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OUSD Employees of the Year

Each year, Orange Unified recognizes classified, certificated, and leadership employees who go above and beyond by helping to create an engaging and successful learning environment for our students and staff. Congratulations to this year's OUSD Employees of the Year!

OUSD Administrators of the Year

Christina Celeste-Russo - Transportation

Christina Celeste-Russo has been in the transportation industry since 2013 and currently serves as the Director of Transportation for OUSD. Additionally, Christina serves as the California Association of School Transportation Officials (CASTO) State Treasurer and has been for the last five years.

Raeanne Little - Educational Services

Raeanne Lopez Little is currently serving as an administrator in our curriculum department, where she supports induction programs for our new teachers and principals, gifted education programs, and professional development initiatives. She started her career as a bilingual elementary teacher in Los Angeles and moved to OUSD in 1997.

Sheryl Anderson-Glass - Orange High School

Sheryl is currently the principal of Orange High School. She served two years as Principal at La Veta Elementary, and prior to this position, Sheryl served as Assistant Principal, at both Orange and Villa Park High Schools. During her 20 years with Orange Unified, she has held positions such as athletic director, activities director, and has also taught a variety of subjects at the secondary level.

OUSD Teachers of the Year

Niccole Connally - Richland High School

Niccole currently serves as a high school teacher teaching History and Leadership at Richland. She began working in the District in 2008 and has worked exclusively at Richland for 15 years.

Tashla McCabe - Lampson Elementary School

Tashla currently serves as an elementary teacher teaching second grade at Lampson. She began working in the District in 2006 and has taught various grade levels, including grades 1, 2, and 3, at various locations during her 14 year tenure.

Rebeca Nelson - Jordan Academy

Rebeca currently serves as an elementary teacher teaching 2nd grade Dual Immersion at Jordan. She began working in the District in 2006 and has served in a multitude of positions over the last 17 years at various sites, including GATE teacher, resource teacher, teacher on special assignment, assistant principal, principal, and elementary teacher.

OUSD Classified Employees of the Year

Maria Espitia – Taft Elementary School

Maria is being honored for her service as a School/ Community Assistant in the category of Support Services and Security. Maria has served exclusively at Taft for over 30 years, and began her current role in the District in 1999.

Son Tan - Linda Vista Elementary

Sonny is being honored for his service as head custodian in the category of Maintenance and Operations. Son has served in the District since 2013. He has worked in positions of increasing responsibility, including subcustodian, custodian, and was promoted into his current position of head custodian in 2021.

Taia Thompson - Cambridge Elementary School

Taia is being honored for her service as a Behavior Support Assistant in the category of Para-Educator. Taia has served the District since 2015. She started as an instructional assistant, special education, and was promoted to her current position of behavior support assistant in 2021.

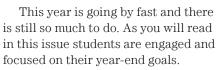


Kay Coop Founder/Publisher









March was a fun month with students celebrating Read Across America. Of course, Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated along with his contribution to children's love of reading. We have included student book reviews on pages 30 & 31 along with a word search contest.

Our next issue is May 31.

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Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

A Helicopter Parent

Q. I have been a helicopter parent for so long that my children, ages seven and nine, are extremely apprehensive of taking any risks in various activities or doing anything where they may get even slightly hurt or disappointed. What have I done and how do I correct it?

A. There have been overbearing and overprotective parents for years; don't beat

yourself up too badly. It's easy for parents to go overboard when it comes to their kids. However, this can continue into college years and beyond, but it doesn't have to. Your parenting style and the way you view your children will need to change. You'll need to allow them to get used to the idea that they can actually try things on their own. Go ahead and sign them up for things that they are truly interested in and will most likely do well at. A few successes will build their self-confidence and they will perhaps want to do more things that are new and different. It's the mistakes and bumps in life that we all learn from that make us stronger individuals, better able to handle future situations. We have to be allowed to fail.

Jodie Lynn is an award winning, internationally syndicated family/health and education columnist and best selling author. www.ParentToParent.com

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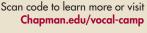
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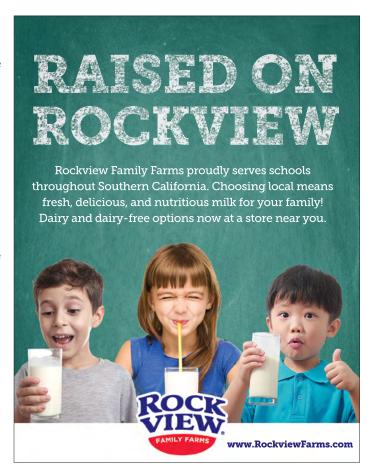
This is one of the most difficult times there has ever been to be a parent. The extreme use of media and extended challenges of the pandemic have changed our children; thus, the way they need to be parented. And some needs of children never change.

All children need to feel connected. Can you see the difference between, "You're

a good friend!" And "I really needed someone to talk to last night, thanks for being there." Instead of talking at children, talk to them; look into their eyes, be with them and listen. Since children often require constant attention, it is totally appropriate to say, "I want to hear what you have to say, and (cooking) needs my full attention right now. I'm turning the timer for 15 minutes. When you hear it ring, come and I will listen!"

Read to your children every night. Eat dinner together as a family. Play games together. Go on outings together. Don't talk on your cell phone in the car, talk to them. This precious time of being the architect of a child's life is very short. There are no re-runs in the parenting game; connect with your children so they feel valued and appreciated.

Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel is an author, taught school, raised two children, worked as a consultant to schools and has worked with children and families for 52 years. Sandy now lives in Meridian, Idaho. Parenting SOS.com.





OUSD Alternative Education

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Julie Lucas Principal

Celebrating "G" Genuine Wellness of EDGE Strategic **Vision with Family Outreach**

Parkside Alternative Education partnered with The City of Orange to provide well-deserving families in need beautiful holiday bags filled with a bounty of gifts. Our counselors worked with staff

and Administration to identify families and connect The City of Orange with them to bring Holiday Cheer.

Parkside Counselors hosted a FAFSA information night with Seniors and their families to help fill out and turn in their FAFSA's on January 25th from 3 pm to 6 pm. Our Parkside Counselors are continuing to conduct direct outreach with Seniors and their families to ensure they have completed their FASFA with school support while promoting College and Career future plans.





Anaheim Hills Elementary School

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Kory Cosca Principal

Anaheim Hills Dad's Club and PTA Partnerships

Anaheim Hills Elementary Dad's club designed and built 4 custom tables for the Robotics

Club. These tables are height adjustable to meet the needs of all our students. Previous to these tables, we were using the MPR floor, so these are definitely an upgrade! This project is a great example of how your PTA donations directly benefit the students. The program included over 40 students that engage in hands-on designing, building, and coding activities every Thursday afterschool.



California Elementary School

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Dr. Misty Brunasso *Principal*

California iInspire Academy has Heart!

We spent the month of February learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts – especially other kids! Through fun activities we discovered ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning ways to

de-stress. We celebrated Kindness week by creating uniting paper chains. These links were connected across schools and hundreds of thousands of people joined in, we set a new record for The World's Longest Recycled Paperchain with Messages of Love and Hope! This massive symbol will live on forever to remind us that we are all linked by love and kindness. Plus, we earned \$500 in PE equipment for our school! This month of fundraising and learning culminated in a whole school Jump-athon. We jumped for our entire recess adding up over 1 million jumps as a school. California iInspire Academy is heart and mind healthy!



Cambridge Elementary School

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Dana Encheff Principal

Meeting Student Needs through a Sensory Room

Cambridge proudly serves many students with special needs across all grade levels on campus. Our site has five dedicated SDC teachers, seven inclusion teachers,

two resource teachers, a variety of service providers, many

instructional aides, and a site BSA. During the last two years our special education team and service providers have collaborated with students, parents, and staff to design a sensory room that could help meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of our students. This room has been strategically designed to accommodate students all across campus, and is used on a daily basis, as a way to

proactively create a positive rapport with our students and help students better regulate their emotions and feelings. It took many hours and a lot of research to put this room together and make it what it is, but we are extremely proud of our team who pioneered the implementation of the sensory room to create a positive place for our students!



Canyon High School

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Brent McKee Acting Principal

Outstanding Academic Programs

Canyon High School prides itself in providing outstanding Academic Programs as well as Extra Curricular Activities. On February 25th, Canyon's Science Olympiad

team competed in the Orange County Regional Science Olympiad. Consisting of 15

students, the team participated in 23 events covering a variety of science fields and subjects. The team brought home 11 medals and a 5th place trophy. This 5th place finish qualifies them for the State Tournament on April 8th.

Canyon sports teams once again enjoyed success in the Winter Sports Season. The Boys Basketball team made it to the semi-finals of CIF before losing a hard-fought game to Etiwanda and qualified for the State Tournament. Two other teams, our Girls Water Polo and Boys Soccer teams also won games in their CIF tournaments while our wrestling team qualified several wrestlers for CIF and one wrestler for Masters.



Canyon Hills

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Dr. John Erratt *Coordinator*

Halfway through the School Year

We are more than halfway through another successful school year at Canyon Hills. Students excitedly participated in school and community activities, enhancing learning and community involvement. Students continue to engage with the community, making trips to local markets and food establishments to practice skills they learn in class and in our Skills Lab.,

Students have opportunities to interact with students at Canyon High School during nutrition breaks. The teachers, staff, and service providers collaborate to create engaging and interesting lessons supporting our students' academics and life skill acquisition. Canyon Hills acknowledges our Transportation Department team including the dedicated drivers, aides, and dispatchers who make sure our students get to school and home safely every day. Our caring and professional staff enjoy being part of our students' lives each day.

Canyon Hill School has many traditions that are part of the school culture. We celebrate Fall with a week of activities including a photo booth, and door and pumpkin decorating contests. November brings our annual Thanksgiving Feast when students help prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We all gather for a schoolwide lunch. The Fall festivities are capped by a Winter Holiday Celebration and dance. In February, we held our annual Valentine's dance with the crowning of class princes and princesses and school king and queen. This event is always a highlight for students.

Integrated technology is a standard at Canyon Hills. We incorporate communication and educational technology into instructions using tablets, touchscreen monitors, and communication devices to support student learning. Virtual fieldtrips let students explore the world from their classrooms.

As the weather warms, we look forward to outdoor activities including field trips and activities on campus. Thank you to all the faculty, staff, and parents who help to make our year successful.

Canyon Rim Elementary School

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Bree Tippets Principal

Who Loves Reading? We do, We do!

Canyon Rim Roadrunners celebrated Read Across America Week February 27th-March 3rd! Read Across America is an

annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every

community to celebrate reading with the theme: Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers. Many schools, libraries, and communities of readers celebrate with an annual event on March 2. On March 2nd. it was teacher switch day at Canyon Rim. Students were surprised with a guest teacher reader. Throughout the week, students also participated by wearing crazy hats, crazy socks, brought their favorite book to school and wore pajamas. Read Across America Week helps us motivate kids to

read, bring the joys of reading to students of all ages, and make all children feel valued and welcome. What a GREAT week at Canyon Rim! I loved seeing our Roadrunner school spirit.



Cerro Villa Middle School

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Madeline Morrison Principal

Positive Choices

Cerro Villa Middle School's CVTV elective class, taught by Bernard Tayag, and now in its 12th year at the school, received a generous gift and a visit from members of the Orange Elks Club led by Mike Cash, the Elks Drug Awareness Chair. This donation includes money to purchase new equipment

and cameras to support the class with their video projects. This year, Cerro

Villa won at the lodge level and both the district and state awards for the annual ELKS-sponsored Drug Awareness Video Contest and is now entered in the National Competition. This is the sixth year that CV has won the district award and the third year CV has won the state award. Mr. Tayag, the winning team, and their parents, will be attending the Orange ELKS Award Ceremony in May celebrating their hard work and achievement. The students, and the program, will receive a monetary award

based on how far in the contest the video goes. Cerro Villa has won the national award once and, overall, we have gotten to the national level more times than any other middle school in the country. Cerro Villa has represented OUSD every year since the contest started in 2015. We are proud to be a school that prides itself on community engagement and partnerships as well as promoting positive choices for students such as living drug free.



Chapman Hills Elementary School

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Lana Merha Principal

Excited to Dance

Chapman Hills Elementary students showed their school pride by participating

in El Modena High School's Community event on February 7. "It was exciting to dance with my friends in front of the high school

students. We were just doing what we love and that's cool," exclaimed Zoe W. She performed a dance inspired by the movie "Frozen" alongside students Tatum A., Camryn L., Luke O., Jayden M., Caela S., and Katelyn W. during the student showcase portion of the evening. Visual and Performing Arts teacher, Heather Udell, shared, "I am so proud of my Chapman Hills theater students. They were eager to collaborate as a group and even choreographed

parts of the dance number themselves. It was an absolute pleasure to see their ideas come to life, and to watch them smile and shine in front of the audience." Go Bobcats!



Crescent Elementary School

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Antoinette Coe Principal

Crescent Library Rangers

The Library Rangers step up to "rescue" and "restore" Crescent's library! Our librarian, Mrs. Marla Pearlman, has created a forest theme in the library and works with the Library Rangers in understanding the expectations and organization of the library. Under her tutelage, the students have become well versed in the names of the authors and book titles found on our

shelves, can recommend books to other students, and are familiar with how we search for needed items in the library system. Our 75 Crescent Library Rangers are working hard to learn the Dewey Decimal System, how to alphabetize, and the importance of structure in a library. They work

daily on keeping the shelves in order and creating special exhibits for students to interact with, while making great friendships in the process. This is an amazing group of students dedicating themselves to volunteering in the library as they assist in organizing books, helping younger students, and completing daily library tasks. Students are fourth through sixth graders and have to volunteer at least one recess per week to participate. The library, along with regular library visits, is open throughout the week for quiet study and intermittently for games or special activities. The Ranger program is new this year, and we hope to fine tune it in the years to come, as it has become a great teaching tool. The Library Rangers program is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our students and for our students to know and love our library.

El Modena High School

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Sandra Preciado Principal

Holocaust Cross-Curricular Collaboration Project

On Thursday, February 23, El Modena HS students participated in a cross-curricular event aimed at honoring the victims of the Holocaust and continuing the legacy of Elie Wiesel

by "never forgetting" the tragedy that took the lives of innocent civilians targeted by the Nazis, especially millions of Jews. Organized by Mr. Haug, Mr. DeLeo, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Gillen and Ms. Solis, students sang, read poems, and shared excerpts from Night, the true memoir by the late professor and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel. The audience was also treated to a live interview of Mr. DeLeo's 86-year-old mother, who shared her experiences of living through WWII in Germanoccupied Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Haug, the event's MC, shared his desire to preserve the memories of the Holocaust victims to ensure the world remembers the motto of the Holocaust survivors to "Never Forget." Ms. Solis' students sang, "Ose Shalom," a moving song used in remembrance of those past and for peace.



El Rancho Charter Middle School

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Michele Walker Principal

School to Watch

El Rancho Charter School is pleased to announce that we have been selected as a 2023 School to Watch. The Schools to Watch designation is awarded to high-performing middle schools that have built strong support systems for all students. El Rancho chose to highlight several student-centered programs in the Schools to Watch Application: Tutorial, Therapy Dogs on campus, and the Wellness

Tutorial, a strategic support system, is scheduled twice a week. During this time, students receive additional help with their classes. For thirty minutes each Wednesday and Thursday, students make up missing assignments, complete assessments they missed during an absence, attend a study session for an upcoming test, or work on that night's homework. This time also allows students who are caught up on assignments to get in some extra time at PE

or spend time working on assignments with friends at the lunch benches.

After living with the pandemic, over the last few years, we realize students also need emotional support to feel connected to the school. Connecting students with Mojo and Penny, our school's therapy dogs, is also extremely popular. Mojo and Penny are on campus multiple times a week and spend their day in the library waiting to put a smile on the faces of our students and staff.

In addition to the support Mojo and Penny provide, we realize students sometimes need a quiet space when they have a challenging day. Our school psychologists developed the Coyote Den which is a sensory-sensitive wellness center that would provide a space for students to reset and decompress. The Coyote Den opened in February 2023 and is open to students at nutrition and lunch.

We are proud of our students, staff, and school for earning the Schools to Watch recognition. Way to go Coyotes!

Esplanade Elementary School

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Cheryl Sosa Principal

Esplanade Eagles Love to Read!

This last week was Read Across America week. We had many visitors come to share their love of literacy by reading to classrooms. Our readers included fire inspectors, the Chief of the Orange Police Department and Frank Tucker who donated funds for us to be able to purchase our book vending machine. Students took part in the fun all week by dressing up in patterns, wearing crazy hats and socks and participating in both a book review and a bookmark design contest. Our Esplanade Eagles are readers!



Fairhaven Elementary School

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Christina Hirales *Principal*

Fairhaven Welcomes Principal for the Day Ms. Krista Lopez!

Fairhaven Falcons were so excited to welcome their Principal for the Day, Ms. Krista Lopez. She is the owner of Sugar Bakery in Lakewood and has supported and volunteered at Fairhaven for many years through her work with Bridge Community Church. Ms. Lopez was

able to give the morning announcements to the school and thoroughly enjoyed being greeted by student leaders upon entering classrooms. She was able to visit, inquire about student learning and answer questions to students across the campus. She was impressed with the leadership our students demonstrated as well as how polite and well-spoken they were. Ms. Lopez took time to encourage Fairhaven Falcons to think of careers in the culinary industry sharing how rewarding it has been for her. At recess, Falcons initiated conversations with Ms. Lopez, gave her gifts and asked her questions. Congratulations to Ms. Lopez as our Principal for the Day!



Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy

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Sara Pelly *Principal*

Fletcher Lunar New Year Celebration 2023

After a three-year break due to the pandemic, Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy students once again celebrated Lunar New Year at Chapman University's historic Memorial Hall. Over 250 students who are enrolled in the Fletcher and Cerro Villa dual immersion program participated.

The Fletcher community was thrilled to bring this annual event back to Memorial Hall, which was filled with students, staff, family, and community members. Every grade level performed a song and/or dance in Chinese, beginning with the traditional Dragon and Lion dance. Thanks to the Global Cultural Education Foundation (GCFF) for loaning us the costume and training the Fletcher and CVMS student performers.

The highlight of the program was when all students took the stage to sing the finale "Gongxi" song. We are delighted this tradition is back and are already looking forward to next year!



Handy Elementary School

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Erika Krohn Principal

Handy Family STEAM Night

On January 24, 2023, Handy hosted a Family STEAM Night. Handy families visited different classrooms to complete their STEAM passport by participating

in activities focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math. Families enjoyed creating art pinwheels, playing fun math games, coding robots, doing chemistry with pennies, making lava lamps, analyzing fingerprints, floating boats, flying parachutes, and learning about mystery colors. Many students expressed interest in a future STEAM career after taking part in such interesting activities. The turnout was amazing!



Imperial Elementary School

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Kristi McDougall Principal

National and State Symbols

First grade students deepened their understanding of our nation and culture by

learning about national and state symbols.

These firstgrade students learned to identify and

understand American symbols through various activities. Students participated in symbol presentations, which showed off their speaking skills, research skills and art skills, as well as their ability to show appreciation for other students' hard work. After presenting, classmates walked around writing positive affirmations about each report. The students were excited to share their kind words and felt proud to read them as well.

Continuing with their learning, first grade students are "egg"cited about a special science investigation.....they are hatching our state bird, the quail!



Jordan Academy of Language and Computer Science

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Jon Ruffridge Principal

Learning and Celebrating

2023 has already been full of learning and celebrating at Jordan Academy of Language and Computer Science. Most recently, Jordan Academy

celebrated literacy! In conjunction with Read Across America week, our Jordan Academy Scholars celebrated reading and literacy through a number of events including dedicated reading time, Buddy Reading from students in other classes, Family Literacy Night with a long list of fun family-based activities, and Guest

Reader Day! Jordan Academy students this year have had the opportunity to further their Dual Immersion support in literacy as well, having access to an everexpanding repertoire of library books available to them



in both English and Spanish. Our Read Across America week celebration culminated in a visit from our State Superintendent of Instruction, Tony Thurmond, to further promote the value of reading and literacy as he addressed and read to our Jaguars both whole school as well as in the classroom.

La Veta Elementary School

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Lorena Rubio Principal

La Veta Vikings SAIL into GATE Success! Our Voyage, Our Story

At La Veta Elementary School teachers are meeting to launch a pilot program that would expand the GATE curriculum experience beyond the current program offered to fourth through sixth-grade GATE-identified students at her school.

Starting in February, La Veta's GATE teacher trainer started holding bi-monthly

coaching and debriefing sessions with a cohort of six volunteer teachers interested in working to expand the GATE curriculum experience as a schoolwide signature practice by offering Depth & Complexity icons to the primary grades and other non-GATE classes.

Depth & Complexity icons are strategies used in the GATE curriculum that provide structure and guidance to help students to think in a more profound and complex way when thinking critically. Depth refers to approaching or studying something from the concrete to the abstract and requires students to examine topics by determining the facts, concepts, generalizations, principles, and theories related to them. Complexity includes making relationships, connecting other concepts, and layering. It provides a why/

how-to approach that connects with other disciplines to enhance the meaning of a unit of study.

With the use of depth and complexity icons schoolwide, all students will have access to advanced learning in critical thinking skills, which has been shown to increase students' achievement in all subject areas. The cohort of teachers in the pilot will integrate the icons in various academic subjects to advance and enhance learning for students schoolwide.



Lampson Elementary School

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Alejandra Pantoja Principal

OUSD Teacher of the Year

Have you heard the news..... Tashla McCabe is officially one of three Orange USD Teacher of the Year!

Mrs. McCabe has been an educator for the past 23 years and is a great representation of of a teacher that continually seeks to grow and develop in her profession. She differentiates instruction based on individual needs and utilizes a wide range of

teaching strategies to support her students in their academic success as well as their social emotional development. Whether it's whole class lessons or small group lessons students are receptive to her lessons, and engaged during instruction.

Mrs. McCabe personifies Lampson's commitment to fostering the culture that prepares our students to be critical thinkers and life-long learners. Teaching students is her passion!

On behalf of the entire Lampson Staff, Mrs. McCabe we are so very proud of you and are honored that you serve the children and community of Lamspon Elementary!



Linda Vista Elementary School

1200 N. Cannon St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6201 • www.lindavistaelementary.com



Renee Ybarra Principal

Happy Spring!

Here at Linda Vista, we are so excited to expand on our learning in a variety of ways this Spring. Students have been having a blast coding robots during Saturday Enrichment Academy each month, with older students supporting

younger buddies. We have established Math Mondays every week during lunch in which students come to our Learning Center to play math games and expand on their out-of-the-box thinking! Our PTA has provided some wonderful Science-onthe-Go assembly lessons for each of our grade levels to enjoy hands-on scientific learning. In our TK-1st grades, we have brought real-life learning to school with assemblies about taking care of our dental health and caring for animals. Linda Vista is an engaging and well-rounded learning experience for all students!



McPherson Magnet School

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Brenna Godsey Principal

Annual Science Fair

McPherson Magnet School hosted its annual school wide Science Fair in February 2023. All kindergarten through eighth

grade students participated in the science fair. McPherson was excited to welcome many community volunteers to judge the middle school science fair. From the sixth through eighth grade students, twenty projects will be moving onto the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair. Additionally, seventh and eighth grade students served as judges for the science fair for kindergarten through fifth grade students. This is a great school tradition that teaches students about the scientific method and improves public speaking skills.

In other school news, McPherson's Robotics team, the Meteor Bots, participated in the VEX Robotics tournament in February and placed fifth overall. Additionally,



McPherson's Science Olympiad team medaled in five categories at the Science Olympiad Regionals at University California, Irvine. We are so proud of all our McPherson Meteors!

Nohl Canyon High School

4100 E. Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807 • 714/997-6203 • www.orangeusd.org/nohl-canyon-elementary-school



Jeffrey Jones Principal

Kids Heart Challenge / American Heart Association

Nohl Canyon community displayed an overwhelming generosity while participating in American Heart Association's "Kids Heart Challenge" during February. The Kids Heart Challenge kicked off with a school-wide assembly on January 20th. Students were introduced

to the power of the heart and the many children affected by adolescent heart conditions. Through Kids Heart Challenge, students earned various prizes for their donations along with completing a series of tasks called "Finns Challenge" which supports heart

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surgeries for young children along with earning students a lunch with the principal. For the next four weeks, Nohl Canyon Roadrunners continued to donate generously. The fundraiser concluded on February 17th with a total donation amount of \$13,690! Nohl Canyon had 259 students registered and 44 students complete Finn's Challenge. Nohl Canyon also had 76 families learn hands-only CPR!! Our Nohl Canyon community truly displayed how big our hearts are!!

Olive Elementary School

3038 Magnolia Ave., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/637-8218 • www.orangeusd.org/olive-elementary-school



Heather Darrow Principal

Love is in the Air at Olive!

Each Valentine's Day, our kindergarten classes spend time writing positive notes to their families, which are then sent through

the United States Postal Service to their families. As a direct result of Olive's focus on

writing, students have been able to communicate their feelings and ideas with families through the writing process. This involves brainstorming ideas, drafting their ideas into complete thoughts, and then conducting a self-evaluation of their writing to make sure their thoughts have been conveyed clearly, legibly, and concisely. Our students have been working on these skills, in kindergarten and beyond,

which makes it possible for them to become responsible and effective communicators in our society. We are so proud of our Ocelots, at every grade level, and we are looking forward to watching them grow in the coming years!



Orange High School

525 N. Shaffer St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6211 • www.orangehighschool.org



Shervl **Anderson-Glass** Principal

Class of 2023

Our OHS Class of 2023 participated in the Bite of Reality financial literacy simulation sponsored by our educational partner, American First Credit Union. This annual event creates an interactive opportunity to help students financially plan for their future.

In this simulation. students received a fictional occupation,

salary, spouse, children, student loan, credit card debt, and medical insurance payments. They then visit "merchants" and "purchase" housing, food, transportation, clothing, entertainment, day care, etc. A "Fickle Finger of Fate" roams the event and gives students unexpected expenses or windfalls just like in real life. If they overspend or make poor choices, they visit a credit union

table for budgeting support. This engaging activity is an eye opener for our students, especially as they are about to embark on their next life adventure. Jon Shigematsu, President, and CEO of American First Credit Union has continued to foster this financial literacy simulation to help benefit our graduating seniors and was involved with the students every step of the way.



Palmyra Elementary School

1325 E. Palmyra Ave., Orange, CA 92866 • 714/997-6207 • www.orangeusd.org/palmyra-elementary-school



Christina Bletterman *Principal*

70th Anniversary

Palmyra Elementary will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary on April 20, 2023 with a special assembly to acknowledge its many years of success in educating generations of students. Palmyra Elementary School opened its doors in September 1952. Seven decades later, it is still a quaint, neighborhood, community focused school on Palmyra Ave

in central Orange, CA. We will open the doors inviting the community, past principals, teachers, and students to reflect on its rich history as an Orange Unified School. We are also collecting artifacts from the past 70 years to put on display. If you have any pictures, yearbooks, or other memorabilia and are willing to allow us to display it, contact the school by calling 714 997-6207 for more information.



Panorama Elementary School

10512 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana, CA 92705 • 714/997-6265 • www.orangeusd.org/panorama-elementary-school



Erin Rosselli Principal

Developing the Whole Child

Panorama focuses on developing all aspects of our Panthers. From physical fitness to academic achievement to student leadership, all students are prepared, valued, and empowered to learn, lead, and succeed.

Students can start their day with our Running Club to increase their fitness. These students work toward running

100 miles and developing resiliency to stay committed to this goal. Daily, students engage in challenging academic instruction purposefully prepared by our staff to ensure continued academic growth. All Panthers set goals and follow these throughout the year to support self-management. Panthers also have leadership opportunities. Whether it is planning community service activities with our leadership group or participating in cross-age tutoring during Cub Club, Panthers are empowered to grow their empathetic leadership skills. We have also extended the school day to allow students to develop areas of interest. We value each of our Panthers and are committed to supporting our scholars.



Portola Preparatory Academy

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Jeff Morgan Principal

Principal for the Day

Portola was visited by its 2022-23 Principal for the Day, Mr. Eddie Carrillo. He is currently the head Men's Soccer coach at Chapman University, runs a clubs soccer program, and is also a teacher in our district. With that said he is also an Alum of Portola. He promoted

from Portola in 1979 when we were 7th-9th grades. He has been a member of the orange community since he was in 5th grade and to this day makes positive contributions through the many hats he wears.

It was refreshing to speak with him about his positive experiences at Portola and how positive they were. It echoes the same vision I have for my students and families. The experience he had is the experience that I strive to replicate every day, for everyone that steps foot on my campus. Welcome home Coach Carrillo!



Prospect Elementary School

379 N. Virage St., Orange, CA 92869 • 714/997-6271 • www.orangeusd.org/prospect-elementary-school



Mary Hinton Principal

Professional Development

Prospect teachers participated in math-centered professional development in the fall. As part of the We "ARE" Mathematicians District level support, teachers took part in the "E" part of "ARE" - Engagement. Teachers used a variety of math manipulatives, discussed best practices, and planned for upcoming

math lessons. Part of that review focused on "Pose the Problem", the initial step in the 4-Step math protocol. There was robust discussion about our students' productive struggle (their thinking time), academic discussion, and students explaining their thinking.

Parents - you can Engage in math talk with your children too! Ask them what tools they use to solve problems, talk about ways you use math every day, praise their effort. They might even be able to Pose a Problem to you!

Prospect students ARE receiving the highest quality of instruction and Prospect staff and teachers ARE making a difference! #ProspectStrong



Richland High School

615 N. Lemon St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6167 • www.orangeusd.org/richland-continuation-high-school



Lisa Ogan Principal

Building Community

A strong sense of community makes the foundation for a strong school year. At Richland, we are excited to continue in building our community with events and opportunities to shape and nourish our Condor

spirit. Our "coffee with the principal", ELAC, and SSC meetings allow time for parents and community to hear important information, share resources, and collaborate.

Fostering relationships with community members is paramount to Richland High School. Our community

volunteer organizations and businesses such as Orange North Rotary Club, Grocery Outlet, and Canyon School Pride Bingo continue to cultivate positive school culture through their generosity and time. "Thankful Thursday" events held each quarter celebrate this positive school culture by presenting staff, students, and community members the opportunity to gather and engage in various team building activities such as student vs. staff volleyball games, cornhole tournaments, Nintendo Switch tournaments, arts & craft activities and even karaoke.



Orange North Rotary Club hosts the first Thankful Thursday in September with a BBQ, provides funds for extra books in our school library, and has even installed a water bottle filling station!

As a culmination to our school year, we look forward to a joint celebration for Prom on May 12 along with three other neighboring continuation high schools. We hope to see you at our next Richland meeting, celebration, or event. Please visit our school website https://www.orangeusd.org/richland-continuation-high-school and Facebook page for Richland High School. Go Condors!

Running Springs Elementary School

8670 E. Running Springs Dr., Anaheim, CA 92808 • 714/281-4512 • www.orangeusd.org/running-springs-elementary-school



Christina Yokoyama *Principal*

Running Springs Academy and the IB Learner

As part of Running Springs' status as an International Baccalaureate World School and our authorization to offer the Primary Years Programme, our students are immersed in the IB learner profile. An IB learner is positively challenged to think critically and is encouraged to take responsibility for their learning. The IB learner profile encompasses 10 attributes

that Running Springs scholars continually practice. IB learners strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. Each month, Running Springs focuses on one of the IB learner attributes and staff and students look for ways to demonstrate that attribute in our school community as well as recognize that attribute in others.

One of the best pieces of the IB Primary Years Programme is empowering students to take action to make a positive difference in their own lives and in the lives of others. Actions can be as small as checking out a book in the library to learn more about a topic, and on a grander scale, organizing a fundraiser or collecting donations for a cause. Our students thrive in an environment in which they are encouraged to take action! Students have been inspired to build models, draw pictures, or create presentations that demonstrate their learning. Students have taken classroom discussions to heart and took the initiative to play with friends with special needs on the playground and during occupational therapy sessions, allowing bonds and friendships to blossom. Students have organized fundraisers to help the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, and collected donations to bring joy to students that must stay at CHOC for extended periods of time. When our students take the lessons in the classroom and extend their learning by taking action in the community around them, we all benefit!

Santiago Charter Middle School

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Ashley Pedroza Co-Principal

Unique Opportunities

At Santiago Charter Middle School, we are proud of the unique opportunities that are provided to students-beginning with a rich, rigorous curriculum that includes the ability to take high school level courses for credit and continuing with the twenty-two different

academic and career technical related electives. After school, we offer nine intramural sports programs, each with at least ten athletic competitions, and for the VAPA students in our community, we offer our Conservatory of the Arts. Above and beyond our amazing programs, we work hard to find special opportunities and assemblies that make lifelong memories.

Recently, Santiago Santanas engaged in two different memory-making events. The first was in celebration of the start of Read Across America month. With a goal of

encouraging students to remember the value of reading, Santiago's Educator of the Year, Ms. April Keller, applied for a grant that allowed for us to invite Baba the Storyteller for an inspirational assembly! Baba the Storyteller, an African Griot, captivated an audience of 1,100 students and staff with stories and songs that entertained, and more importantly, educated. Following the unique event, Santanas were charged with a fun reading challenge! A sincere thanks to Ms. Keller and Baba the Storyteller for this rich experience for our Santiago community.

The second event was a schoolwide DJ takeover with KiisFM, iHeartRadio and DJ Tye Hollywood. On Valentine's Day at lunch, the students were surprised with a lunchtime concert! The DJ and guest live artist performed songs and encouraged the students to sing along, dance and enjoy the opportunity to be at a concert. Students laughed, danced, sang, and spent time with their friends.

Santiago recognizes the value of providing middle school students with experiences that inspire and build connections, and we are proud of the opportunities that our community provides.

Serrano Elementary School

17741 Serrano Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/997-6275 • www.orangeusd.org/serrano-elementary-school



Laura Kresl Principal

Serrano Kindness Month

One of our favorite months at Serrano is February because our students and staff have the wonderful opportunity to

focus on kindness! Kindness month is full of meaningful activities and kindness vibes.

In class, our students started each day with a kindness pledge and did different writing activities and lessons that showed and described what kindness is.

On Wednesdays, our students

and staff wore kindness attire, and our Eagle Ambassadors greeted our students in the morning with welcome signs with positive messages. Our students danced as they entered the gates and started the day on a positive note!

Another activity our students did, was commit to an act of kindness. Each student participated in creating a paper chain that was a visual representation of all our acts of kindness. We also took a whole-school photo where



we all held hands to represent that "we are linked together by kindness!"

Another way we promoted kindness was by hosting Picnic with a Pal and Lunch with a Loved One. All 1st-6th grade students had a picnic on our grass field during brunch. We talked about friendship and inviting others to join us at this event. For Kindergarten, we invited families on campus for lunch.

Our kinder students felt the love with the company of their friends and families.

We also made a global impact with our kindness. We collected spare change to give to a nonprofit that helps provide fresh water to those in need around the world. We love being "world changers!"

We love all the kindness on Serrano's campus, and we are always hopeful that our students are inspired to keep it going!

Sycamore Elementary School

340 N. Main St., Orange, CA 92868 • 714/997-6277 • www.orangeusd.org/sycamore-elementary-school



Laura Urquhart Principal

History that Comes Alive

This past month, the "Walk-Through" team from California Weekly Explorer, visited our 4th 5th and 6th graders here at Sycamore. Our students had the opportunity to participate in a "Walk-Through" presentation, which is an engaging

and interactive educational presentation

of standards-based history curriculum through literacy and the arts.

Through dramatic activities, students "became" famous men and women of the historical time their grade level is studying 4th grade-California History, 5th grade-American History, and 6th grade Ancient World History. Flags, maps, re-enactments, music, costumes, and games helped students explore and understand the importance of history.

Our amazing teachers spent weeks helping our students prepare for this event and during the walkthrough, students acted out the parts they chose as the narrator led them through a retelling of the history. Students earned points for their team by memorizing facts and providing a great performance. It was a truly engaging and interactive way of learning!



Taft Elementary School

1829 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92865 • 714/997-6254 • www.orangeusd.org/taft-elementary-school

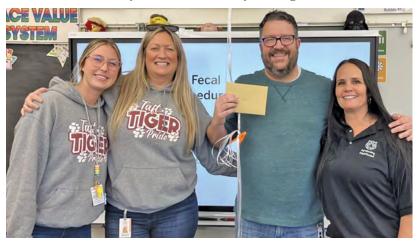


Amy Alvardo *Principal*

Employees of the Year

Taft strives to be a place where students, staff, families and community members want to be. Our focus is on providing a safe, positive learning environment for our students, a productive and enjoyable workplace for our staff, and a welcoming and supportive resource for our families. We are fortunate to have amazing people in our Taft Family and at this time of year we get the

pleasure of honoring two team members as our Employees of the Year. This year our winners are Mr. Bergeron (6th grade teacher) and Ms. Espitia (Ms. Maria - Community Liaison) and we could not be prouder to work with them. Both individuals bring positive energy to school each day and go above and beyond to support our kids, our staff and everyone they encounter. A huge thank you to Mr. Bergeron and Ms. Maria for all they do for our school. Congratulations on being named Taft's Employees of the Year!





Villa Park Elementary School

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Martha Arceo Principal

RoBobcats

VPE's "RoBobcats" are busy preparing for the district's robotics showcase in March. Led by two of our 4th grade teachers, Ms. Parrish and Mrs. Granieri, our robotics team members are engaged in the 21st century learning skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration in preparation for

the big day. The goal at the showcase is to apply strategies to complete 22 robotic missions. Speed and accuracy are key. Teams have built their robots and are now working on coding them for success. Collaboration and teamwork are necessary for our RoBobcats to succeed!

As a follow up, our school has set up monthly schoolwide STEM activity days. Villa Park Elementary will hold our first STEAM Night on March 2nd in which families are invited to bring their children to participate in various workshop style STEAM activities. Our staff look forward to creating these engaging opportunities for our students!



Villa Park High School

18042 Taft Ave., Villa Park, CA 92861 • 714/532-8020 • www.villaparkhigh.org



Dennis McCuistion Principal

Ring Season

It's RING SEASON for the Spartans! We are so excited to announce that our TWO Competitive Cheer Teams have brought numerous prestigious Titles back to Sparta! We have 22 talented, competitive athletes who have spent countless hours practicing

and perfecting their routines. The UCA

National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida has been the culmination of the season for cheerleaders across the nation. Before our Villa Park Varsity Game Day Team headed to the East Coast, they qualified by winning two UCA Division titles and coming in first place at the UCA West Coast.

Our Villa Park Varsity Traditional Comp Team has won the 2022-2023 CIF-SS Division 3A Title competing against 17 teams. In four years since cheer was recognized as a CIF Sport: VP has won one CIF Runners-up Title, two CIF-SS titles, and one CIF State/Regional Title. In addition, this talented team ended this season with a USA National Title out of 29 programs!



West Orange Elementary School

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



Dr. Monica Murray *Principal*

Parent and Wellness Center

West Orange Elementary is excited to announce the opening of our new WO Parent & Wellness center. Our community lead, Cindy Krise, has been working closely with different organizations and district connections to develop a center where parents can attend classes and workshops and engage in opportunities to help their children.

We have started our ESL classes where our families are learning how to speak English. We had our first Family art night with the Laguna Museum of Art and Boys and Girls Club, where many families learned about the color wheel and applied knowledge to a painting. We also are excited to have partnered with the American Red Cross to have emergency preparedness parent/community training and with the Ocean Adventures organization for a Family Shark Night in March. We aim to create a space where parents and our community can grow and find all the resources, they need to assist their child to blossom.



Yorba Academy of the Arts Middle School

935 N. Cambridge St., Orange, CA 92867 • 714/997-6161 • www.orangeusd.org/yorba



Mark McLaughlin Principal

Career Focus Art

Yorba Middle School is excited to offer Career Focus Art as an elective option for all students. The teacher, Mrs. Lundell, brings a wealth of industry experience and passion to the program. In this foundational class, students learn the elements

of art and principles of design while completing hands-on projects using a variety of materials and techniques.

Students practice traditional and digital art skills while exploring careers in the arts.

These careers include animation, graphic design, video production, costuming, and set design. Yorba Art provides an excellent introduction to a wide variety of artistic endeavors with the hope that students develop a passion for the arts and continue their education through the Arts, Media, and Entertainment career pathways at the high school level. Yorba Arts were proudly on display at the Orange



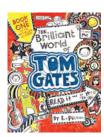
High School Showcase, and we look forward to building the program with advanced sections and digital integration in our Verizon Innovative Learning Lab next year.

Daniel's Review

Daniel H.

Very Funny Book!

Title: The Brilliant World of Tom Gates Author: Liz Pichon The Brilliant World of Tom Gates is about a boy named Tom. Tom and his best friend Derek are in a



band called Dog Zombies and they both want to go to a Dude3

concert but Tom has many silly problems to deal with. Read this book to see what happens and to laugh out loud! This book is very funny and has really funny pictures. I loved this book and can't wait to read the other books in this series!

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

David's Review



Smart and Funny

Title: Matilda Author: Roald Dahl

Matilda is a book about an intelligent girl whose parents neglect her. When she starts going to school, she meets a nice and caring teacher, Miss



Honey. Matilda later discovers that she has a

special talent. What is her special talent? You should read the book not just to find out but also if you want to laugh! The things that Matilda does throughout the book were funny and the author's writing is hilarious. This is one of my favorite books and I'm sure it will be yours too!

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



Grandma, Why Do You Have Cracks In Your Face?



By Kay Coop | Illustrated by Melanie Florio

Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Perfect vs Excellence

"Strive for Excellence" is book 2 of 4 in the Perfect Balance Gymnastics Optional Series by Melissa Torres. The story is about Marissa, a hard-working gymnast and a smart



girl who has always done very well in

school and in gymnastics. At the start of 6th grade, Marissa expects herself to continue to be perfect in school and in gymnastics. Is training level 6 optional while starting middle school that difficult? Can Marissa still have a successful competition season while keeping up with 6th grade schoolwork? Can she still be perfect? Does she have to be perfect?

I am thankful to have finished reading this book before my rough weekend I just had. My last gymnastics meet was the worst ever, and it was on the weekend I had so much homework. While being disappointed from the meet, this book literally saved me from being too upset with myself. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars and would highly recommend it to anyone who thinks perfection is the only way to be.

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

Maple's Review



Maple

A Dangerous Journey

Title: The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone

Author: Jaclyn Moriarty Bronte is ten years old when her parents suddenly die. She lives with her Aunt Isabelle when she finds her parents' will. It says that she must visit all ten of



her aunts, except for Aunt Isabelle, and give them gifts. There is ancient magic

in the will, and if Bronte does not do what it says, then her town, Gainsleigh, will be ripped apart. On Bronte's journey, many wonderful things happen, such as visiting a beautiful library and learning to speak some of the Dragon language. This book has fun mini quests, and some pretty big ones too. If you enjoy books about danger and tough girls, you will love this book. I adored this book, and I bet you will too!

Maple is in 5th grade. They love reading, petting their dog, and playing with their friends. They want to be a librarian when they grow up.

Aubtin's Review

Aubtin M.

Re Brave

Title: Geronimo Stilton – The Treasure Of Easter Island

Author: Elisabetta Dami

Geronimo Stilton is a best-selling author running a newspaper called The Rodent's Gazette. He lives in New Mouse City, Mouse

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Island. Geronimo's sister Thea went
to Easter Island in hope of finding
treasure there. But then she was
captured by pirates! Geronimo went

to Easter Island looking for the same treasure in hope of finding Thea. Can Geronimo find Thea? Will he also find the treasure that Thea had been looking for in the first place? I recommend you read this book to find out.

This book is very funny and makes me laugh. I hope it will make you laugh too. This book also has very nice graphics and pictures.

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

Taegyoung's Book Review

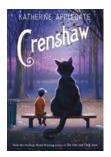


Taegyoung K.

A Not-so Imaginary Friend

Title: *Crenshaw*Author: Katherine
Applegate

Moving homes is a hard process, especially for children. Ten-year old Jackson knows that better than anyone. Even though he had to leave



his old life behind, it's still difficult for

his family. If this continues, Jackson will have to move yet again.

No one wants to be ignored, but Crenshaw is. He's a cat. Large, but outspoken and on top of that, imaginary. The reason he's in Jackson's life? To help him, and he does. The two soon become friends, and the story takes a deep dive into Jackson's life. Crenshaw might be able to help Jackson with small dilemmas, but can one imaginary friend save a family on the edge of stability?

Author Katherine Applegate brings readers a book with heartwarming messages that people of all ages can enjoy.

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

Fun Things and Places—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 OUSD in the subject line.

carnival camp seashore home school farm park **ZOO** slides hike swings bike ride road trip reunion cruise party skating movie videos pool forest

Congratulations to Yaseen Shalaby
Winner of our December Word Search Contest!

Entries must be received by May 15, 2023 From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a \$20 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

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