working together to support your children and give them a positive learning experience even though it looks quite different.

Throughout this year, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. At a minimum, continue to smile behind your masks and wave while you are dropping off your children for school. We love the positivity and enjoy working with your children. Go Spartans!

## Village View *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Francesca Ligman**  
Principal

### We're 'Dolphin Strong'!

Our goal last year was to "Make Waves for 2020." Well, we brought in a tidal wave! With a pandemic and unprecedented school closures, Village View remains determined to return Dolphin Strong!

Our staff and students have returned with a renewed zest for learning and incredible school spirit! Attendance and engagement are zooming in the Zoom meetings, and students are thriving with in-person instruction. Ample safety measures are in place, and our families, students and staff are back providing students

with the instruction and social-emotional support they need. Proudly, we brought back our students with special needs early to provide critical services.

I am beyond thrilled to begin my fifth year as principal! I have witnessed this remarkable community band together and make the best out of this situation. Families are creating learning pods to support one another in distance learning. Our PTO continues to grow support. We are Dolphin Strong!



**Ms. King created individual Jeeps out of her desk shields.**



# Early Learning Preschool

17131 Emerald Ln., Huntington Beach • 16692 Landau Ln., Huntington Beach • 8251 Heil Ave., Westminster • 714/847-2551 X 1107 • [www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org)



**Nicole Baitx-Kennedy**  
Director of  
Child Development  
Programs

## New Path for Youngsters!

Early Learning Preschool Programs started the new school year off with smaller class sizes and big smiles. The staff and children are happy to be back in person. Everyone is adjusting to the new classroom guidelines of wearing masks and social spacing. Class sizes have no more than 14 students. Oak View Preschool is offering a distance-learning class as well as in-person classes on site. For now, all parents are dropping off at the door and picking up at the gate to limit the amount of people on campus. It is a different way of attending preschool, but it is a new, wonderful year at OVSD preschools.

This summer, all preschool teachers received training on the World of Wonders curriculum. Utilizing this curriculum means that all preschool classes are aligned with the early-education classes in Ocean View School District. The curriculum builds a strong foundation for early literacy and provides developmentally appropriate instruction for early learning for ages 3 to 5. This includes cross-curricular activities with a focus on social-emotional development. We are preparing our youngest learners for kindergarten and beyond!



Ms. Kathy's PM class learning through story and song with Mr. Dragon and Ms. Kathy.

## Virtual Academy (TK-8)

[www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org)

By Lori Florgan (TK-2), Jamie Goodwyn (3-5), Isis Ortiz (6-8)

### Academic and Tech Skills!



The Ocean View School District's newly developed Virtual Academy is off to a great start! Under the direction of Lori Florgan, TK-second grade; Jamie Goodwyn, third through fifth grade; and Isis Ortiz, sixth through eighth grade, the Virtual Academy has started strong. Our amazing program offers students and families flexibility in their learning schedules while offering rigorous academic instruction. The

teachers have jumped right in with building relationships with their students and their families and getting the students all set up for success in the Virtual Academy.

At our first annual Virtual Academy Back to School Night, our teachers had fun incorporating their Bitmoji classrooms, Screencastify and Zoom features while offering a "live" virtual Back to School Night presentation. Parents had the opportunity to engage and ask real-time questions and were able to get to know their children's teachers.

We are so excited to offer this new program to our families and can't wait to watch the children grow both their academic and technology skills this year!





# Vista View *Middle School (6–8)*

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**Dr. Rasheedah Gates**  
*Principal*

## Reimagined Year!

It is with great pleasure that we get to announce the opening of our campus for students at Vista View! One of the highlights of my first few weeks back on campus in the beginning of September was welcoming our

sixth-grade families back to campus. For some of our sixth-graders new to Vista View, we were able to schedule one-on-one meetings with their teacher to introduce them to their new surroundings on campus and get acclimated to their classroom.

At Vista, we are all in agreement that we love students. As soon as young people came through the front doors, our energy became palpable, and the joy of interacting with our most important clientele—the students—gave us purpose and grounded each of us. It was with joy that I was able to partner in this experience with one of our new great hires to the school, Amber King. Mrs. King extended a service to her families that was full of kindness and opportunity. It was a highlight of the month to see her interact with students and their families.

As we begin the work of opening our school doors to all students, safety is on the forefront of our minds. The days have been full of creating plans, figuring out directionality, involving stakeholders, and having think tanks on



campus with staff so that we can meet the needs of all of our students. The days ahead will be full of intentionality, joy and grit. At Vista View, it is my pleasure to lead our staff, students and families into a year full of learning, amidst a time when we are reimagining education. Vista Falcons, soar!



# Westmont *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Sue Broderson**  
*Principal*

## Doing Our Jobs!

We may not have started the year in a traditional way, but Westmont staff is happy to be back together, working toward the common goal of high student engagement and achievement. Instead of watching the parade of students streaming through our gates the first day of school in new sneakers, fresh backpacks and happy faces, we watched as teachers flocked in with jubilant smiles, fresh lipstick and an unwavering excitement to be back with students.

The anticipation of starting a fresh year with new students was just as high starting with distance learning as it has been in person. Students were thrilled to see their friends online again and meet their new teacher. Our preschool friends joined us in person on the first day of school. They were so brave—no one cried except maybe a couple parents. Our littlest friends took to social distancing and wearing masks effortlessly. They are great role models.

Some of our students were able to start in person the following week, and the excitement was just as high. Children just want to be back with their friends and teachers doing their “job.” Learning is what students are used to doing during the day—it is their job!

The staff at Westmont is committed to helping students learn, whether it's distance learning, a hybrid or fully in person. Our commitment to our students and families continues to be high achievement for all. We will not fail in this pursuit. All of our students matter. We are focused, committed and ready for the challenge!





# Westminster School District

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## SUPERINTENDENT



**Dr. Cyndi Paik**

### Starting with Virtual Learning in 2020-2021

Westminster School District welcomed back families and started the school year in a 100% virtual learning model due to the COVID-19 circumstance. Teachers, staff, students and families eagerly checked out their Chromebooks and hotspots before the first day of school. Although teachers began teaching in an empty classroom, they maintained their best teaching process to make student learning meaningful. Each

teacher creatively and diligently taught their students with enthusiasm. Daily live instruction is taking place each day in all subject areas. When COVID-19 counts improve and schools are allowed to return students. The district will offer a hybrid model, where students will attend 2 days of in-person learning and 3 days of virtual instruction with the implementation of all the health and safety requirements such as physical distancing, temperature checking, and other guidelines. Parents will have the choice to remain in the 100% virtual learning model for those who are not ready to send their child to an in-person model. We thank the support of our families, staff, and community for their flexibility and adaptability during these historical times!



Eager students happy to learn from dedicated teachers at Westminster School District.

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# Anderson *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Kim Breckenridge**  
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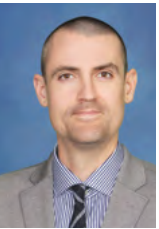
## Anderson’s Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Chris Rhodes, Anderson Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Rhodes is a dynamic educator with a positive energy that is contagious. As a kindergarten teachers, she is gifted at reaching young learners and making learning fun. Her dedication and commitment to her students is visible in all she does. She truly loves her students and they love her too, often returning year after year to share their lives with their favorite teacher. Mrs. Rhodes is truly deserving of this award and we know that she will continue to influence the generations to come.



# Eastwood *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Jonathan Edelman**  
Principal

## Making Memories

Eastwood Elementary School has a reputation for upholding the highest standards of teaching and learning. Eastwood teachers truly care about the well-being of their students, and for them, their careers in education are far more than just jobs. Eastwood teachers bring new meaning and definition to the word *dedicated*. Despite the challenges that we have all faced in preparing for virtual learning during this pandemic, Eastwood teachers have gone above and beyond in preparing a rigorous, robust and engaging virtual-learning program to support our TK–sixth-grade Eastwood dolphins. Their efforts have been both fruitful and inspiring.

As the proud principal of Eastwood Elementary, I know that when I look back on this time in my career, I will remember the strong team that banded together to accomplish great things for our students. I will remember the supportive community that showed a great deal of patience and understanding, and I will remember the bright eyes and smiles of the students that persevered and remained positive despite the obstacles and challenges that they faced in this unforgettable time in their lives. While we all look forward to the day when we can look back on these events knowing that we came out the other end stronger as a community, I feel blessed and confident that we will continue to work together to support one another on this journey.



# Clegg School

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**John Staggs**  
Principal

## Thank You, Community!

We are off to a great start to the 2020–21 school year here at Clegg Elementary School! Students are enjoying the new virtual schedule we have implemented districtwide. Teachers have worked extremely hard to develop engaging lessons that all of our students are participating in daily. Our support staff has been busy assisting families with technical questions and ensuring that our students are able to participate virtually since day one. We have really come together as a staff to make this difficult time a smooth and seamless school opening.

I am thankful to our entire Clegg community for their support and encouragement since the start of the school year. Our PTA has worked hard to provide any assistance they can offer. They provided a fantastic lunch for all staff at the start of the year to show their appreciation for the hard work taking place.

Parents continue to show their support by sending positive encouragement to staff and expressing their appreciation for the work that is taking place for their children. We know that all of this could not have been done without the amazing partnership we have with our Clegg community, and we are forever thankful for that.

It has been a trying time for everyone during the last seven months, but I am extremely proud to be part of a group that has made the best of the situation at hand. Our entire staff is very hopeful to have students back to the school site in the very near future.

# DeMille *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Shannon Villanueva**  
Principal

## Strong All Year Long

It is hard to believe 2020-2021 school year is here! To ensure the health and safety of all, we started the new school year with 100% online with virtual learning. This was certainly an untraditional start to the year for everyone, and the entire DeMille staff continues to be dedicated and committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure a successful school year for all of our students and families. Our theme for the year is connecting, communicating, and collaborating. We are confident that our DeMille staff, students, parents, and community will continue to work together to overcome any challenges this pandemic and these uncertain times may present. Thank you to our teachers and staff for all of your hard work and help. Thank you parents and students for your patience and cooperation and trying your best. We are DeMille Strong all year long!



**Chromebook and textbook distribution: Making sure students have everything they need for virtual learning.**



# Finley *Computer Science Magnet School*

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**Pam LeMueix**  
*Principal*

## Computer Science Program

This year, engaging students in distance learning is essential for student learning, and the teachers at Finley Computer Science Magnet are continuing to deliver innovative computer-science lessons from a distance. The Computer Science Program at Finley focuses on developing responsible digital citizens, coding, robotics and other computer-science concepts that help students develop strong critical-thinking skills.

The forefront of our Computer Science Program is to empower students to use the principles of computational thinking, with which students solve problems by breaking them into smaller parts, analyzing information, and engaging in solving real-life, complex problems. In our distance-learning model, students receive computer-science lessons from their teachers and then work collaboratively with their peers, using collaboration tools such as Zoom breakout rooms and Google Classroom.



In addition to computer science skills, students are developing essential skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity, which will help students succeed in school and career.

# Fryberger *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Michelle Scheiber**  
*Principal*

## Lined Up and Ready

Fryberger is off to a great start to our school year! Teachers have mastered the art of virtual-learning platforms and have been teaching engaging student lessons. Our paraeducators are busy instructing special-education students, while our custodians are ensuring that we have a safe, clean environment for all.

Fryberger's office staff have become experts at troubleshooting student technology concerns and tracking student attendance to support our schoolwide focus of 100% daily student participation. Our instructional technology assistant is here daily to support our teachers with their technology needs along with supporting students with their technology questions. Finally, we are very thankful to our noontime supervisors and kitchen staff, who are serving meals to our students each day in our drive-through breakfast and lunch service.

The beginning of this school year has been like no other, but Fryberger has an amazing team of dedicated staff to provide the best education for our students.



# Hayden *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Mark Murphy**  
*Principal*

## We'll Get through This!

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year at Hayden Elementary! As we prepare for a school year unlike others, I want to thank you for all your flexibility and support that you've given us already. Covid-19 has impacted our school community and nation and continues to impact us. We know that many of us have experienced loss and change

As we begin our new school year, please know that we start with compassion and empathy for all our students and their families. We understand that the work we do every day is important, and it's critical that we start every day with "We are investing in the mental health and emotional well-being of our students and staff," which includes infusing social-emotional teaching and learning into all our classes.

We understand that our job goes beyond just the academics, that it's imperative that we pay attention to the education of the whole child, including physical, civic and social-emotional learning. We understand that we must be intentional about communicating with families about both our concerns and our celebrations for their child. We understand that relationships are the avenue on which we can engage students in impactful learning opportunities that will prepare them to be successful adults. We understand that we're here for the children and that every decision we make is done with them in mind.

Families, thank you for entrusting us with your children. It's not a job we take lightly. As you know, it takes a team of parents, teachers and administrators to ensure the academic success of your children, and we promise to work as hard as possible to obtain that goal. This is an uncertain time for everyone, but know we are all in it together, and we will get through this.



# Land School

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**Darek Jaronczyk**  
Executive Director,  
Student Services

## We're Open!

In July, Land School Early Education Center partially reopened to begin serving children again. Prior to returning, parents attended an orientation meeting via Zoom that outlined new health and safety protocols to keep the children and staff safe while at school. The new procedures include a daily wellness check that takes place prior to entering the building, with 6 feet or more of physical distancing between children, face-mask wearing, and lots of handwashing throughout the day.

As the children returned to school, it was obvious that they were happy to be among their teachers and friends again.



Teachers expressed joy at seeing their students and were eager to get back to in-person instruction, albeit a little differently with the children spread out around the room to respect physical-distancing guidelines. Some children at Land are still participating in virtual learning with their teachers through the Zoom and Seesaw platforms, and they are preparing to return to in-person learning later in October. We look forward to welcoming them back as well!

# Meairs *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Kathy Kane**  
Principal

## One for the Books!

What a year it has been! Everything seemed to be running smoothly, and then 2020 hit!

We are living through something we may never see again in our lifetime. Many years from now, you will see the global pandemic created by the COVID-19 virus in history books, and you will say, "I remember that!" You can talk all about having to wear face masks, social distancing and online learning. This is also the year that the word *zoom* has taken on a completely new meaning. It used to mean to move or travel quickly, and now it means an online platform we use to meet together.

How the world has changed! We have had to change with it. I want to thank you for continuing to work hard during these difficult times. I know that this has not been easy for anyone. Teachers have had to learn how to support their students in a new way. Students and their families have had to learn how to do school at home. But Meairs Eagles are strong, and we will do this together! Being separated for so long has been very difficult, and I cannot wait to be back at school full time with my Meairs family.

# Johnson *Middle School (6-8)*

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**Daniel Owens**  
Principal

## We're Off and Running!

Johnson Middle School has had an interesting yet amazing beginning to the 2020-21 school year. Although it has not come without hiccups, our students and staff are successfully connecting with daily live instruction through Zoom while using several content-specific instructional programs. The school and the district look forward to being able to bring students back on campus to continue building on student progress and ultimately prepare our Warriors for high school and beyond.

Johnson is very excited to have new teachers on campus, including sixth-grade language arts teacher Genise Battaglia, eighth-grade math teacher Dibti Bhanushali, seventh-grade science teacher Michael Fink, and the return of our seventh-grade social studies teacher Matthew Greasby. The addition of these amazing staff members will undoubtedly strengthen the Johnson team as we continue to develop more and more effective ways to deliver instruction in this different and ever-changing environment.

The entire JMS staff would like to thank students and families for their hard work and dedication, as we have been able to tackle the obstacles that the global pandemic has presented us. Johnson is committed to developing the best possible instruction and experience for our students. We encourage parents and families to consistently check our school and district websites for updates and information.

# Schroeder *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Carrie Hernandez**  
Principal

## Thinking Outside the Box!

This has been a unique start to the year, but at Schroeder, we are thinking outside the box and trying to keep it as normal as possible.

Our PTA is doing its annual membership drive and plans on hosting Dining Nights and Family Nights virtually! Every morning, students say the Pledge of Allegiance as a class and listen to morning announcements from Mrs. Hernandez. Our PE and music teachers are doing lessons with students each week to get students moving and to enrich their learning with the arts.

We are also having spirit days—wear your Schroeder shirt every Wednesday—and college days—wear your college gear every Friday. We are starting Motivation Monday and are encouraging students and staff to wear a shirt with a positive message each Monday!

We know this year is very different for our staff and families, but we are always here for one another.





# Schmitt *Elementary (K-5)*

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**Orchid Rocha**  
*Principal*

### Parents: Important Team Members

Welcome to the 2020–21 school year! I am excited about continuing to work together to highlight our Gold Ribbon School by providing the best overall education and service to our students. In order to ensure this success, I will continue to need your support by teaching and reinforcing the values of respect, responsibility and safety even during virtual learning.

The information that comes from your children’s school is abundant and can be quite overwhelming, but it is very important for you and your children to make the time to go over school paperwork. I recommend that you set aside at least 15 minutes each night to check your children’s work and teachers’ feedback through Seesaw or Google Classroom.

As I have advised my staff, I advise the same for my families: Be kind and patient with yourselves—you will do a fine job even if it is in a setting that is not ideal. If you ever feel like you are failing, do not hesitate to ask for support. Take this opportunity to learn from the new challenges and grow stronger in order to be the parent-leader that your children need.

Let’s work as a team to make Schmitt have a positive and successful year for everyone!

# Sequoia *Academy*

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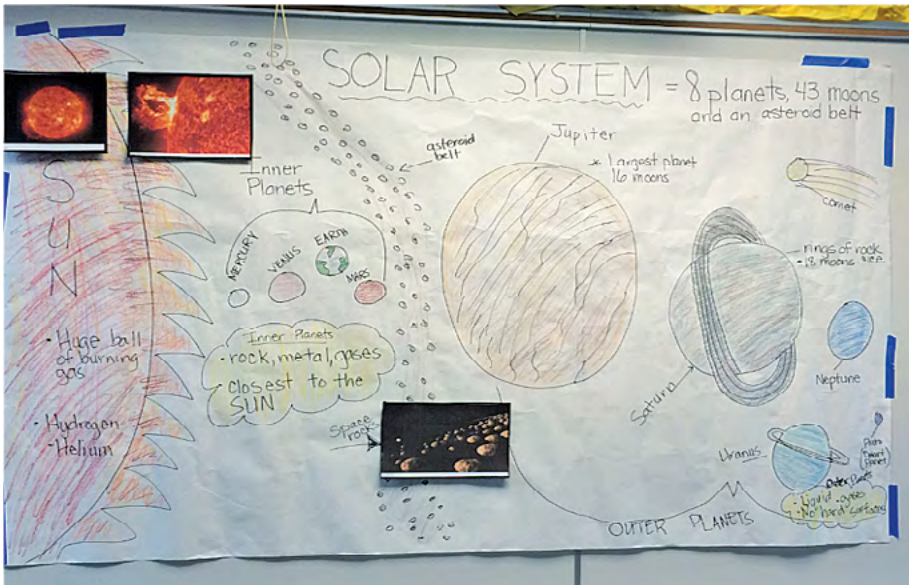
**April Derr**  
*Principal*

### Thinking Strategies!

Even with an untraditional start to the 2020–21 year doing 100% virtual learning, our entire Sequoia staff is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure a successful school year for all our Sequoia students and families. Our staff has been busy attending summer professional-learning sessions to prepare for a more robust virtual-learning experience.

We know how important our Sequoia programs and instructional strategies are to the success of our students. That is why our teachers dedicated time this summer to create cross-curricular Project Based Learning (PBL) units that incorporate our STEAM Academy components. Our teachers are instructing using AVID strategies, Thinking Maps and GATE icons to encourage deeper and more complex thinking.

I am confident that our Sequoia staff, students and parents will continue to work together to overcome any challenges this pandemic may present and help all our Sequoia Eagles soar their very best!



# Stacey *Middle School*

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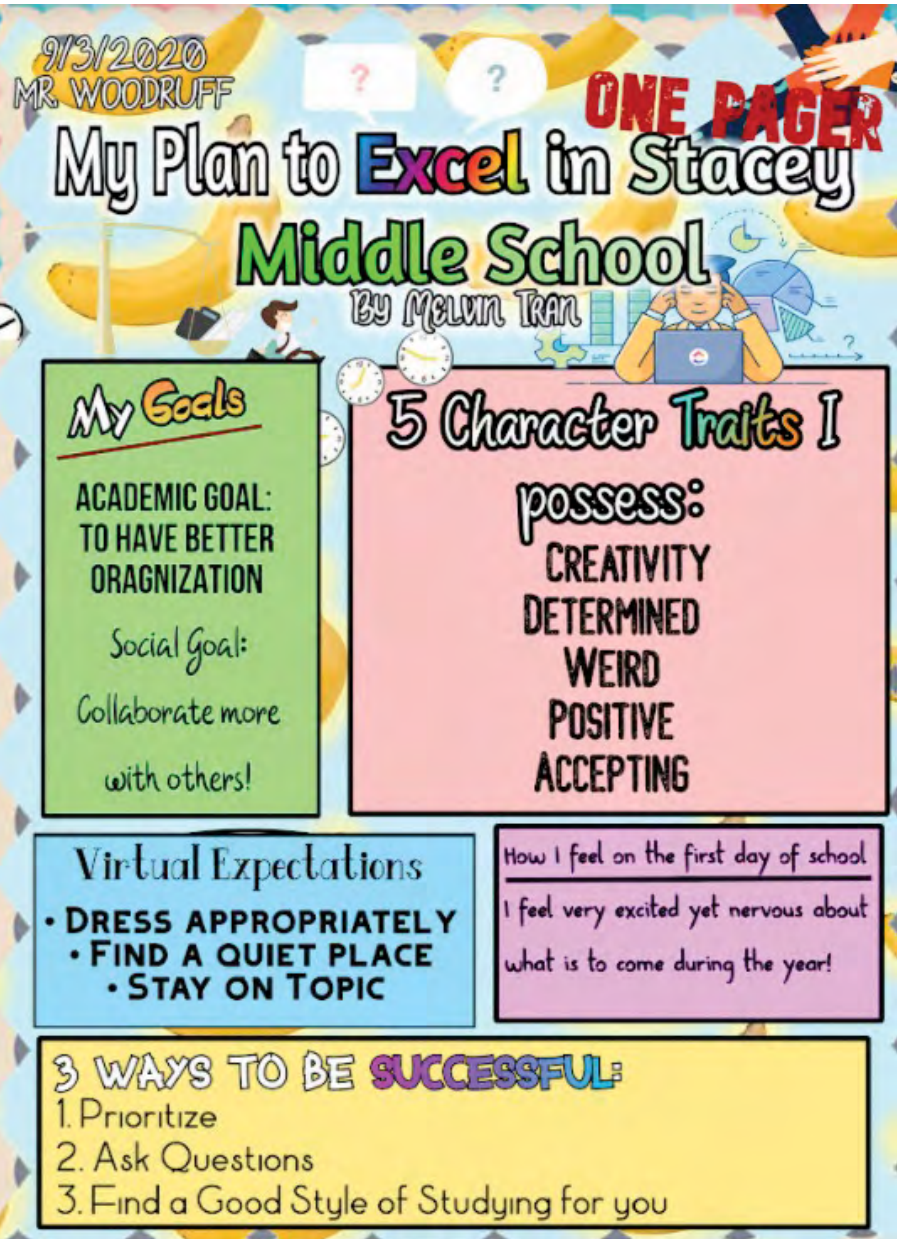


**Heidi DeBritton**  
*Principal*

### Great Start!

At Stacey, we had a great start to the school year! Our students started the year completely virtual, and the entire staff stepped up to provide guidance, support and optimism.

The first day was dedicated to welcoming the students and familiarizing them with Stacey. Students remained with their homeroom teacher, getting to know their classmates, and learning about how we implement PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) schoolwide. Students also participated in a live virtual meeting with our principal, Mrs. DeBritton, or our assistant principal, Mrs. Baird, where students were motivated to set goals and identify their character traits.



Lastly, all Stacey students were assigned a “one-pager” in which they made a page that creatively displayed their character traits, steps for virtual-learning success, goals for the future, and their feelings about the start of the school year.



# Warner *Middle School (6–8)*

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**Tiffany Harville**  
Principal

## Two Success Qualities!

*Positivity* and *flexibility*—these are two words that we live by at Warner Middle School. The 2020–21 school year had a unique start, but our Wildcat scholars have risen to the challenge and have had a stellar start to the school year.

Before school began, we invited our students back to pick up textbooks, Chromebooks and school supplies that scholars could utilize to assist them in being successful virtual learners. We also welcomed our new Wildcats to Warner with a live Zoom student orientation led by our ASB and PAL leaders. Orientation was a time for students to connect, learn what it means to be a virtual Wildcat, and play fun games in the process!



Our families have been a crucial part to our students' successes, as they support our virtual-learning efforts. A large portion of families has participated in our three Wildcat virtual Parent Support Meetings.

Needless to say, school spirit is still very much a part of who we are at Warner whether we are virtual or face-to-face, and we will continue to be a middle school where learning has no limits. Our students didn't just survive their first week of virtual learning—they thrived! Way to go Wildcats!

# Webber *Elementary (K–6)*

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**Robert Murdock**  
Principal

## Meeting Challenges

Webber Elementary School is off to a great start for the 2020–21 school year! Although this year has been unusual, we have seen our students step up to the challenge of virtual learning and our teachers make great strides with virtual instruction.

It has been gratifying to see our Webber families connecting with their teachers during their online instructional hours. Students have also had the opportunity to connect with one another during these meetings to share the joys and challenges of the new school year. We also provide technical assistance to families who are struggling to get connected, and our district has provided Wi-Fi hot spots to families in need. The Webber community has put its best foot forward by learning how to use several new online learning platforms, utilize technology in new ways, and adapt to a new style of school. We will grow through these challenges and become a stronger school community because of them.

Webber has been distributing meals to our students every weekday in a drive-through pickup in our parking lot. Each day, almost 200 meals are distributed to our Webber students.

# Willmore *Elementary (K–5)*

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**Eva Matthews**  
Principal

## Letter of Introduction

Dear Willmore families,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you back for the 2020-21 academic school year! My name is Eva Matthews, and I am very honored and excited to be Willmore's new principal. I am honored and appreciative to be appointed to Willmore and am looking forward to continuing the amazing work taking place.

Although we begin this year like no other and spring forward our challenged staff and students to find a new way of learning, these uncertain times have connected us in new ways. What I have most learned through this process is how much I appreciate the expertise our dedicated and devoted staff brings to our daily lives. I appreciate the way in which our students continue to work hard and the way our parents and community have supported one another. I appreciate and long for the little things in life: seeing someone's smile, giving a high-five, and the sound of our students' laughter as they play at recess. I know that together we will overcome these times and will become a stronger community.

Thank you all for helping prepare your children for the new school year. Your commitment to your children's learning and a partnership with us is the best way to ensure their success.

Respectfully yours,  
Eva Matthews, MEd., Willmore principal







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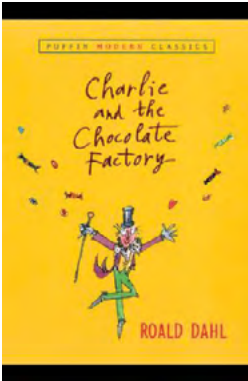


Surprise for Charlie



Kailani T.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a classic children story written by Roald Dahl. The story is about Charlie, a poor boy who lives in a small house with his parents and 4 grandparents. One day, Charlie found some money buried in the snow. He used some of that money to buy Wonka bars. He found the fifth and final ticket to join 4 other lucky children who got to go on the tour of Willy Wonka factory. The factory is magical and mysterious. Inside the factory, the children were distracted by various wonderful creations. The tour of the factory had a hidden intention that was revealed at the end.



A Rocky Road



Jenna C.

Title: *Fish in a Tree*  
Author: Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
This story is about a girl named Ally who is struggling with reading words. Ally was always the “bad student,” but it all changed when her teacher had to give birth and the sub teacher, Mr. Daniels came. Almost everything flipped around. She made friends, she worked harder, she was happy, and she started chess lessons with Mr. Daniels. Only one thing doesn’t change, she can’t stand up to her bully. Ally tells Mr. Daniels about what’s going on about the words that she can’t read. Mr. Daniels says that he can help her. Next, an election goes on for class president and Ally gets nominated. Can she win? Can she learn to read? Last but not least can she stand up to her bully? I give this book a 5 out of 5 as it is such an inspiring book for all of us.



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

Jenna is a 5th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and painting. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

Halloween Word Search Contest

Rules! One word in the list is NOT in the word search.  
When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com (Please put FOW in the subject line)

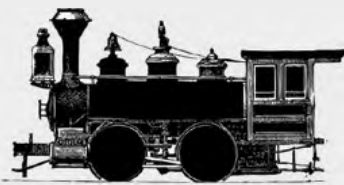
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