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Dr. Sherry Kropp

LAUSD 2013 Teacher of the Year, Kathryn Currie

As a high school chemistry teacher, Ms. Currie describes herself as made out of potassium chlorate, phosphorus sesquisulfide, zinc oxide, wax, powdered glass, and a little wood—the ingredients of a matchstick. Why, you might ask? To light the fires of curiosity within her students. She believes curiosity leads to thinking and thinking leads to learning, so curiosity cultivates a love of learning.



Kathryn Currie

Ms. Currie has been a teacher at Los Alamitos High School for 27 years, with a total of 34 years in the profession. Some of her accomplishments include Science

Olympiad Outstanding Coach, Oak Leaf Honorary Service Award, University of California, Irvine's Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher, and Harry J. Aslan Fellow High School Teacher of the Year. She has been a new teacher mentor, instructional coach, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) chair, and faculty forum president and has served on numerous committees, such as Academic Council, District Curriculum Steering, and the District Science Committee.

"Mrs. Currie is one of the finest teachers and leaders I have ever had the privilege of working with," said Superintendent, Dr. Kropp. "She is simply spectacular." Los Alamitos Unified School District is proud to honor Kathryn Currie as our 2013 Teacher of the Year. This "matchstick" continues to ignite unlimited possibilities for all students!



Science Olympiad students.

*By Ann Allen, Principal
McAuliffe Middle School*

Every year our McAuliffe Middle School students participate in extracurricular activities that capitalize on individual strengths and interests. Our teachers also partner with the Orange County Department of Education, and our local colleges and universities, to help provide challenging experiences for those students who excel in mathematics and science.

The Math Counts competition is one such national middle school competition. It is designed to promote achievement in mathematics through a series of fun and engaging "bee-style" contests. Supported by the National Society of Professional Engineers at both the state and local level, this competition exists in all 50 states and is open to students in the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades.

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Diana D. Hill
Member

Los Al to Break Ground on New Track and Field Complex

The Los Alamitos Unified School District Board of Education approved a contract on March 12 to replace the current track and field with a new complex at Los Alamitos High School. If you have been around this community, you know this has been a long time in coming. Various groups, such as Our Los Al and Track Boosters, have been fund-raising for this project for 10 years. Now, because of matching state funds from Measure K, donations, and the thoughtful work of staff, is the time for us to move

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Congratulations to Kathryn Currie, LAUSD Teacher of the Year! Our *School News* mission is to honor all of the teachers throughout the year. We obviously fill volumes of printed pages of their daily commitment to educate our children to be the best they can be and we want each and everyone of them to know we appreciate all they do. As the old saying goes...if you are reading this, thank a teacher!

We had a record number of entries in our Word Search Contest. (The contests are for all ages.)

Our next issue is June 5.

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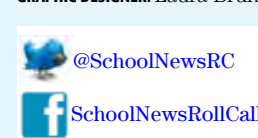
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Summer Enrichment Institute

By Janine Ingram, Executive Director


Registration for 2013 Summer Enrichment Institute is now open. Course catalogs for Elementary and Secondary classes are available online at www.LAEF4kids.org as well as at the District Office and the main offices of each school sites.

Questions? Call or email Evelyn Garcia, LAEF Program Director, (562) 277-6876 or programdirector@LAEF4kids.org

Thank you to everyone who participated in LAEF's first annual Race on the Base team! We had a fantastic time at the event and taking photos of our "heroes for education." And in addition to adding a \$5 donation to LAEF, every Race on the Base participant that registered through LAEF was entered to win a new iPad!

Very special congratulations to Anthony Trillo – our first iPad winner.

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Heidi Olshan
Principal

Huskies Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go – Dr. Seuss

It was in this "Suess-ian" spirit that our Huskies celebrated the birthday of accomplished author Dr. Seuss.

The festivities on March 2 served a dual purpose. Our Read Across Hopkinson Day began in the morning, with 30 mystery readers eagerly sharing the joy of reading with our students. These readers included Hopkinson parents and grandparents, LAUSD Director Amber Lee-Ruiz, and special guests from LAHS, including the administrative team, teachers and a guidance counselor.



Los Al staff celebrating Read Across Hopkinson

(L to R) LAHS A.P. Melissa Miller, Hopkinson Principal Ondrea Reed, LAUSD Director Amber Lee-Ruiz, LAHS Principal Josh Arnold, LAHS Teacher Jeff Heeren, LAHS Teacher Chris Vlasic, LAHS Counselor Tina Heeren, LAHS Teacher Jason Favour, LAHS A.P. Dr. Gregg Stone.



Hopkinson fifth grade students, parents, and teacher Kirk Moretti at Paul Revere Elementary School in Anaheim.

Having the Griffins on campus really brought home the meaning of "I heart Los Al"! It had the Huskies all talking about their futures at LAHS.

The Read Across Orange County event, sponsored by the Hopkinson PTA, also sent 18 fifth-grade students to Paul Revere Elementary School in Anaheim. Accompanied by our Hopkinson parents and teacher Kirk Moretti, the group read to classrooms, facilitated an art project, and donated hundreds of books to the school on behalf of the Hopkinson families.

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Heidi Olshan
Principal

Getting Ready for Life

The Laurel Knights are a diligent group of young men and women! I am so proud of the effort they put forth each and every day.

Our six-week "cycle" students are getting closer to their academic goals now, and we like to reward those efforts at our Cycle Award Ceremony. At our Cycle 3 award event in February we were able to congratulate many students of superior accomplishment. This included two who had earned their diplomas, a student who had completed 30 credits in one cycle, two students with perfect attendance, and an award for students who persevere no matter what circumstances they must face on a daily basis.

Our local partners in the community also play a big role in helping to honor our Laurel students. For this we are very grateful.

Laurel is a community of learners, with a special focus on helping to attain the skills for a successful transition to college and independent living. Students can prepare for this transition in our Discovery course. This dynamic class helps them learn to navigate the college registration process. It also prepares them for financial independence, because every student is required to design a budget and fill out the FAFSA form for student aid or college scholarships.

The class also gives our students the skills they need to obtain a job, as everyone is encouraged to take the ASVAB career exploration test. They can also learn resume writing skills, participate in a job-shadowing experience, and gain practice in mock interviews.

Lee *Elementary*

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Robert Briggerman
Principal

Reading With America

On a bright and sunny Friday morning, the entire student body at Lee Elementary School left the classrooms in search of perfect reading spots. Students joined thousands of students across the country in celebrating Read Across America Day.

Sponsored by the National Teacher's Association and the California PTA, Read Across America is an annual national day of reading promotion. This year's theme, "Reading Takes You Places," helped children learn about different places by reading about them in text. The California PTA has six suggestions for helping a child become a good reader. They include beginning

the reading process in infancy, surrounding your child with a reading-rich environment, talking with your child to enhance vocabulary and language



Lee 2nd graders read under the trees.

skills, teaching your child while reading aloud, helping your child develop critical thinking skills, and making sure your child has a high-quality preschool experience. Reading is a critical foundation for any child's education and will lead to a lifetime of learning and success.

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Dr. Sunghie Okino
Principal

Lights, Camera, Action!

*By Current LAE Live Members
Emily Curtain, Blake Ravelo and Fernanda Flores*

One amazing club that many other schools don't offer is LAE Live. It is a student-run broadcasting program that teaches GATE students the special features of video technology and electronics.

Some of the state-of-the-art equipment we use are Canon Vixia HDMI video cameras, a green screen, microphones, tripods and iMovie. Meetings are held on Mondays after school in our studio. We practice videotaping, editing, interviewing, acting and public speaking.

On Election Day we even interviewed students and asked them who they would have voted for President!

While taping we have to make sure our hands are steady or else the footage may be blurry. One important thing when taping is to say "I got it" when we pass the camera, otherwise it may drop! We also learn to create transitions, add music and text, and overlap scenes. By the end of the year we are able to cut videos, overlap scenes, add transitions, background music, sound effects, and even insert text.

Videotaping usually happens during school. Some of our subjects have been the Card Club, choir, Journalism Club, Ambassadors, Halloween parade, assemblies, the Fit-a-Thon, DEAR Day and the book fair.

We have three completed projects. Our first was a video showing a typical kindergarten day. Our second was an infomercial about the Fit-a-Thon. Two videos in production are about anti-bullying and a compilation of all the wonderful things LAE has to offer. We hope you have enjoyed learning a little bit about LAE Live!

Los Alamitos *High School*

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Dr. Seuss Is For Everyone!

Last week, a number of Los Alamitos High School staff members headed over to Hopkinson Elementary School in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. As part of our ongoing partnership with every school in the district, all of which feed into Los Al, teachers from the high school are always looking for opportunities to work with elementary school students and colleagues.

Dr. Seuss' classics are the perfect avenue for this effort. Along with being a brilliant writer and captivator of the childhood imagination, Dr. Seuss is, of course, still relevant in high school. From teaching totalitarianism in Advanced Placement U.S. History through *The Butter Battle* to understanding the meaning of existential angst in 12th-grade Modern Literature through *Horton Hears a Who*, the work of Dr. Seuss is important to us all.



McAuliffe *Middle School*

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Ann Allen
Principal

CELEBRATING MATH AND SCIENCE • From Page 1

Club Advisor Steve Levy and 15 dedicated McAuliffe students first began preparing for the competition in October. At weekly meetings after school these students worked with high school coaches to prepare for the annual competition in February at UC Irvine. Each participant was awarded a gift for attending the event.

The Science Olympiad is another national program that provides middle and high school students with the opportunity to demonstrate critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity through the use of scientific and engineering practices embedded within STEM-related competitions. All of the events are balanced among the disciplines of chemistry, biology, earth science, physics and technology.

Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Lynes, Mrs. Neufeld and Mr. Pagett began working with the 15-member team in the fall. They then accompanied the students to the regional competition at Santa Ana College. McAuliffe's team won six medals, and they thoroughly enjoyed their day competing against 14 other Orange County middle schools.

McGaugh *Elementary*

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Bill MacDonald
Principal

Embracing Differences

Each Monday morning at flag deck assembly, students at J.H. McGaugh School recite the school pledge, which ends with these words: "I will act with integrity and compassion and recognize and appreciate individual differences." These final words are indicative of the importance of strong character at McGaugh, and more importantly, the idea that each child has unique strengths that should be valued.

Nowhere is this more evident than in our school's special education programs. These programs include regional autism, special-day classrooms, collaborative inclusion environments that teach both general and special education students, resource and mainstreaming. The skilled and caring teachers in each of these programs differentiate and scaffold the learning for ability-diverse students to help them leverage their strengths to reach their highest potential. Similarly, the school's social-skills programs and inclusive culture create an environment where all students are accepted, respected, and valued.



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Erin Kominsky
Principal

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Rossmoor *Elementary*

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Kiva Spiratos
Principal

Scout Troop 869 Makes a Difference!

Each Girl Scout troop makes a goal to work as a team to make a difference in their community. At Rossmoor, our troop 869, which includes fourth- and fifth-grade girls, set a community goal to earn their Bronze Award.

The troop identified a traffic concern surrounding the school and researched the solution: a crosswalk on the corner of Loring and Montecito, behind Rossmoor School. This intersection is busy with students crossing from the adjacent neighborhood to the Rossmoor campus. The troop saw a need for cars to slow when parents and children cross the street. They designed a proposal and contacted the city manager in charge of traffic control, who listened to their idea.

After city investigation, the proposal was approved, and the troop received a formal letter that a crosswalk will be installed this spring. Congratulations to our Rossmoor troop, who really did make a difference!

Oak *Middle School*

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Sally Neiser
Principal

Sparkling a Love of Reading

By Darren Platt, Assistant Principal

Literacy is at the core of education and is essential for learning. Literacy involves using reading, writing, speaking, and listening to gain more knowledge.

At Oak Middle School, we strive to increase the literacy levels of all of our students every day. We celebrate that our seventh-graders achieved 100 percent proficiency on last year's statewide writing assessment.

Results like this are only possible with a team effort, and an essential part of our team is our PTA, which sponsors our book fairs. Students can purchase the latest bestselling novels and book series right on campus to enjoy the benefits of reading—and a few other benefits as well. At our fall sale, students earned the privilege of throwing pies at Assistant Principal Platt's face, and our spring book fair offered the opportunity to douse him with some water balloons. Oh, what we do to spark the love of reading!



Assistant Principal Platt took a pie for literacy!

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Chief Keith Richter

Participation of children in organized and informal sports continues to grow. Nearly three quarters of U.S. households with school-age children have at least one child who plays organized sports. Sports participation is beneficial to children in many ways. It can improve physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork, as well as promote a sense of personal satisfaction and accomplishment.

However, growth in sports participation has contributed to an increase in sports related injuries. The risk of physical injury is inherent in sports participation. Furthermore, children are more susceptible to these injuries because they are still growing and

gaining motor and cognitive skills. Most organized sport-related injuries occur during practice rather than games.

Did you know that each year, more than 3.5 million children ages 14 years and under receive medical treatment for sports injuries. More than 90% of sport-related concussions occur without the child losing consciousness. The most common types of sport-related injuries in children are sprains, muscle strains, bone or growth plate injuries, repetitive motion injuries, and heat-related illness.

The four activities with the most injuries to bones and muscles include bicycling, basketball, football, and roller sports. Before any type of sports activity, make sure your child is hydrated and that they stretch their muscles. Proper warm up and conditioning can prevent minor strains and sprains

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Drowning is the leading cause of death for children under the age of five. Looking away for just a few seconds could be worth a lifetime of regret! Last year, the OCFA had 63 drowning incidents with 24 fatalities and 39 non-fatalities. That number should be zero.

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The definition of drowning, according to the World Congress on Drowning, is the “process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid.” The World Health Organization and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at CDC, categorize drowning as fatal (resulting in death) or non-fatal (not resulting in death).

Children have a poor understanding of risks and dangers, which makes it hard for them to make choices to protect their own safety. Children are dependent upon adults for their safety. Please be diligent to always watch your children around the water, and don’t rely on others to do that for you.

Children drown without a sound, learning the ABC’s of pool safety could help prevent this senseless tragedy. You can visit www.ocfa.org for detailed information.

From The Boathouse

Life is But a Dream

Suzy was 13 when she was introduced to rowing crew by participating in the Long Beach Recreational Rowing Program at Long Beach’s Marine Stadium. She enjoyed it so much, that when she was asked to be coxswain for the novice boys team, she eagerly agreed. The coxswain is responsible for steering the boat and coaching everyone so that the whole crew stays together and puts the oars in at the same time. This leadership role provided Suzy with the opportunity to be around the water, to learn more about rowing, and, as Suzy jokingly pointed out, “I get to boss the boys around.”



The next year Suzy excelled in all of her races. She was especially proud of her scull (single person boat) racing, winning all four regattas that she entered. However, the highlight was earning a position in the varsity lightweight 8-boat. With that team, she placed second at the San Diego Invitational Regatta. Last summer, Suzy had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to row with the Shanghai Rowing Team in mainland China. She made new international friends and learned about another culture, all thanks to her skills in rowing.

This year she had another exceptionally successful season. Not only has she enjoyed rowing and improved her physical condition, but Suzy has continued to win races. Suzy earned two first-place blue ribbons at the US Rowing Southwest Youth Regionals and the opportunity to compete in the prestigious US Rowing Nationals in June. With all her success, it’s no wonder Suzy is already looking forward to her next season rowing with the Long Beach Junior Crew.

Suzy’s hopes to attend college at the US Naval Academy, where she will spend part of this summer training. She will also spend a month training with the Long Beach Junior Crew at the Powerhouse Fitness Rowing Facility in order to improve her speed, which is already exceptionally fast. In fact, her current goal will put her at the level of the US National Lightweight Women’s Rowing Team.

Rowing has been a very healthy experience for Suzy that has helped her physically, mentally and socially. I believe Suzy is a fine example of a great young lady who is “rowing her way to college.”

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Teen Books on Screen



Cathy Deleon
Branch Manager

With the success of the Harry Potter films and the *Hunger Games*, it is no surprise that Hollywood is continuing to turn to young adult literature to help find its next big blockbuster. So here are a few YA titles from our collection that are currently in production to become movies.

Gayle Forman's *If I Stay* is about how in just the blink of an eye everything can change. Seventeen-year-old Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterwards as she watches her own damaged body being taken from the wreck. Heart-wrenchingly beautiful, Mia's story will stay with you for a long, long time.

Incarceron is a prison so vast that it contains not only cells, but also metal forests, dilapidated cities and a vast wilderness. Finn, a seventeen-year-old prisoner, has no memory of his childhood, and is sure that he came from Outside. Catherine Fisher's book *Incarceron* is definitely a must.

Cassandra Clare's *City of Bones* sees fifteen-year-old Clary Fray heading out to the Pandemonium Club in New York City. She hardly expects to witness a murder – much less a murder that is being committed by three teenagers covered with strange tattoos and brandishing bizarre weapons.



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Honoring Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

On October 19, 2012, it was my honor to meet and congratulate the Orange County Teachers of the Year nominees at the annual ceremony and dinner celebration. The program is a prelude to the national Teachers of the Year competition which began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program focusing public attention on excellence in teaching.

Teaching is one of the few professions where practitioners truly have an impact on the future. Teachers are heroes in our communities, charged with the immense task of encouraging, motivating, and challenging young people to learn and achieve in school and beyond. They spend an enormous amount of time with our students to inspire and instruct them for school success. Beyond student growth, a teacher's passion for teaching and learning also encourages their colleagues to grow and become more creative and effective in their own classrooms.

The selection process for the Orange County Teachers of the Year involves both school districts and the Orange County Department of Education. Each district submits up to three nominees, depending on the number of teachers employed. A panel of educators reviews the applications and selects fifteen nominees to participate in interviews with corporate and community sponsors. The interview panel selects four K-12 finalists who represent our county in the California Teachers of the Year program. Although there is not a state program for Community College districts, Orange County includes them in the program, and selects one finalist from that group as well.

This year, Orange County was fortunate to have one of our finalists selected as a California Teacher of the Year by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. David Goldenberg, of Beckman High School in the Tustin Unified School District, is now in the running for the national competition. A social science teacher who is passionate about student success, Mr. Goldenberg's Advanced Placement (AP) World History students average an 80 percent passing rate on the AP exam. A proponent for community service, he founded a successful freshman orientation and mentoring program where participating students have written over 2,000 letters to United States troops serving abroad, created care packages for juvenile cancer patients, and provided academic support for English language learners. It is clear that Mr. Goldenberg is making an eternal contribution to the lives of our students and the community.

The Orange County Teachers of the Year are passionate about their work, demonstrate the highest level of integrity, and ignite curiosity in their students. They find ways to relate to their students and meet their individual needs while teaching students the important twenty-first century skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. We can all be proud of these amazing teachers, and many more like them, who encourage students to set high goals and reach for their dreams, while creating meaningful learning opportunities that last a lifetime.

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Congratulations to our February Winner!
Genelle McDonald

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forward and commit to this five-million-dollar project.

The project is scheduled to break ground April 23, 2013, with hard construction to begin May 6 after the regular track and field season has completed. The project is scheduled to take six months. Because of the success we have experienced with our other modernization projects, we expect to be "on time and on budget" with this one as well, weather permitting.

The complex will include an NCAA regulation-size turf field for all field sports with a big griffin in the middle, an all-weather track, state-of-the-art field facilities, lights, and bleacher seating for 1,200.

I appreciate, as both a taxpayer and Board member, that soon our school facilities will mirror the extraordinary work that is done inside the classrooms and on the fields. We hope you will join us for the groundbreaking ceremony on April 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the current track at Los Alamitos High School.

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