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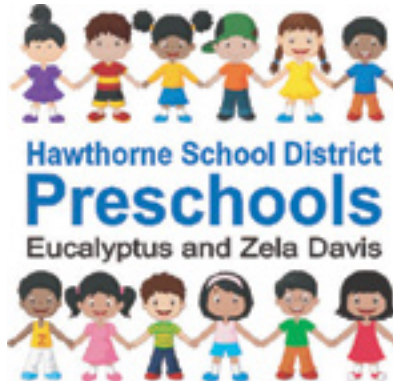
**Every child deserves a chance to succeed!  
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**Preschool Program**

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

**Eucalyptus Preschool**

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**Programa de Preescolar**

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

**Zela Davis Preschool**

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**Reina Robledo**  
Principal

**Dramatic Play Develops Important Life Skills**

Pretend or dramatic play not only offers a variety of learning opportunities for children in their early years, it also reinforces the idea that young children learn best through play.

One place for a child to engage in active pretend play is a high-quality preschool program. Our preschools provide an educational and nurturing environment where the teachers incorporate dramatic play to develop a child's cognitive, motor, social and emotional skills. Dramatic play is a tool used to help develop all these skills in a fun and engaging way.

Dramatic Play helps children foster the following:

Social and Emotional Skills, Language Skills, Critical-thinking

Skills, Problem-solving Skills and Empathy.

Research shows that children regularly involved in positive dramatic play will use the skills they have developed throughout their lives.



**El Juego Dramático Desarrolla Habilidades Importantes**

El juego imaginativo o dramático no sólo ofrece una variedad de oportunidades de aprendizaje para los niños en sus primeros años, también refuerza la idea de que los niños pequeños aprenden mejor a través del juego.

Un lugar para que un niño participe en juegos activos de simulación es en un programa preescolar de alta calidad. Nuestros Preescolares proporcionan un ambiente educativo y enriquecedor, donde los profesores incorporan dramatización para desarrollar habilidades cognitivas, motoras, sociales y emocionales del niño. El Juego dramático es una herramienta utilizada para ayudar a desarrollar todas estas habilidades en una forma atractiva y divertida.

El Juego dramático ayuda a los niños promover las siguientes habilidades:

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Las investigaciones demuestran que los niños que regularmente participan en el juego dramático positivo utilizarán las habilidades que se han desarrollado a lo largo de sus vidas.





**Kay Coop**  
Founder/Publisher



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As we are preparing to go to print the skies are cloudy and another rain storm is predicted. Hopefully, during this long rainy period you have enjoyed some board and card games with your family and turned off some of the electronic devices.

Thank you for your comments when you email your answers to the contests. Please remember to put Hawthorne in the subject line as we publish 31 *School News* publications and need to know which contest you are entering. Many of you commented about our new glossy cover format. and we are glad you like it.

In this issue you will read about The Nation's Report Card, art in the classroom, Math Night, outstanding students earning awards and so much more.

We welcome students to become *School News* columnists and review their favorite books. If you are a parent and your child is interested, email me for the guidelines and deadlines.

It is hard to believe time is going by so fast. We have two more issues left in this school year — May 3 and June 7..



## Contest!

This student is somewhere in this publication. When you find her, email the **page number** to:

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Your entry must be received by April 15, 2017  
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In light of the recent political climate, which has resulted in uncertainty for many families, I want to assure the Hawthorne community that our schools are safe places for all of our students and families.

Feeling safe physically and emotionally is a prerequisite to being productive and successful. We are here to educate and embrace all students regardless of their immigration status, religion, country of origin or ethnicity. Hawthorne schools will continue to provide a safe, engaging and meaningful education for all of our students.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your school office or access resources on the Hawthorne School District website [www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us](http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us)



**Dr. Helen E. Morgan**  
Superintendent

Teniendo en cuenta el reciente clima político, que ha dado lugar a la incertidumbre en muchas familias, quiero asegurar a la comunidad de Hawthorne que nuestras escuelas son lugares seguros para todos nuestros estudiantes y familias.

Sentirse seguro física y emocionalmente es un requisito previo para ser productivo y exitoso. Nosotros estamos aquí para educar y acoger a todos los estudiantes sin importar su estado migratorio, religión, país de origen o grupo étnico. Las escuelas de Hawthorne, continuarán proporcionando una educación segura, satisfactoria y significativa para todos los estudiantes.

Si usted tiene preguntas o inquietudes, no dude en contactar la oficina de su escuela o ir a la página de recursos en [www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us](http://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us) del sitio de internet del distrito escolar de Hawthorne.



## ECC INVITES YOU TO COLLEGE NIGHT!

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# Bud Carson *Middle School*

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**Mark Silva**  
*Principal*

## Ice-Cool Day!

Over 100 Bud Carson students had the great opportunity to be able to attend the NHL All-Star Fan Fair hosted by a Los Angeles hockey team at a downtown L.A. venue. The NHL partnered with an educational technology company to provide students with a STEM-career panel discussion as well as hockey activities.

Our students met NHL mascots, took pictures with the Stanley Cup, practiced their hockey skills, and got to ride on the Zamboni. They also participated in an augmented-reality hockey game, made personalized hockey trading cards, put on real NHL uniforms, and were filmed as sports newscasters. As an added bonus, our students expanded their horizons even further by meeting other students from all over Southern California.

It really was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we would like to thank the Bud Carson staff and parent chaperones that made it all possible!



# Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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**Esau Berumen**  
*Principal*

## Aviators Soar to the Top

HMSA is pleased to announce that seniors Juan Barajas and Natalie Saldaña have been awarded full-tuition scholarships that will fund their college education.

Over 2,600 Los Angeles youth applied to the Posse Foundation, which seeks students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential. Juan Barajas was awarded the Posse Scholarship and will be attending Pepperdine University.

"I truly believe that without Posse, I would have been looked over by Pepperdine through the regular application process," Barajas said. "Winning this scholarship really was a life-changing experience."

Questbridge Scholarship recipient Natalie Saldaña will be attending the University of Chicago. Questbridge finalists are students with intellectual spark and determination who are in the top 10 percent of their class. Most finalists are the first generation in their family to attend a U.S. four-year college.

"There is no doubt that Natalie Saldaña is going to do great things," HMSA counselor Julia Bui said.





# Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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**Mike Goldstein**  
*Principal*

## Koala-ty Families

The Koala Nation takes pride in creating meaningful family involvement opportunities every year at Eucalyptus School with the goal of strengthening our school/community partnership. This year we've added events in addition to the regular annual Back-to-School Night, Title 1 and California Assessment of Student Performance and

Progress (CASPP) parent meetings, Hawthorne Parent Academy (HPA), School Site Council, and English Learners Advisory Council meetings.

To start, families join us every week for Moving Mondays to walk laps and listen to music with students and teachers. Other events include: our weekly English-as-a-Second-Language class, where parents come to learn English; the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Awards Assembly; the Harvest Carnival; family nutrition workshops taught by our parents; and the Educational Workshop Series, facilitated by classroom teachers.

The highlight of each month is our Koala-ty Kids Assembly in kindergarten through fifth grades. Students perform on stage for their parents, and Student of the Month awards are given out, along with prizes for following the Koala Expectations.

We look forward to seeing you at the next event!



**Eucalyptus students assist parents at our technology workshop in February.**

# Hawthorne *Middle School*

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**Rudy Salas**  
*Principal*

## The Nation's Report Card

Several eighth-grade students have been chosen to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). You may be thinking that NAEP is just another test, but it's not. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it represents students across the country.

Have you heard of The Nation's Report Card? That is NAEP. The assessment results are released as The Nation's Report Card, and they help our nation's leaders and educators make decisions about how to improve our education system. NAEP is what the public will hear about on the news when reporters discuss what students are learning.

The actual assessment takes about 120 minutes. During that time, eighth-grade students' knowledge will

be tested in civics, geography, mathematics, reading, and U.S. history. All students will be asked questions about their educational experiences that may be related to performance, such as homework and reading habits. Student scores are anonymous and will not affect student grades or academic records. Instead, they will be combined with the scores of other students to produce results that reflect student capabilities nationwide.

Students who were selected to participate in NAEP have an important job to do. NAEP will provide a national snapshot of what students have learned in school, and it is essential that students take it seriously, try their best, and answer all the questions they can.

If you would like to see questions or results from past NAEP assessments and learn more about NAEP and why it is important for students, check out NAEP on Twitter and Facebook, or visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/students>.



# Jefferson *Elementary*

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**Wendy Ostensen**  
*Principal*

## Exciting Study Trips!

Enriching study trips contribute to the development of students' critical-thinking skills and contribute extensively toward their knowledge and appreciation of art, science, music and culture. Our kindergarten students recently took a trip with their teachers and chaperones

to an aquarium. As part of their "By the Sea" unit, they had the opportunity to research and discuss habitats, explore touch tanks, and use their five senses to understand the way sea creatures live.

Our additional study trips for the various grade levels include a zoo, a science center, a museum dedicated to popular American music and its award winners, a space center and an observatory. Our fifth-graders are also invited on a walking tour of Prairie Vista Middle School where they will be able to find out more about the excellent classes and unique programs offered for them in the 2017-18 school year.



**Kindergarten students experience under the sea wonders of the Aquarium of the Pacific**

# Kornblum *Elementary*

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**LaTima Jones**  
*Principal*

## Cardinal Spirit

The Kornblum Student Council hosted their inaugural Valentine's Day dance as their first fundraiser. Our office staff was an integral part of the collecting and organizing of permission slips for the list of dance-goers. Mrs. Nunn and Ms. Mathis coordinated our students,

custodial staff, and parents to help decorate the cafeteria for the event. The students purchased tickets for one dollar to raise funds for future activities.

The dance was open to current students in grades TK through fifth, and was held for one hour after school. Teachers, classified staff, and parents also volunteered to chaperon the dance.

Once the gates were opened, the students flashed their wristbands to enter the activity. They immediately

started to groove to the sounds of our very own D.J., Dean Gary. Some of the adults showed the students how to form a conga line, and they loved it! The Cardinals participated in line dances and even a Soul Train line. This event was one of the highlights of our Cardinal Spirit Week.





# Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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**Patricia Ray**  
*Principal*

## Artists at Work

*By David Cooper, Teacher – Special Projects*

On January 21, Prairie Vista Middle School (PVMS) welcomed Ms. Elmira Adamian, a Getty Villa Gallery educator. Ms. Adamian led sixth-grade students in making frescos using the same techniques ancient Romans and Greeks used thousands of years ago.

Students first mixed together plaster and water. While they waited for the plaster to dry to the right moisture level, students mixed colored pigment with water and glue to create paint. Using replica artifacts Ms. Adamian had brought from the Villa as inspiration, students then sketched and painted their masterpieces.

PVMS is proudly concluding its seven-year partnership at the Getty Villa with our third annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 6. Students will display and perform their final art projects.



Over the last seven years, approximately 1,500 PVMS students have made multiple trips to and have enjoyed discovering the Getty Villa. We thank our wonderful Getty Villa partners for seven wonderful years!

# Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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**Marisa Stewart**  
*Assistant Principal*

## Hello, Mrs. Cardillo!

Meet Gina Cardillo, our district's project facilitator of school climate. Ms. Cardillo's office is at Prairie Vista South, but she visits and supports all the district sites.

Originally from the East Coast, Ms. Cardillo joined Americorps in San Jose, California, where she worked with elementary students, focusing on service learning. She holds a master's of education in special education. She's worked in the district for eight years, beginning at York Elementary in 2009 as the upper-special-day-class teacher. The next step in her career was as dean of students at Bud Carson Middle School, where she made great connections with her students and supported the teachers in implementing the then-new Positive Behavior Supports program. Along with her PBS team at BCMS, Ms. Cardillo made some great positive changes in the climate at BCMS, creating a partnership with neighboring Zela Davis School with the Peer Pack program that paired middle school students with neighboring elementary school students to build positive relationships.



Ms. Cardillo is excited to continue to support the families with her new position as project facilitator of school climate. In this role, she works with the dean of students at all school sites, supporting them with individual needs. She also supports the districtwide PBS program and works with the district's foster youth and NPA homeless families.

Ms. Cardillo always has a smile on her face and a kind word for whomever she encounters. Prairie Vista South is lucky to have her on our campus. The work she does benefits the entire school district.

# Ramona *Elementary*

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**Michael Collins**  
*Principal*

## Racing through Math Night

*By Stacy Daley, Math Coach*

January 25 saw the return of Ramona Elementary School's annual Math Night, but there was a new twist to it this time. The 15 teachers decided to take a page from the reality competition series "The Amazing Race" and have students race from room to room solving problems before crossing the finish line.

But these weren't just any old math problems! They were actually logic and math puzzles that ranged from easy and quick to very challenging. Students and parents worked together to solve the puzzles before receiving the next clue. These clues were also puzzles that needed to be solved in order to move on to the next stage of the competition.

More than 80 families thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Math Night, as evidenced by the interaction, laughter, collaboration, and engagement...with a lot of competitive spirit sprinkled throughout.



# Washington *Elementary*

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**Maritza Cruz-Brown**  
*Principal*

## Washington School Parent Volunteers

Washington School is very fortunate to have a dedicated set of parent volunteers who come and honor us with their assistance. They work on a variety of projects from cutting and stapling to organizing the library. Our parent volunteers meet in the Parent

Resource Room every Wednesday morning. They are self-directed and efficient. They have helped the Washington School staff since the beginning of the school year, and their membership and interest has not dwindled. The teachers at our site are very appreciative of the volunteers' support with the projects they complete on a weekly basis. It is always good to see a partnership between teachers and parents because ultimately, it benefits the

students and increases student academic achievement. Washington School's parent volunteers make our school that much more exciting!



**Emmanuel Libramonte, Berenice Carrillo, Yolanda Zapata, Sandra Ortiz, Aarti Patil, and Maria Del Rio.**



# York *Elementary*

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**Jennifer Beekman**  
*Principal*

## We'll Vouch for It!

York's students participate in the many fun activities coordinated by Mrs. Chavez, the dean of students. Past events included students making snowmen out of powdered-sugar doughnuts, Ninja Turtle and Minnie Mouse holiday ornaments, and Donuts with the Dean!

Mrs. Chavez organizes our Voucher Store, where students can select from many fun items. Students receive vouchers for being respectful, responsible and safe and for using their best effort! These are the Super Star Expectations for students in TK through fifth grade. Students collect and then redeem their vouchers for the store items.

Also, teachers choose students to participate in the monthly events and the weekly VIP Lounge based upon them following our Super Star Expectations. February's events include a karaoke party, Lunch Bunch with the Dean, Board Game Recess, Crafts Day and a few other surprises. We are so thankful for our Super Star parent volunteers who come to assist with these events!

If you are interested in helping at any of our activities, please contact the front office. York Super Star students love getting vouchers!



**Donuts with the Dean - Fun Crafts**

# Zela Davis *Elementary*

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**Kathy Carbajal**  
*Principal*

## Launching into Learning

Zela Davis Elementary School has been selected by Project Lead the Way (PLTW) as California's Launch School of the Year. This prestigious award, the first of its kind to be bestowed by PLTW, was presented to Zela Davis staff at the annual California PLTW Conference

in Riverside on January 24. The conference drew attendees from across California and neighboring states, and the school was recognized in front of an audience of over 1,000 PLTW teachers and program advocates.

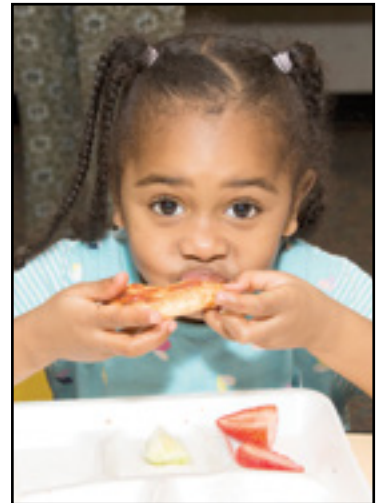
Zela Davis began implementing the PLTW program in 2015, with students from kindergarten through fifth grade engaging in activities such as coding, robotics, and various forms of scientific inquiry and exploration. Our

goal is to create curiosity and spark interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Through students' experiences with PLTW and other STEM programs at Zela Davis, students now see themselves as future scientists, programmers, engineers, and mathematicians.



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