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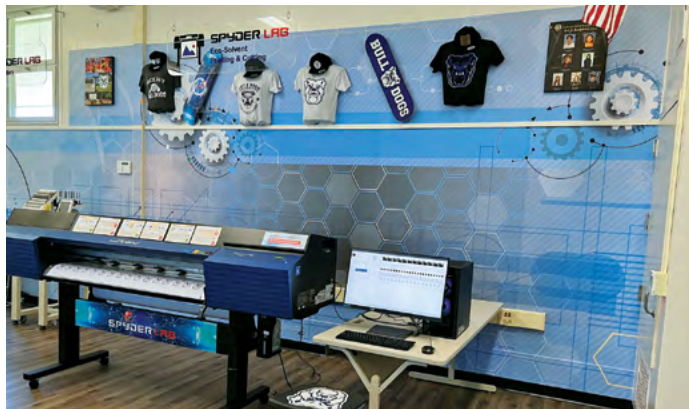


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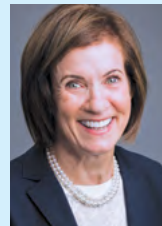
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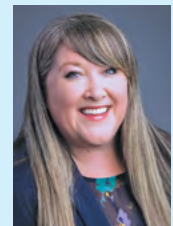
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Business Management Pathway Develops Students' Entrepreneurial Savvy

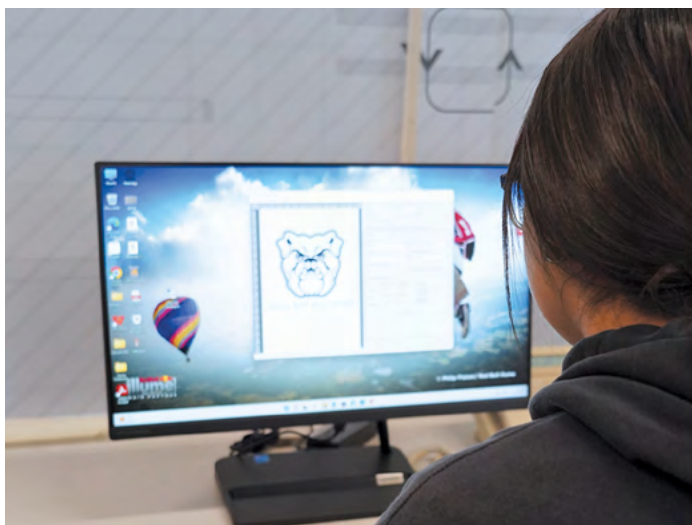


Dr. Wesley Smith
Superintendent

Opening the door to Room A1 on the Back Bay High School campus is like opening the door to a working print shop in the “real world.” The walls are covered with a blue-and-gray fire-retardant vinyl wallpaper emblazoned with gears and other graphics. Professional machines for embroidering, engraving, cutting, sublimation and more line the room, each one below an acrylic sign that announces what it does. Spools of vinyl and thread hang from pegs in a corner; in another corner sits a collection of 3D printers. A dry-erase job-tracking board is half-filled with assignments. Examples of what can be done with the equipment are mounted on the wall above computers loaded with design programs.



Students serve as sales representatives, office managers, creative directors and more in their student-run business. Every skill students learn becomes part of their digital “employment readiness” portfolio that can be used as an interactive resume when seeking employment.



This is the Spyder Lab, the only one of its kind in Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD). Spyder Lab is a work-based school program that prepares students for entrepreneurship and graphic media careers through a student-run business. It's an exciting place where students gain valuable experience as they prepare for entrepreneurship and graphic media careers.

Students in this program are expanding their career opportunities while developing their academic skills in innovative ways. They're learning about math ratios and color theory while designing logos and flexing their engineering abilities while creating 3D objects. They're also learning new vocabulary, from technical terms to how to communicate in a professional setting.

Through their involvement in the Spyder Lab, students in this Business Management Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway will graduate with the experience to succeed anywhere. Visit the Career Technical Education webpage to learn more about our 11 CTE Pathways.





Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



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Dr. Smith begins this issue with his message on page 3. After I read his article I wanted to sign-up for the Spyder Lab program! The skills students learn The amazing opportunities available for students today are hard to believe. It is exciting to know they will be

prepared to succeed in a competitive world.

Actually, this issue is full of wonderful articles and pictures. You will want to find a comfy chair and plan to read for awhile...

Our next issue is February 8.
Be well.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



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City of Costa Mesa



John Stephens
Mayor

Every Vote Counts

Don't ever let anybody tell you that your vote doesn't count.

In Costa Mesa, we just finished with our citywide elections, and I'm happy to report that the voters gave me the privilege to serve as mayor for the next two years. I'm grateful for that.

But I am also grateful to be able to serve with three other Council colleagues. In one particular race, the numbers of votes between two candidates were razor thin, which is a great reminder of how important it is to vote and take part in our democratic process.

I look forward to more productive years as mayor.

Also, as you all get ready for the holiday season, I want to remind you to pay a visit to our Snoopy House holiday display that takes place on the front lawn of City Hall Dec. 16 through Dec. 23. The event is free to the public and will include train rides, entertainment, carolers and even a miniature sledding hill. Of course, it wouldn't be Snoopy House without pictures with Santa Claus.

Snoopy House has been a holiday tradition in Costa Mesa for more than 50 years, the last 10 of them here at City Hall.

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Newport Beach Fire Department



Jeff Boyles
Fire Chief

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Holiday festivities bring many additional fire hazards, such as decorative lighting, trees, candles and cooking.

- We would like to give you a few safety tips to stay fire safe during the holiday season:
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them on your tree.
- Throw away light strands or decorations with frayed or pinched wires.
- Before going to bed or leaving your home, always unplug Christmas tree lights or other decorative lighting, and be sure to put out any candles.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. Keep your tree at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, and heat vents.
- Make a home escape plan that includes different scenarios where a fire could start. It is always better to train ahead because your life can depend on it.

P.O. Box 1768, Newport Beach, CA 92658 • 949/644-3104

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue



Dan Stefano
Fire Chief

Happy Holidays

The holiday season is upon us all. A time of giving, creating memories, and a time for reflection. While we reflect on the past year, we look ahead into what 2023 will bring.

For Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue, the New Year brings the end of a journey and the beginning of another.

For our seven newest probationary firefighters, they recently finished their CMFR eight week academy and three month probationary test. For our recruits, just like our NMUSD students, teachers, families and staff, the upcoming year will be an exciting time for new challenges and valued opportunities.



We appreciate all our partnerships CMFR and City of Costa Mesa have with NMUSD.

Happy Holidays from the Costa Mesa Fire Family!

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Newport Beach Public Libraries



Christine Chapel
*Librarian,
Mariners Branch,
Newport Beach
Public Library*

The Newport Beach Public Library has many wonderful winter holiday programs. We hope you can join us!

Cozy & Crafty | Balboa Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 3 p.m.

Cozy up for the holidays at the Balboa Branch for cheery wintertime crafts.

Winter Seek & Find | Central Library Children's Room & Mariners Branch

December 26-30, All Day

Join us at Central and Mariners Library for the return of the Winter Wonderland Seek & Find challenge!

Noon Year's Eve | Central Library Children's Room

Saturday, December 31, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with us at noon! Create a special memory with your family at our Noon Year's Eve party complete with games, crafts and not to mention a fun countdown to noon!

Crafty Birds | Mariners Branch

Thursday, January 5, 4 – 5 p.m.

January 5 is National Bird Day! Celebrate at Mariners with fun crafts inspired by our flying friends.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover | Corona del Mar Library

Friday, January 13, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (drop-off)

Bring your stuffed animal friends (1 per child) and let them have an overnight adventure at the library! Pick up is the next day.

BARK | Balboa Branch

Wednesday, January 25, 3 p.m.

Practice reading skills with a BARK Reading Dog at the Balboa Branch. Reading out loud helps kids become better readers and reading to a friendly dog makes reading fun. For readers ages 5 and up.

STEM: Snow-tastic Launchers | Central Library Children's Room

Tuesday, January 31, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn about force and motion while creating your own snowman launcher. For children ages 6-11. No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note that all Newport Beach Public Libraries will close at 1:00pm on December 24 and 31; will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2.

Central Library 1000 Avocado Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92660
949/717-3800 • www.newportbeachlibrary.org/kids
Mariners Branch 1300 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/717-3838
Balboa Branch 100 East Balboa Blvd., Balboa, CA 92661 • 949/644-3076
Corona Del Mar Branch 410 Marigold Ave., Corona Del Mar, CA 92625
949/644-3075

Costa Mesa Public Libraries

Something for Everyone

Children

Bilingual Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 am Stories, songs and movement in Spanish and English for age 0-5.

Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 am Stories, songs and movement in English for age 0-5.

Family Storytime: Saturdays at 11:00 am Stories, songs and movement in English for all ages.

Full Steam Ahead: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm Learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math for age 5-10.



Sarita Dangond
*Branch Manager,
Costa Mesa
Donald Dungan
Library*

Teens

Volunteer Opportunity: Calling all teens! The library is looking for volunteers, ages 12 to 17 years old. Teens are required to fill out an application and attend a mandatory orientation meeting.

Teens Special Event: Last Tuesday at 5:00 pm Join us for an hour of crafting at the library!

Adults

Book Club: Third Thursday at 1:00 pm

Tech Help: One-on-one computer help by appointment or walk-in Tuesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

Family Fun: 4th Wednesday of the month 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Afternoon at the Movies: 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library
1855 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 • 949/646-8845
Hours: Mon – Thurs 10am – 7pm and Fri - Sun 9am – 5pm



Vivian Strabala
*Branch Manager,
Costa Mesa
Mesa Verde
Library*

Children and Teens

Family Storytime: Thursdays at 11:00 am

Pages & Paws: First Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm Practice reading with PAWS Therapy Dogs. Registration required. Ages 6-11.

Stay & Play: Second Saturday at 11:00 am
Builders' Club: First and Third Sunday at 11:00 am

Crafternoon Drop-In: Third Tuesday at 3:00 pm

Teen Events: Various Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Adults

Mesa Verde Book Club: Various Sundays at 3:00 pm.

Contact the branch for details.

Holiday Wreath Workshop: Wednesday December 7 at 3pm

Mesa Verde Library 2969 Mesa Verde Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
714/546-5274 • Hours: Mon – Thurs 10am – 7pm and Fri - Sun 9am – 5pm

Adams *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Stacy
deBoom-Howard**
Principal

Thankful and Happy

November and December are a time to remind ourselves the many things we are **THANKFUL** for here at Adams.....the support of our PTA, ELAC, community partners and volunteers, our extraordinary staff members, programs that help meet the needs of all students, our wonderful families, and most importantly the smiling students we see on a daily basis.

Our Adams TK and Kinder friends were excited this past week to bring back our Thanksgiving Feast. The Friendsgiving started off with students singing songs to their parents, then all joining in for a feast and getting to know each other.

We wish our Adams Community a safe and Happy Holiday Season. We look forward to a bright New Year with lots of learning and a focus on the Arts!



Roy O. Andersen *Elementary (K-6)*

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**Dr. Tiffany
Lewis**
Principal

Community Outreach Programs

Community outreach programs develop deeper relationships between students and their communities. Thanks to Andersen's PTA, we are partnering with Once Upon A Room, whose mission is "To enrich the lives of hospitalized children, teens, and infants who are fighting serious illness and long-term acute trauma." Students heard from Josie and her mom Jenny Hull. They shared Josie's incredible story and inspiration for starting the organization. Students heard stories from our own families and one of our teachers, Mrs. Evans, who shared their experiences with CHOC. Classrooms are sponsoring rooms at CHOC. Classes were given themes (mermaids, trucks, etc.) and are collecting items that will be used to create a child's dream room.

Andersen students engaged in an all-school art project, making ornaments with inspiring messages for children who will be at CHOC during the holiday season. We are excited about this partnership and its lasting impact on children at CHOC, our Andersen students, families, and community.



Back Bay/Monte Vista *High School*

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Kirk Bauermeister
Principal

Working Together

Back Bay High School is pleased to share that this year our students have a new and engaging opportunity that will help them become college- and career-ready. It is Back Bay's collective mission to have its students lock into a career field that they can pursue post-graduation, and we have found that one of the best ways to do this is to partner alongside members of our community.

It takes a village working together to help our most at-promise students succeed, and fortunately, many from outside our school have stepped up to answer the call. Back

Bay has launched its first-ever mentorship program, and a number of students have taken advantage of this high-quality resource now available to them.

Mentors specializing in entrepreneurship, automotive, real estate, military careers, construction, finance, cosmetology, and nursing come once a week to meet with their mentees where career-focused learning can occur and next steps are established. We have received positive feedback on this program from not only our students but our mentors as well. We hope to continue to nurture and build this school/community relationship, and with our students being at the center.

California *Elementary (K-6)*

3232 California St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7940 • california.nmusd.us



Dr. Linda Kim
Principal

What an Occasion!

Fall is filled with festivities at California Elementary. After a two-year hiatus, our PTA brought back the Halloween Hoot, a beloved fall carnival event enjoyed by our entire community. This year we had over 300 people attend!

We want to give a special shout-out to our PTA, our parent volunteers, staff volunteers, TeWinkle ASB volunteers, the Estancia High School Cheer Squad, the food vendors, and our custodial team for their massive effort and contribution to the success of the Hoot. Our families loved the costume cakewalk, the authentic fair games, the glow-in-the-dark dance party, the delicious food and the special performances from the spectacular Estancia High School Cheerleaders. It was truly a magical evening.

Another event worth highlighting was our CSEF

Diamond Jubilee Gala, our annual silent auction fundraiser for the extra-curricular opportunities that are offered to our California Cougars. This adults-only gala brought our families together to celebrate California Elementary's 60th anniversary, the diamond year. Every detail was thoughtfully and beautifully executed by our CSEF members and volunteers. We have endless gratitude for our parents and staff for planning, coordinating, and volunteering at this event.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who participated in the silent auction baskets; the generous bidding and the overwhelming support for our extra-curricular programs was gratifying. With the money raised, we hope to expand our band, choir, and STEAM enrichment opportunities for all our students. We are truly fortunate to have such a committed community working tirelessly to elevate the educational experiences for our families here at California School.



Cloud Campus (TK—12)

www.nmusd.us/cloudcampus



Dr. Racquel Stephens
Principal

Engagement and Community in the Virtual Classroom

As Cloud Campus is in full swing now, our outstanding staff is working to create a robust community of virtual learners. Our teachers and students are always front-runners in finding new ways to connect and engage online through various activities and digital platforms.

October was a busy month at Cloud as we participated in our Red Ribbon Week activities for K-12 students. Students dressed in themes each day during the week of October 26-30 to celebrate life and remain drug-free. Our elementary students participated in Halloween Rotations, in which the students moved from “Zoom to Zoom” for different Harvest

Activities. Our seniors also had a Harvest Pizza Party complete with cornhole competitions and lots of fun as they created memories in their senior year.

Cloud Campus also celebrated Let’s Be Kind Day on November 4 on the Back Bay Campus. It was a special day to highlight the value of kindness. Students participated in a donut wall, “Minute-to-Win-It” games, cornhole, and also received T-shirts and stickers to celebrate being kind. Our secondary school newspaper, the *Cloud Cover*, is a student-run online newspaper with articles, announcements, stories, and a space to highlight student accomplishments.

The secondary students are on their home stretch of the semester now, with finals approaching the week before winter break. We are proud of Cloud Campus as a viable, virtual option for students in the NMUSD!

College Park Elementary (K-6)

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Jake Topete
Principal

Continuing to Build our College Park Community.

During November College Park hosted two great events that were supported by our PTA. First, a special Flag Deck was held to honor veterans who are family and friends of College Park students. Songs, speeches, and photos along with a small token of appreciation that was donated from a local restaurant were a part of our celebration. It was a wonderful morning to teach our students about the men and women that have served our country and to pause for a moment to say thank you for their service. Second, a STEM night was hosted at College Park. Students along with their families constructed a marble run from recycled materials. These premade kits were filled with playing cards, tape, cardboard tubes, and other random objects. The goal was to construct the best ramp that would roll a marble the furthest along the floor. The event was a great success and was hosted by the Child Creativity Lab and was put together by our PTA. Way to go Cougars!



Corona del Mar High School (7-12)

2101 Eastbluff Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660 • 949/515-6000 • cdm.nmusd.us



Dr. Rebecca Gogel
Principal
7-8 Grade



Jake Haley
Principal
9-12 Grade

CdMHS Quarterly Artists

*By Alexis Briggerman,
Grade 12*

Corona del Mar High School is filled with aspiring artists, and every quarter ASB recognizes four of these artists for their excellence and character. Last quarter seniors David Zheng, Imogen Kirsch, Evie Taylor and junior Jacob Ngyuan were recognized.

David Zheng plays the cello, and has been doing so for over six years. He is the principal cellist for Cdm's orchestra. Zheng also recently joined Madrigals, where he sings bass and jokes that he is, "Somewhat poorly, but [is] certainly improving." He claims that, "Music is sort of my lifeblood." Zheng also enjoys, "[Having] a skill that other people can get along to and [enjoy]."

Imogen Kirsch engages in all types of art, yet this year is focused specifically on ceramics. She specifically enjoys

"the freedom to express thoughts or opinions visually." Kirsch has been doing art since she could hold a pencil, her inspiration comes from "travel, museums, and [her] childhood art teacher."

Evie Taylor works in all media; her portfolio is mainly filled with paintings and drawings. Taylor finds art therapeutic after "a long day," and how it is nice to relieve her thoughts and ideas on paper. She found her love for art through the required programs in elementary school, stating that from then on she was "hooked on expanding [her] skills and becoming a talented artist."

Jacob Ngyuan plays the piano and is a part of the Corona del Mar High School Jazz Band, as well as a separate jazz group that he created with his friends. Jazz music is his favorite: "...The freedom that comes with playing [it] as there aren't strict guidelines..." He adds that classical music is still important as it builds technique.

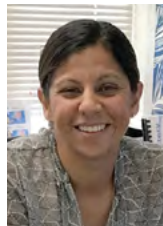
Corona del Mar High School is bursting with artistic talent, and it strongly recognizes its students dedication and talents.

Costa Mesa High School / Middle School (7-12)

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Dr. Eugene Kwong
Principal
7-8 Grade



Dr. Dipali Potnis
Principal
9-12 Grade

Spread the Love

The Costa Mesa Middle and High School students recently participated in their 10th anniversary Spread the Love event with a week full of activities that promoted kindness, love, thankfulness, gratitude, and caring about one another.

This annual week-long event was enjoyed by both middle and high school students. We had various activities available, including dress-up days wearing PJs, twinning with someone you love, and promoting school colors. Our ASB students also partnered with the Let's Be Kind organization to host lunch-time activities that promoted kindness. Here students received shirts, pizza, donuts, and participated in fun games.

The Love Costa Mesa group also completed its 50th school project with a culminating activity to help end our Spread the Love Week. We had volunteers from all around the Costa Mesa area help clean up our school garden! Thank you for a great week-long event.

We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays with several holiday arts events being planned for the upcoming weeks. We kicked things off with our MESA Wonderland on November 30th in the Performing Arts Center. This event

featured performances from some of our feeder elementary schools, as well as performances by our own Dance Teams (Mrs. Kaska), Jazz Band (Mrs. Gilboe), Guitar Ensemble (Mrs. Riopka), and Madrigal Choir (Mr. Lindfors). This free and family-friendly event also had carnival games, arts and crafts projects, and photos with Santa. Attendees were able to purchase ornaments painted by art students and other artwork (thanks to Mrs. Marchbank, Mrs. Ames, and Mr. Piazza), and purchase snacks to help support the various programs.

Please check our school website calendar for more information on the other holiday events that are being planned for December. We hope you can join us!



Davis Magnet (K-6)

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Christy Flores
Principal

Soctober Event

Our 6th annual "Soctober" event was another success, thanks to our Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) Student Leaders and our generous community.

Soctober was the first philanthropic event of the year and our Davis Ducks stepped up by donating 1,149 pairs of socks to Project Hope Alliance (PHA). PHA assists people experiencing homelessness and socks are one of the most needed items, especially as we go into the winter months. Our next community project will be our annual Pajama Drive, which supports families through the Wounded Warrior Project based out of Camp Pendleton. Thank you, Davis



Ducks, for supporting our efforts to help our community. Your thoughtfulness gives us great #davisduckspride! #ThinkFeelThrive

Early College High School (9-12)

2990 Mesa Verde Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 714/424-7990 • earlycollege.nmusd.us



Dr. David Martinez
Principal

Planning Ahead

ECHS held Virtual Information Nights for prospective new students and their parents on October 26 and November 16, for those who were interested in applying for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. If families missed that event, the

next virtual ECHS Information Night is scheduled for December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The 2023-2024 ECHS application is available online on our website at <https://earlycollege.schoolloop.com>. Applications are being accepted now through May 5, 2023. In most cases, applicants and their parents or guardians will receive a response in one to two weeks from submitting the application. Please call 714-424-7990 on Mondays through Fridays from 8 am to 4:30 pm if you have any questions, or refer to our website for ECHS application information.



November was full of significant events unique to ECHS. On November 10, ECHS held its "Let's Be Kind" Awareness Day in advance of the N-MUSD Kindness Week held on November 14-18. This event not only served as a reminder of the importance for everyone to exhibit kindness in building positive and trusting relationships, it also reminded us about character building as a part of our PBIS matrix.

ECHS held its sixth annual California College Application Success Campaign Event on November 17. We celebrated every senior in our Class of 2023 for submitting at least one college application that day. On average, over six college applications per senior were submitted by November 30.

Distinguished guests from our school district's administration, board of education, and local college/university representatives participated in our event.

While the seniors completed their applications in our MPR, the ninth- through eleventh-grade students took part in panel breakout sessions facilitated by our teachers to learn how to prepare for college.

Eastbluff *Elementary* (K-6)

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Cheryl Beck
Principal

Students Say YES to Healthy Choices!

Our Red Ribbon Week was a huge success! Eastbluff students, staff, and community participated in a meaningful Red Ribbon Campaign. The week was dedicated to making healthy choices. This year's theme was "Celebrate Life"! We focused on making healthy choices to have a great life. Student Council beautifully decorated the campus with large red ribbons. Students were

involved in many activities throughout the week such as wearing red, signing healthy choices pledges, writing stories and sharing what they wanted to be when they grow up and living healthy to get to those goals! We also had a very successful Walk to School and Wear Red Day that Thursday. Several of our Newport Beach Police Officers led students walking to school from the Boys and Girls Club. We ended the week with students selecting healthy snack choices from several fruits, which were donated from our PTA. We are so proud of our Eastbluff Students!



Horace Ensign *Intermediate* (7-8)

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Samantha Payne
Principal

Annual PTA Turkey Trot

Ensign Intermediate was once again thrilled to host the annual PTA Turkey Trot. This fund raiser for the PTA promotes the health and wellness of our staff and students while bringing together our community for a full day of fun and physical activity. Students are given the opportunity to have friends and family sponsor their weekly mile

run and are awarded prizes and an ice cold treat upon completion. Several of our teachers and staff join in and run with students for some friendly competition and, of course, our Seabee mascot (worn by PTA president Kirstin Walsh-Price) is joined by a life-sized turkey (Ensign Fund co-president Dena Baron). Live music, a food truck, and support from parents and community, make for a Friday that is full of healthy kids and smiling faces.

Estancia High School

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Michael Halt
Principal

Eagle Parent University

Estancia High School has been offering an Eagle Parent University series through the Estancia Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings during the 2022-2023 school year.

In August, all Estancia parents/guardians were invited to attend a dinner kick-off meeting, and were asked to identify information and resources they needed as parents to help support the success of their child.

With the feedback provided from families, a series of Eagle Parent University presentations were identified for the school year. To date, there have been Eagle Parent

University presentations on the following topics: Schoology, how parents can help support their children academically, and how parents can help prepare their children for college. Guest speakers from the N-MUSD Educational Technology Department, Hoag Hospital, SOY, the Estancia High School Counseling Department, Estancia High School teachers, and Coastline ROP have presented at the meetings.

Upcoming Eagle Parent University presentations include drug use prevention and trends parents should be aware of within our local community, careers in high demand and the Career Technical Education pathways available at Estancia High School, and how parents and the school can help support student mental health. Estancia High School would like to thank the Estancia PTSA and ELAC for welcoming these presentations into their meetings.

Harbor View Elementary (K-6)

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Gabriel Del Real
Principal

Food Drive Generosity

As we kicked off the official holiday season, Harbor View Elementary was excited to announce the continuation of their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. HVE was excited to continue their partnership with a local grassroots community-support organization that assists needy families throughout Orange County.

During the month of November, the HVE community rallied, and we are proud to say that we collected over eight large bins of nonperishable food items for the families in need. The food drive took place

Nov. 2 through Nov. 16. Students brought food items to their classrooms or dropped items into bins located at the school's main entrance. We are grateful for our Parent Faculty Organization (PFO), which hosts this annual event.

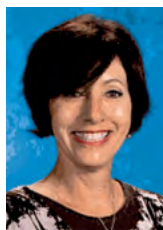
The Harbor View PFO encouraged our school's community to get involved and support this cause. To help spread the word, room parents created and emailed out a sign-up sheet, giving families a vehicle to coordinate donations and engage student and classroom participation.

The holidays are a special time of the year, and this year was another example of the incredible generosity of the Harbor View community.



Heinz Kaiser *Elementary (3-6)*

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Dr. Deborah Granger
Principal

"K" is for Kindness at Kaiser

November has been a celebration of character and Kindness at Kaiser! The entire school community joined in Student Council's food drive. Then, it was time to turn up the kindness quotient with Let's be Kind week. Students chalked inspiring messages and pictures on the playground blacktop.

They outdid themselves with acts of kindness that ranged from opening doors for teachers with full hands to enthusiastically greeting and befriending new Knights. As we prepared for Thanksgiving break, families and Scouts volunteered to make the holidays merry for fellow Kaiser families. With great thanks to the commitment and kindness of We Love STEM (Kaiser's foundation), Kaiser is thrilled to announce the addition of Susan Downhower, our new engineering teacher! What a perfect way to head into the holiday season! Kindness prevails at Kaiser!



Kaiser Knights share messages of kindness during Let's be Kind week!

Killybrooke *Elementary (K-6)*

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Laura Sosa
Principal

Kindness Week

At Killybrooke our three core rules are: be respectful, responsible, and kind. The week of November 14th-18th was a positive experience across Killybrooke as we celebrated Kindness Week. Kindness week is a time to define kindness and highlight ways to be kind both at school and in the community. The week

kicked off with lawn greetings from the Let's Be Kind organization, founded by a former Colt. On Monday, staff members greeted our families with music and signage with kindness messaging. On Tuesday, students collaborated to build an extensive acts of kindness paper chain. Wednesday students participated in spreading

kindness confetti (notes of encouragement). They were also surprised with an act of kindness (free popsicles) after school! On Thursday students signed a kindness pledge. Additionally, the book *Be Kind to Yourself* was read to our classes by community partners. Overall, it was a remarkable week, but at Killybrooke we know that kindness extends beyond an assigned week and strive to promote kindness each day.



Killybrooke students and staff greet families to kick off Kindness Week.

Abraham Lincoln *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Kristin DeMicco
Principal

Annual Jog-A-Thon

Our annual Lincoln Jog-A-Thon was bigger and better than ever this year! It was wonderful to be able to welcome our Lincoln families onto the campus to celebrate this incredible tradition at our school. Students in TK-6th grade ran, walked, skipped, and danced to a well-planned play list full of fun opportunities to participate in theme laps

such as running with a partner and forming a conga line. At the half-way point of the event, our Lincoln students and families were treated to an Inflatables Race, featuring our very own Lincoln teachers and staff. Watching Olaf, Baby Shark, T-Rex, and a Unicorn dancing and racing around the track was certainly a highlight for our Lincoln Leopards and a moment they won't soon forget. We are all so grateful to our Lincoln PTA for planning events like this for our school community.



Mariners *Elementary (K-6)*

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Matthew Broesamle
Principal

Veterans Day Celebration

We were so excited to bring back our Veterans Day Celebration for the first time since 2019. A long standing tradition at Mariners, this celebration of members of our United States Armed Forces recognizes these brave men and women for their contributions to protecting our country and our freedom. The event, which takes place in our school's front courtyard, is attended

by our students, staff, and community members. The veterans who attended our event have served in all branches of our military and are family, friends, and employees of our Mariners Elementary community. This year's event featured our school's show choir, which kicked off the celebration with amazing renditions of "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Following the assembly, all of our classrooms had a special visit from one of the brave men and women that unselfishly served our country. Students were afforded the opportunity to learn from and ask questions to our veterans about their memorable experiences and life successes from their service.



Veterans salute the flag for the singing of our national anthem.

Newport Coast *Elementary* (K-6)

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Somer Harding
Principal

Blast Off!

Newport Coast Elementary students “BLASTED OFF” to galaxies far, far away at our 11th annual Jog-A-Thon in November. It was held on a picture-perfect California

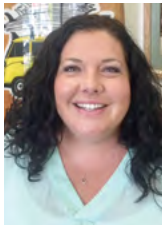
Fall day, with light Santa Ana winds at the kids backs to help them run that much faster. All students logged all their movement minutes for the whole week to raise money for beloved programs at our school.

We love our PTA that puts on this event each year as their top fundraiser. They make it so fun and special for the kids to run, run, run! Here are our youngest TK students enjoying their very first Jogathon. Well done everyone!



Newport *Elementary* (K-6)

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Amanda Estrada
Principal

Community Engagement

At Newport El, we love to partner with parents and come together for school-wide events. In October we hosted a Family Literacy Night. Teachers

created literacy based activities around the theme of “Camp Read-a-Lot” and transformed our MPR into a campsite complete with tents and a fishing hole. We had a great turn out for this fun, academic-focused family event!

In October, our PTA hosted its annual Boo Bash. Volunteers put on a great Halloween party for students with games, face painting, photo opps, a DJ, and a haunted house. And in November, our foundation hosted its annual Jog-a-thon. Students ran their hearts out while parents and extended



families cheered them on and volunteered at the event. It's wonderful to see our community come together to create memorable experiences for students and support our school.

Newport Harbor *High School* (9-12)

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Sean Boulton
Principal

Congratulations Benjamin Kwong

Midshipman 1st Class (senior) Benjamin Kwong, 21, of Newport Beach, California, was recently selected as the United States Naval Academy's 55th Rhodes Scholar.

Kwong is a cyber operations major at the U.S. Naval Academy. He is passionate about sustainable energy policy and hopes to research ways in which a transition to renewable energy might bolster U.S. national security.

Kwong is a 2019 graduate of Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach, California and plans to pursue Master of Science degrees in sustainability, enterprise, and the environment at Oxford University. After completing the Rhodes Scholarship program, Kwong hopes to continue his service in the naval aviation community.

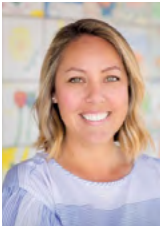
Rhodes Scholarships provide up to three years of study at the University of Oxford in England.



Midshipman 1st Class (senior)
Benjamin Kwong.

Newport Heights *Elementary* (K-6)

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Terri Clarke
Principal

Back-to-School VIP Lunch Date

This fall, Newport Heights Elementary School hosted our 2nd VIP Lunch Date! VIPs like parents, families, and special guests were invited to spend lunch time with

their students. VIPs ate lunch at the lunch tables ranging from take-out to the cafeteria line to sack lunches. Students had the opportunity to take their VIPs to the playground and participate in Student Council's Friday Dance Party, Gaga Ball, Pickleball, Soccer, Hula Hooping, you name it. The energy during the VIP Lunch Date was wide-spread, the amount of smiles, laughter, and positivity radiated through campus during lunch time and beyond. We're looking forward to our next VIP Lunch Date in spring, hope you'll join us!



Paularino *Elementary (K-6)*

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Annalisa Schwartz
Principal

New Murals

Paularino recently received a very generous donation from Ducommon of three new murals painted through our campus! The company sent out 30 volunteers on a Saturday in October to paint beautiful new murals on our campus. This opportunity was organized by United Way

with art created by a muralist from Project Clean Slate. The large mural at the front of our campus highlights our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports words of Responsible, Respectful, and Ready To Learn. This beautiful mural is a bridge to connect our community with our school and bolster school spirit. Also, welcoming our families next to our front gate is our new

Panthers logo. This regal panther can also be seen on our handball walls. The project was completed in one day and when students arrived on campus the following Monday morning they were in awe. We are so excited to add to the school spirit and morale of our campus with these beautiful new murals. Go Panthers!



Pomona *Elementary (K-6)*

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Cindy Pedroso
Principal

Working Together

The holiday season is among us again, and we are so thankful for our students and all of the wonderful experiences we have been able to have so far this year. Our students have been going on field trips to museums and farms, and participating in after-school enrichment opportunities like STEM and musical theater. This December our students will

be bringing the *Seussical* production to our stage as well, and they could not be more excited.

It has been wonderful to bring back all of the events that our families have been used to and have come love. The "Trunk or Treat" event returned for the second year too, and we even expanded it to our friends at Rea Elementary.

This season we are also grateful for our growing parent support, as our families are recommitting to volunteering in classrooms and supporting all our events. We are strongly committed to reconnecting with our community, and there is no better way to do it than through fun family events. Our school is only successful when we work together. #pantherpride!



Everett A. Rea *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Lorie Hoggard
Principal

AVID Family Nights

AVID Family Nights at Rea promote family involvement in each of our students' journey to college. These parent-child events are designed to strengthen the bond between school and family as well as build knowledge and motivation for college and career.

Our Fall AVID Family Night focused on setting goals for learning. The evening began with a wonderful PTA dinner and an informative PTA Meeting. The AVID Night activities were centered around the children's book, *The Magical Yet*, an uplifting book about embracing the things we can't do yet and being determined to learn and grow. During the school day, every class read *The Magical Yet*, and students created their own projects to represent goals for growth.

Rea teachers read aloud *The Magical Yet*, projecting the pictures on the big screen. Numerous students shared their project with the entire school community. Families then worked together on their own projects about the goals they have for themselves as a family, which they proudly displayed on the wall of our multipurpose room.

Our Early College High School partner, also an AVID School, supported our event with guest speaker Rea Alum now applying for colleges. Early College students and Principal Martinez assisted with the logistics of the evening.

Our next AVID Family Night is in January, and the focus is on the importance of being a strong reader and a proficient writer to prepare for college and career. We will be sharing the student writing of our students and listening to guest readers from our community.

Sonora *Elementary (PK-6)*

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Mia Doidge
Principal

Eagles Love to Read

At Sonora, our Eagles are soaring high to increase their love of reading and meet

goals each trimester. Students are reading more throughout the instructional day, have the Word Worm book club each Wednesday, and are having lots of great conversations with their teachers about their books! For our first trimester, we had 170 students who met 100% of their points goal and earned a pizza party and a movie. We also have reading tags that students earn each month for demonstrating progress. We have four students in grades 4th – 6th who not only met their points goal, but they have also read 1,000,000 words and counting! We are so proud of our Eagles!



Charles W. TeWinkle *Middle School (7-8)*

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Ixchel Sanchez
Principal

Culture of Kindness

Let's Be Kind Day is a special event that reminds people that they are cared for, loved and valued. At school, those three words are hard to know, but you can see kindness. The hope is that kindness will unite students to become incredible young individuals, which translates into a positive school culture not only at TeWinkle but also at all schools.

Let's Be Kind Day originated in 2018 when a student by the name of Rebekah Robeck brought 200 slices of pizza to show kindness to her classmates. From there, her mom designed a small logo, and Let's Be Kind Day was born. TeWinkle Trojans celebrated

Let's Be Kind Day on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Let's Be Kind provided the students at TeWinkle with purposeful acts of kindness to help support a safe, unifying and positive school culture. Let's Be Kind organizers provided a live DJ, life-size Connect Four and Jenga, and a 360-degree photo machine. They passed out free pizza, doughnuts and cotton candy. Students also enjoyed taking pictures in front of the backdrops, which were located next to a cornhole tournament.

We are grateful that the Let's Be Kind organization provided the students at TeWinkle the opportunity to participate in Let's Be Kind Day. This event illustrated how important it is for students to actively engage in a culture of kindness.



Victoria *Elementary (K-6)*

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Dr. Aaron Peralta
Principal

Let's Be Kind

On Nov. 14, Victoria Elementary partnered with the Let's Be Kind Movement as we collectively brought kindness to one another in multiple ways throughout the week. We started off our week helping our students learn how they could be kind to themselves by reading the story "Be Kind to Yourself: A story to help children develop self-love," written by Jeanette Knutti.

We were all unified, as each of our staff and students wore our Let's Be Kind T-shirts together on Tuesday in solidarity for one purpose: kindness. On Wednesday, we continued to grow in kindness as we created flowers to help us brainstorm small acts of kindness that we could do for those around us. We took these flowers and posted them in our front office to help remind us

throughout the year. Our sidewalks were covered in chalk, as our students had written kindness notes throughout the campus, and our staff's desks and doors were covered with confetti Post-it notes filled with kind words of appreciation.

This week was such a great opportunity for our students to see the impact they can have through acts of kindness. Change can happen one person at a time with one act of kindness. Go Voyagers!



Whittier Elementary (K-6)

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Randy Lempert
Principal

Empowerment Makes a Difference!

Whittier Elementary School is fortunate to have selfless parents dedicated to building a vibrant school community. The Whittier PTA focuses on making Whittier Elementary School the best for each student.

Led by Whittier's PTA president, Patricia Lopez, the parent team works tirelessly to support the school community's needs.

An example of their dedication is how they

created an amazing Fall Festival. The long-standing tradition of the Whittier Fall Festival reemerged this year, bringing teachers, staff and families together. The community loved the food, carnival games, costume contest and dancing. The effort of all the parent volunteers made the event happen, resulting in the community connecting.

Beyond the Fall Festival, the parents from our PTA can be found supporting Whittier in other ways. They decorate our school for the

holidays, create a vibrant Jog-a-Thon, and advocate for the needs of the learners. This year, they have dedicated their budget to bringing art back into the classrooms, field trips for all grade levels, rewards for positive behaviors and campus beautification projects with a new mural.

The Whittier PTA is another example of how families can collaborate to create a great school. Thank you, Whittier PTA, for all you continue to do for our Whittier students!



Wilson Elementary (K-6)

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Dr. Jennifer Heckert
Principal

Wilson Wildcats are KIND!

Being kind is a daily focus at Wilson, but during the week of November 14-18 we celebrated kindness during our Let's be Kind week. We were so grateful to support this districtwide celebration with the Let's be Kind organization. Students enjoyed spirit days as well as a daily focus where we were kind

to ourselves, each other, our family, and our community. We partnered with a community organizer to kick off our week with t-shirts for all students and staff as well as fun kindness assemblies where we danced and sang together about the importance of kindness. We culminated our November canned food drive by giving back and being kind to our community. Thank you to our Wilson students, families, and community partners for a fabulous and KIND week! Wildcats are KIND!



Woodland *Elementary* (K-2)

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Dr. Amy Nagy
Principal

Recess!

When asking children about their favorite time of the day, we often hear, “Recess!” These scheduled breaks during our school day give students time to interact socially and time to step away from the cognitively challenging tasks they are engaging in while in the classroom. Children need downtime. What students like to do during that time varies. At Woodland, they can engage in physical play or engage with friends in a board game or creative play that involves building toys and action figures. They can also read a book under a tree or create chalk art murals on the blacktop. In addition to these daily opportunities, our fabulous KWPF sponsors recess art activities several times a month. Woodland is a GREAT place to learn.



KWPF Sponsored Recess Art

Nutrition Services

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Todd Hatfield
Director

The Dream Works

*By Pam Williams, MPH, RD
Nutritionist*

Have you ever heard of the saying that when the team works the dream works? It may not be true always, but it is the norm when Nutrition Services works with the District Warehouse.

Each day, dedicated warehouse workers gather food and supplies, load up their trucks, and head to the schools. Cafeterias welcome these deliveries, and this partnership fulfills the dream. And what is this dream that propels teams into action?

Warehouse worker, Wendell Ross says, “Our common goal is to make sure that students get the education they need so that they can be productive members of society one day; and as warehouse workers, we make sure they get the food they need for day-to-day education.”

Daniel Camuy and Steve Ray concur. “We want them to study well and be productive people in society,” says Ray.

Lastly, Max Ignacio sums up the dream. “I enjoy making sure that food gets delivered on time. It’s all about the students.”

We agree with the Warehouse team. The Nutrition Services team describes the partnership with one word. Priceless.



Max Ignacio pushes a hot cart to one of the awaiting trucks.

Student Support Services

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Dr. Sara Jocham
*Assistant
Superintendent*

Emotions Matter

Last year, the U.S. surgeon general declared a crisis in youth mental health, calling for a “swift and coordinated response” that included high-quality social emotional learning (SEL). NMUSD is fortunate to partner with the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence in our districtwide implementation of SEL.

The RULER Approach begins with the adults. Through professional development, staff gains an understanding of the critical and pervasive role of emotions. Through skills of recognizing, understanding, labeling, and expressing and regulating emotions, competencies of emotional intelligence are integrated into classrooms. Over multiple years, through anchor tools, feelings-word vocabulary and lessons, the “emotions matter” mindset grows.

Conditions of well-being are essential for learning. The benefits of classroom integration of SEL are well researched and create positive results for students, adults

and communities (Durlak, 2011). SEL is not therapy, nor is it a substitute for helping children in crisis. SEL is an essential and scientifically effective means to proactively support all children’s emotional well-being. It cultivates essential 21st century skills that include self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness, relationship skills and decision making. The impact is far reaching and improves academic performance while reducing undesirable behaviors and emotional distress.

Holidays are complicated times. Although we see positive emotions on social media, the reality is that we may experience a range of highs and lows throughout the holiday season. To generate optimism and develop relationship skills with your family, try the “rose, bud, thorn” activity when you are in the car or eating together. Simply take turns sharing something you are grateful for (rose), worried about (thorn), and looking forward to (bud). When feelings are seen as information that we experience in our minds and bodies, we transform from emotion judges into emotion scientists.

Early Childhood Education

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Michelle O'Neill
Coordinator

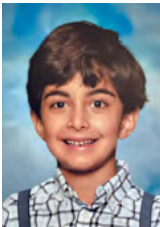
Annual Jog-a-thon

The preschoolers at Rea Elementary School participated in its annual Jog-A-Thon to raise funds to support several exciting school activities. The preschools started the day off at flag deck where our principal Lorie Hoggard cheered the students to a fun filled day of jogging.

Our classroom teacher Mrs. Orellana and Instructional Assistants Ms. Georgina and Ms. Alex helped the preschoolers do stretches on the grass before guiding them to run around the track. The preschoolers enjoyed funnel cake, jogging, listening to music, and taking class pictures with their friends.



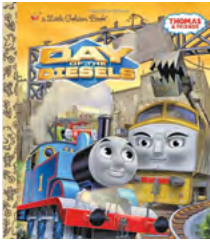
Aubtin's Review



Aubtin M.

Teamwork

Title: *Thomas & Friends – Day of the Diesels*
Author: Christopher Awdry
On the Island of



Sodor, Thomas the tank engine and Percy the small engine are best friends. When Belle; the fire engine comes, she becomes Thomas's new friend. Percy feels very left out. Percy goes to the Diesel Works to see if the Diesels want to make friends with him. Percy leads the Diesels to the Steam Works, when he discovers that Thomas is held prisoner in the Diesel Works. What will happen to Thomas? Will Percy save him? I recommend you read this book to see what happens.

I learned about friendship, teamwork and cooperation from this book. I hope you will too. You will find great pictures in this book.

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

Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

Magic goes...

Title: *Upside Down Magic*
Author: Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins



This book is a book where magic is real. A girl named Nory Horace lived with her father, sister, and brother. Nory was a fluxer. Fluxers turn into animals. Every single time she wanted to become an animal she would have turned into that animal, but the other half would be another animal. When she turned into those things she would cause a lot of problems. Nory wanted to get to Sage Academy but she failed. After that her Aunt comes and takes Nory to Upside-Down School. Upside-Down School is a school where people go if they have Upside-Down magic. She enjoys Upside-Down school but she wants to be normal still. She then uses a box to help her and Elliot get out of Upside-Down School. She succeeds but she starts thinking how she is going to miss Upside-Down magic and her friends. Will Nory leave the school or not?

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

Winter Words 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 NMUSD in the subject line)

Entries must be received December 30, 2022

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win
a \$20 gift certificate redeemable at Barnes & Noble.

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| FIREPLACE | SCARF |
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| FROST | SNOWBOARDING |
| GINGERBREAD | SNOWFLAKE |
| HOLIDAYS | SNOWMAN |
| HOT CHOCOLATE | SOLSTICE |
| ICE SKATES | SOUP |
| ICICLE | TOBOGGAN |
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