

FREE

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

Covering the Hawthorne School District



Volume 11, Issue 59

May 2021



Practicing safety and cleaning protocols at all sites to provide a safe environment for all students and staff.

**Welcome Back
Students and Staff!**

**¡Bienvenidos
estudiantes y personal!**



**Every child deserves a chance to succeed!
¡Cada niño merece la oportunidad de triunfar!**

Preschool Program

HSD Preschools offer early childhood educational programs for children who are three and four-years old. Families must meet State income requirements.

Programa de Preescolar

Las Escuelas Preescolares de HSD ofrecen programas educativos de primera infancia para niños de tres y cuatro años de edad. Las familias deben cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos del Estado.



Hawthorne School District Preschool



The Benefits of Preschool

The most important years of a child's development is in the first five years of life. Children who receive a high-quality educational experience, in their early years, develop the skills necessary to succeed in life.

Children who are involved in preschool:

- Develop pre-reading, early writing, and math skills
- Enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop emotional behaviors and social skills

Los Beneficios de la Educación Preescolar

Los primeros cinco años de vida son los más importantes en el desarrollo del niño. Los niños que reciben una experiencia educativa de alta calidad, en sus primeros años, desarrollan las habilidades necesarias para triunfar en la vida.

Los niños que participan en la educación preescolar:

- Desarrollan habilidades en matemáticas, escritura y lectura temprana.
- Mejoran el pensamiento crítico y habilidades en resolución de problemas.
- Desarrollan habilidades sociales y comportamiento emocional.



HSD Preschool

13928 Kornblum Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
(310) 970-7550 Phone | (310) 970-7555 Fax



Board of Trustees



Dr. Eugene M. Krank
President



Cristina Chiappe
Vice President



Vicente Bravo
Clerk



Luciano A. Aguilar
Member



Sergio R. Mortara
Member

Welcome Back Students and Staff! ¡Bienvenidos estudiantes y personal!

I am sure, by now you have seen the banners on all of our schools welcoming our students and staff back to our school sites. It goes without saying that we are happy to begin the return to in-person instruction.

While our current school day is not what we are accustomed to, it is a start. The protocols we have to follow in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff restrict the number of people we can accommodate in our classroom spaces at any one time. These protocols change fairly regularly, however, as can be expected with the increase in vaccinated individuals and the decrease in cases. While we are currently only able to offer students a limited amount of time on campus each week, we know the value in providing them with the opportunity to be at school engaging with other students, their teachers, and the school community.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the new school year. It is my intention to bring our students back to campus five days a week for a full instructional day. This will, of course, be contingent on the mandates of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. If our county and local data continue to improve, I am sure we will be able to fulfill this intention.

I want to thank our staff for their dedicated efforts during this most difficult time. I want to thank our families for your patience, understanding, and commitment to your children and their education. I know none of us ever imagined we would be experiencing school in this manner. We have had to reimagine school, work, social experiences, and so much more. I am confident that we will emerge from this very soon and I can assure you that we will continue to provide our students with the tools and experiences they need to be successful.

Welcome back and, again, thank you for your support!



Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

Estoy segura de que a estas alturas ya habrán visto las pancartas en todas nuestras escuelas dando la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes y al personal de vuelta a nuestras escuelas. No hace falta decir que estamos contentos de comenzar el regreso a la instrucción en persona.

Aunque nuestra jornada escolar actual no es la que estamos acostumbrados, es un comienzo. Los protocolos que tenemos que seguir para garantizar la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y del personal restringen el número de personas que podemos acomodar en nuestros espacios de cada salón de clase a la vez. Sin embargo, estos protocolos cambian con bastante regularidad, como es de esperar con el aumento de personas vacunadas y la disminución de casos. Aunque actualmente sólo podemos ofrecer a los estudiantes una cantidad limitada de tiempo en el campus cada semana, sabemos el valor de proporcionarles la oportunidad de estar en la escuela participando con otros estudiantes, sus maestros y la comunidad escolar.

Estoy deseando que comience el nuevo curso escolar. Tengo la intención de que nuestros estudiantes vuelvan al campus cinco días a la semana para una jornada de instrucción completa. Esto, por supuesto, dependerá de los mandatos del Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Los Ángeles. Si nuestros datos locales y del condado siguen mejorando, estoy segura de que podremos cumplir esta intención.

Quiero agradecer a nuestro personal por sus esfuerzos dedicados durante este tiempo tan difícil. Quiero agradecer a nuestras familias por su paciencia, comprensión y compromiso con sus hijos y su educación. Sé que ninguno de nosotros imaginó jamás que viviríamos el tener que asistir a la escuela de esta manera. Hemos tenido que reimaginar la escuela, el trabajo, las experiencias sociales y mucho más. Confío en que saldremos de esto muy pronto y puedo asegurarles que seguiremos proporcionando a nuestros estudiantes las herramientas y experiencias que necesitan para tener éxito.

Bienvenidos de nuevo y, de nuevo, ¡gracias por su apoyo!



Kay Coop
Founder/Publisher



Neta Madison
Netragrednik

School News

Education + Communication = A Better Nation

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com

Covering the
HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOUNDER/PUBLISHER: Kay Coop
562/493-3193 • kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com

ADVERTISING SALES: 562/493-3193

CONTENT COORDINATOR: Barbra Longiny

GRAPHIC DESIGNER/PRODUCTION:

Emily Ung

COPY EDITORS:

Kate Karp, Anna Zappia

SOCIAL MEDIA: Nancy Lueder

Netragrednik by Neta Madison



SCHOOL NEWS ROLL CALL, LLC

P.O. Box 728, Seal Beach, CA 90740
562/493-3193

www.schoolnewsrollcall.com

Copyright © 2006, School News Roll Call, LLC

Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission is strictly prohibited unless otherwise stated. Opinions expressed by contributing writers and guest columnists are their views and not necessarily those of *School News Roll Call*. This publication is privately owned and the right is reserved to select and edit content. The Hawthorne School District does not endorse the advertisers in this publication.

At last a bit of normalcy is returning to our lives and that is highlighted with students in the classrooms. There are many milestones children experience but we would never have predicted removing masks would be a milestone. We will all look forward to celebrating when that day arrives

and especially for children. For now, reconnecting and enjoying touch-less activities is a great first step.

Congratulations to students making their college selections. This is nearing the end of a school year, but just the beginning in many ways.

Our next issue is June 2.



At El Camino, you can find the path that's right for you. We'll help you build a future you and your family will be proud of. Learn more at www.elcamino.edu/summer.

Summer classes begin:

June 21

Today Decides **Tomorrow**

3,271

degrees awarded by El Camino College in 2019-20

El Camino College



Bud Carson *Middle School*

13838 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-1908 • www.budcarsonmiddle.org



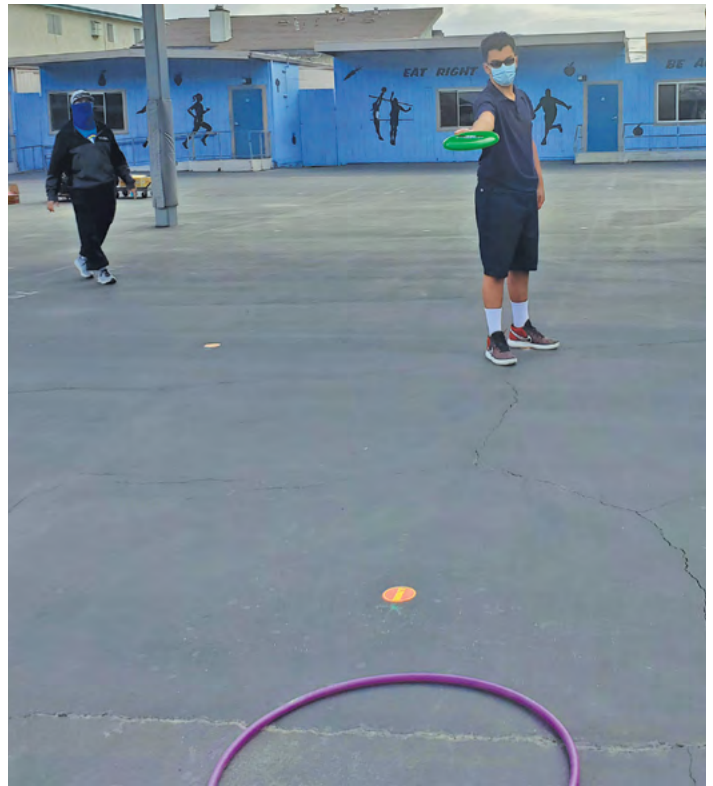
LaTima Jones
Principal

We're Back

The Bud Carson Middle School staff was so elated to finally see our students return to campus! The staff had prepared well and made our students feel comfortable. It was great to see the sixth-graders entering the campus for the first time, and it was so good to see the familiar faces of the seventh- and eighth-graders.

Our students were able to go to PE class with their teachers in-person because our coaches had developed engaging touch-less activities complete with social distancing. A few of these activities included obstacle courses, hockey drills, and Frisbee cornhole. The students and staff members enjoyed the activities and competitions.

The transition to in-person learning went smoothly for the students once they entered the campus gates, which was thanks to the tireless efforts of our entire staff. Just before the return, our staff also welcomed a new computer technician to the campus, Chun Huang. He only had a short period of time to get the school ready for the students. But he jumped in, hit the ground running, and he hasn't stopped. We are deeply pleased to have him join our staff!



Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

4467 W. Broadway, Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/973-8620 • www.hawthornemsa.org



Esau Berumen
Principal

Preparing for HMSA's College Signing Day

HMSA's graduating Class of 2021 is preparing to walk a modified stage in early June. Overcoming all the obstacles that life has thrown our students, the Class of 2021 has persevered. Our Aviators have been accepted to many

different colleges. During the last few months, students have been researching, virtually visiting, and speaking to their teachers and counselors to announce their final college selection on College Signing Day to begin their next chapter. Students will be deciding to attend between most CSUs and most UCs throughout the state such as CSU Long Beach, San Jose State, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, and UC Irvine. Members of the Class of 2021 have also been accepted to many other prestigious universities, such as University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount University, Dickinson College, University of Colorado,



Pepperdine University, University of Maryland, Vanderbilt University, Spelman University, Howard University, Seton Hall University, and Stanford University. HMSA is looking forward to College Signing Day!

Eucalyptus *Elementary*

12044 S. Eucalyptus Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-3369 • www.hsd-ca.schoolloop.com



Mike Goldstein
Principal

Back in Action!

When asked about the return to school, Arick Calderon was all smiles. “It feels good to be back with my teacher!” After more than a year, Koala Nation has officially welcomed students in TK- 5th grade back to in-person learning at Eucalyptus Elementary School.



4th Grader Erinn Kelly is all smiles behind her mask!

For the first time since we closed on March 13, 2020, families were given the option to return to campus or remain with virtual learning. So far, about half of our students have returned and the transition has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved. “It feels exciting to be back at school. I love it! I get exercise and I get to play and run,” said Erinn Kelly (4th grade). The future is bright and we couldn’t be happier to be back in action!



Ms. Rodriguez took her class out for some much needed exercise (and fun!)

Hawthorne *Middle School*

4366 W. 129th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-0167 • www.hawthornemiddle.org



Akila Jones
Principal

We Can’t Mask Our Excitement!

Our Hawks have returned home! Over the last two weeks, HMS is proud to have welcomed students back to campus! Leading up to the reopening, staff worked together to prepare the campus, plan and execute procedures, and communicate plans and schedules to students and families. Safety is our utmost concern, daily symptom screening takes place for students and staff, classrooms were restructured, desk shields installed, and line markers placed on the ground for spacing. Students arrived on campus and despite some initial, “first day jitters” the energy and excitement was palpable. Students shared that they were happy to be

physically with friends they hadn’t seen in over a year. After a year of silence on campus, children’s voices once again echoed in corridors and classrooms, (though some teachers did have to remind students they could no longer “mute” themselves) and we couldn’t “mask our excitement” at welcoming them back!





FREE GRAB 'N' GO MEALS

For **ALL** children 18 years and under

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Grab 'n' Go BULK meal bags will be available **twice a week**,
which includes breakfast and lunch for 7 days,
at the following locations:

Monday & Wednesday

Eucalyptus School
Jefferson School
Kornblum School
Ramona School
Prairie Vista MS

OR

Tuesday & Thursday

Washington School
York School
Zela Davis School
Bud Carson MS
HMSA



Choose
ONE site

**TO PICK UP MEALS
FOR ALL CHILDREN**



**IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN PERSON,
PLEASE PICK UP MEALS AT THAT SCHOOL
ALONG WITH MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN
WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL IN PERSON.**

Jefferson *Elementary*

4091 W. 139th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-9423 • www.hsdjefferson.org



Josh Godin
Principal

School is Open for Business!

On April 14th, Jefferson finally had kindergarten through 5th grade students back on campus. It has been a long time in the works, but it has been nice to see students back on campus. The best part is that everyone has been so excited to come back to campus and get back to a little bit of normality. Staff and students have been excited to have the campus opened, and parents have been grateful to get their children back to school and in person learning. So many students have said how happy they are to get back to a learning environment that is better for them. Our distance learning students also continue to thrive online, with hopes of returning back to campus next school year. It takes all stakeholders to help our students reach their full potential and at Jefferson all hands are on deck.



Kornblum *Elementary*

3620 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/970-4294 • www.hsdkornblum.org



Marisa Stewart
Principal

The Cardinals are Back!

Kornblum School was so glad to welcome back students on campus! It is truly a joy to hear their voices and see their happy faces!

The week of March 15, we were able to have the kindergarten and first-grade students return. The week of March 22, second- and third-graders returned to school. Then, we were able to welcome back our fourth- and fifth-graders after spring break on April 15. That makes for a complete school

back on campus! About half of the Kornblum students have chosen to stay home and continue in distance learning. All students were able to remain with their same classroom teacher.

For those students who have been able to return to campus, we have had many changes. We have a shortened school day, we have symptom-screening checkpoints before entering campus, and all students must stay with their group the entire time. There are fewer students and small classes, but we are happy to be together in person!



This photo shows some of our 3rd graders enjoying their outdoor break time wearing their masks and keeping social distance while having fun!

*Daily
temperature
checks at door*

*Masks worn
at all times*



Follow us:



@beachcitiesvbc



Visit our website at www.beachcitiesvbc.com



Future Stars Program

**Want to learn about the game of volleyball?
Our Future Stars program is a great way to start!**

We welcome boys & girls ages 8 to 13.

NEXT SESSION BEGINS MAY 11, 2021

*Please contact Coach Phil at (310) 889-6496
for more information!*

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

13600 Prairie Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/679-1003 • www.prairievistamiddle.org



Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Return to Campus

Underneath those masks are the bright and wonderful smiles of some 6th grade panther students who have returned to campus life. PVMS has never wavered in our commitment to safely reopen, and we are truly excited to

welcome students back with the Department of Health's safety protocols in place. The health, safety, and educational success of our students will always be a priority at Prairie Vista. For this reason, students are assigned to homerooms and the teachers rotate in, by period, to provide instruction in the different subjects to minimize

the risk of transmission. Physical Education and Dance activities are provided outside to accommodate the active nature of those courses, while also maximizing safety. Together we will be stronger and better, and always a home to our Panthers!



PVMS welcomes back our panthers for in-person instruction!

Ramona *Elementary*

4617 W. 136th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-7189 • www.hsdramona.org



Dr. Patricia Ray
Principal

Socially Distanced Fun

I am so happy to see our Ramona Rams back on campus! Approximately 60% of our students have returned to campus in our hybrid model, and they have all settled in quickly to their "new" classrooms and routines.

Even with their masks on, I can see their smiles on their faces as they enter campus.

With our new schedules our primary focus for all three cohorts is on quality instruction in language arts and mathematics and tending to the social emotional needs of the children. While on campus, we have been providing our students opportunities for socially distanced fun and games. Some classes play

old fashioned games such as Red Light, Green Light, while others complete an obstacle course. And our traditional Dance Party Fridays are a big hit!

I am looking forward to having more students on campus more often, but for now I am so grateful for their return.



Washington *Elementary*

4339 W. 129th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/676-3422 • www.hsdwashington.org



Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Welcome Back Wildcats!

After a year of empty classrooms, lonely playgrounds, quiet hallways, and closed doors due to the pandemic, Washington School is back to life! On March 15th we welcomed back some of our TK-1st grade students to in-person instruction. They were immediately followed by 2nd and 3rd grade on March 22nd. Lastly, on April 15th we welcomed back our 4th, 5th, and SDC

students to in-person instruction.

It is an incredible feeling to see that the playground, hallways, and classrooms are once again alive with the sounds of students and staff laughing, playing and learning. We are extremely proud of how resilient and positive our students and staff have been throughout the lockdown period. Students and staff have, without exception, embraced every stage of this journey with an impressive attitude. Welcome back to school Wildcats!



York *Elementary*

11838 S. York Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-1189 • www.hsdnyork.org



Jessica Moore
Principal

Kindness Goes a Long Way

In an effort to spread goodwill and kindness and in collaboration with one of our sister schools, York School celebrated “Kindness Week” during the last week of February and through the month of March. Students participated in activities that included a “Kindness Checklist” that encouraged them to engage

in activities such as writing a kind note for a family member or friend and showing kindness to their bodies through exercise and healthy eating. In addition, the students participated in “Morning Meetings” where they shared and discussed examples of kind acts and celebrated characteristics that make us all unique. The celebration culminated in a virtual display of a “Kindness Art Gallery” that showcased the creative depictions of approximately thirty students. Although our “Kindness Week” celebration lasted a brief time, our school community truly showed that kindness can go a long way and make a long-lasting impact.



Zela Davis *Elementary*

13435 S. Yukon Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/679-1771 • www.hsdzeladavis.org



Matt Rohrer
Principal

Community Connections

Zela Davis Elementary is proud to partner with the Hawthorne Police Department to promote literacy and build relationships with our local police department.

Our “Reading Time with HPD” activity was started by School Resource Office A. Weinreb and Officer L. Bell. Their goal was to help build children’s interest

in reading, and provide students with the opportunity to learn about the many different aspects of being a police officer and how they help our community.

The program begins with an officer reading a book to the class that relates to student safety. Students are then taken on a virtual field trip to explore the different areas of a police station. In alignment with our STEM focus, Zela Davis students also recently visited the crime lab, where the lab technician explained how specialized equipment is used to solve crimes. She also demonstrated to the students how science is directly involved in keeping our community safe.

Our students were thrilled by this visit, and the program has been a great success. We would like to thank SRO Weinreb and Officer Bell for creating a program that encourages our students to both read and develop positive connections with the local police department.



History Depot



Learn about
World History • US History
Videos • Art • Music
Study Habits

History is about learning and understanding the past. The past does not change, but interpretations do. One cannot erase history and expect to remember the past.

FREE
Enjoy!
History Buffs
Teachers
Students

HistoryDepot.com



Be sure and include reading among your activities this summer!

Peaceland Music & Repair GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar, Piano, Voice, Bass, Drums

Also: Ukulele, Banjo, Mandolin

James Musser

Nominated Best LA Band '96
Best Guitar '97 LA Music Awards

All Ages, Levels & Styles
Days, Evening & Weekends



(310) 650-4021

www.peacelandmusic.com
peaceland@peacelandmusic.com
23706 Crenshaw #105 A&B,
Torrance, CA • (across from Hof's Hut)

Visit us on:

[MySpace.com/PeacelandMusic](https://www.myspace.com/PeacelandMusic) • [YouTube.com/PeacelandMusic](https://www.youtube.com/PeacelandMusic)