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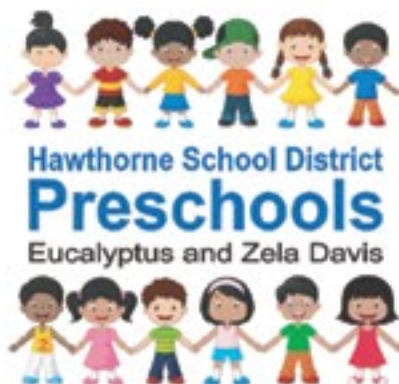
**Every child deserves a chance to succeed!
¡Cada niño merece la oportunidad de triunfar!**

Preschool Program

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

Eucalyptus Preschool

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(310) 219-2837



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.

Zela Davis Preschool

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Brain Development

By enrolling your child in preschool, you are giving your preschooler the chance to develop the brain at an amazing rate through age-appropriate, play-based learning opportunities. From talking, singing, and playing, your child will rapidly develop their learning capacity and social skills. Our preschool classrooms provide a nurturing and educationally enriching environment where children are encouraged to explore, experiment, and expand their learning every day.



Reina Robledo
Principal

Desarrollo Cerebral

Al inscribir a su hijo(a) en el preescolar, usted le da la oportunidad de desarrollar el cerebro a una velocidad increíble a través de oportunidades de aprendizaje apropiadas para su edad, basadas en el juego. Hablando, cantando y jugando, el niño(a) desarrollará rápidamente su capacidad de aprendizaje y habilidades sociales. Nuestras aulas proporcionan un ambiente acogedor y educativamente enriquecido donde los niños son animados a explorar el experimento y ampliar su aprendizaje cada día.



Early Literacy for all Hawthorne Children

Research has confirmed the importance of early literacy in student success. A student who is prepared to enter kindergarten with strong early literacy skills will be more successful. This translates into improved student achievement. It is of paramount importance that our children gain the skills necessary to be good readers and thinkers by third grade. The outcomes for students acquiring these important skills are much more promising than for students who struggle with reading by third grade.

In order to promote strong literacy in all children within the city of Hawthorne, the Hawthorne School District has invested in Footsteps2Brilliance. This is a web-based program for children ages two to eight which builds many important skills including phonics, comprehension, writing, and decoding. This is all done through engaging activities that children will enjoy. They won't see it as just learning they will see it as learning that is fun!

Anyone who resides within the city of Hawthorne may register for the program. Please visit the Hawthorne School District website to access the information. I am grateful to our Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees for investing the resources that will benefit so many Hawthorne families.



Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent



Alfabetización Temprana para todos los niños de Hawthorne

Una investigación ha confirmado la importancia de la alfabetización temprana en el éxito estudiantil. Un estudiante que esté preparado para ingresar al kínder con fuertes habilidades de alfabetización temprana tendrá más éxito. Esto se traduce a un mejor rendimiento estudiantil. Es de suma importancia que nuestros niños adquieran las habilidades necesarias para ser buenos lectores y pensadores para cuando lleguen al tercer grado. Los resultados para los estudiantes que adquieren estas habilidades importantes son mucho más prometedores que para los estudiantes que tienen dificultad con la lectura cuando llegan al tercer grado.

Con el fin de promover una alfabetización sólida en todos los niños dentro de la ciudad de Hawthorne, el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne ha invertido en el programa Footsteps2Brilliance. Este es un programa basado en la web, para niños de dos a ocho años y que desarrolla muchas habilidades importantes, incluidas la fonética, la comprensión, la escritura y la decodificación. Todo esto se hace a través de actividades atractivas que los niños disfrutarán. ¡No lo verán solo como algo que se tienen que aprender, sino que lo verán como un aprendizaje que es divertido!

Cualquiera que resida dentro de la ciudad de Hawthorne puede registrarse para el programa. Visite el sitio web del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne para acceder a la información. Agradezco a la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne por invertir los recursos que beneficiarán a tantas familias de Hawthorne.

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Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we are starting 2018. This is our 8th year publishing the excellence from the Hawthorne School District. The good news just keeps coming year after year. As Superintendent Morgan says in her message on page 3, the District Board of Trustees invests resources to benefit the entire community.

In this issue you will read about the focus on educating the whole child from academics to athletics. So much has happened in the classroom since we started publishing. Coding, robotics, STEM, and so much more makes this an exciting time to be a student.

Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices. Thank you for entering our contests. On page 11 is a Word Search and the name of the November winner. Also, we have another contest on our web site www.schoolnewsrollcall.com. Just listen to a podcast to hear a word to email to be entered.

Our next issue is March 7.



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Bud Carson *Middle School*

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Mark Silva
Principal

Championship Team

Our BCMS flag football won their second consecutive Centinela Valley Middle School League Championship by beating Lennox Middle School 19-6 and preserving their second straight undefeated season. The Huskies faced an extremely tough Lennox team that scored a touchdown early on in the game. Lennox became the only school this year to score points on our defense and to actually hold a lead against our football team. However, the defense showed a tremendous amount of heart and determination. The Huskies only led 7-6 going

into halftime. After two more touchdowns in the second half, our football team completed its quest of repeating as champions!

Coaches Mr. Meza and Mr. Howe did a phenomenal job of keeping our team focused on disciplined football, solid academics and good citizenship all year. Our BCMS Cheer Team did a fantastic job of supporting the team all year. Members of the football team include Nathan Bado, Jaelin Brown, Selmar Corodo, Damien Escueva, Michael Falujo, Carl Fullwood, Excel Godbless, Josue Hidalgo, Alfred Igweze, Yusaf Lawal, Chris Lowe, Jedidiah Obor, Justin Tran and Anthony Alfonso.



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Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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Esau Berumen
Principal

Link-Crew Launch

By Deanna Jordan, Teacher, Spanish II, Special Projects

While starting high school is an exciting time, it can also be a stumbling point for many high school students. Adjusting to a new school with more responsibility can cause students stress and anxiety.

A key way to overcome these difficulties is through a strong social-support system. For this reason, Hawthorne Math and Science Academy launched the nationally recognized Link Crew club by training 40 juniors and seniors in a rigorous mentorship curriculum focused on developing positive relationships and leadership skills. Each freshman is now part of a small group of approximately 10 students led by two junior or senior leaders who facilitate workshops and

interactions that enhance study skills, college preparation, stress management and social skills throughout the year. Link Crew advisors Mindi Siegler and Deanna Jordan are pleased with the implementation of the program that supports ninth-grade achievement and well-being.



Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

Introducing...Robotics!

Eucalyptus is proud to announce that Ms. Rodriguez was recently awarded a \$500 teacher grant from a state credit union to use toward her class coding and robotics project. She was selected from a group of applicants that included more than 200 teachers in the state. She chose to apply

for the grant because the use of technology in society has increased and she wanted to bring the hands-on use of technology into her classroom.

Ms. Rodriguez's goal is to have students work with robots and apply what they learned in the coding class to an actual robot. The students' culminating project is to program a robot that can maneuver an obstacle course.

"I hope to spark an early interest in STEM/STEAM programs, which will hopefully increase the number of minorities in STEM majors and careers," Ms. Rodriguez

said. Her project is aligned to the NGSS (science) standards, and she's looking forward to promoting a growth mindset by offering various challenges to students and opportunities to overcome those challenges.



Ms. Rodriguez with her robotics class.

Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Rudy Salas
Principal

No Bullying

School is more than academic instruction. Our students' education also depends on an environment that supports learning. It is impossible for students to achieve their fullest potential if they fear for their safety. The long-term effects of bullying, cruelty, bias, and hate-motivated behavior can have a tremendous impact on student success for both the victims and the perpetrators.

California Education Code defines bullying as "any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act that is directed toward one or more pupils; and that has had, or can be reasonably predicted to have, one or more of the following effects: placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to his/her/their person or property; causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or

her physical or mental health; causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance; or causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

There is no way to guarantee that your child will never be bullied, but there are things you can do to help. Talk to your middle school student about healthy relationships. Direct your student to report incidents of bullying immediately to school staff. Let your student know that he or she is not expected to handle this problem alone. Parents may call the school office to report incidents of bullying.

The Hawthorne Middle School staff believes that all students can succeed. Our goal is to help students develop skills that will allow them to navigate social interactions successfully and make positive contributions to the school culture.

Jefferson *Elementary*

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Josh Godin
Principal

Shoot that Goal!

Go Eagles, Go Eagles, Go Eagles! It's that time of year again at Jefferson School! What time is it? Hockey time!

Mr. Rich and Mr. Rosato teach an after-school hockey class where fifth-grade students learn the rules of the game and the basic skills of puck handling, passing and shooting. Students enjoy friendly competition, get some exercise, and play a

team sport in a fun after-school setting.

Each fifth-grade teacher selects eight students who are demonstrating the school expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Best Effort and Be Safe. Hockey class is run three months a year, so fifth-grade students, if you were not selected this time, you still have two more shots. Do your homework and be respectful and responsible in class, and hopefully, we'll see you with a hockey stick in your hand at the next after-school hockey class in February!



Kornblum *Elementary*

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LaTima Jones
Principal

A Day to Remember

On Thursday, December 7th, Ms. Mathis' and Ms. Kleven's kindergarten students were treated to a special day of fun at LAX's very own Flight Path Learning Center and Museum.

Upon arriving, they were greeted by volunteers who generously gave every student an LAX beanie. The students were then given the opportunity to decorate

gingerbread cookies with the assistance of Rams Cheerleaders and Rotary Club volunteers.

Once their cookies were complete, the students then received a hands-on tour of the LAX firetruck. Afterwards they met Gabby, the talking police car. Some students also received gifts from the police officers.

As everyone anticipated the arrival of Santa Claus, LAX Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) agents led the students in singing Christmas carols. The kindergartners then watched and shouted Santa's name when he flew

overhead and waved from a helicopter.

After circling above the crowd, Santa finally landed and read *The Night Before Christmas* to the students. At the conclusion of the event, each student received a complimentary backpack with supplies. The students and staff will never forget this eventful experience!



Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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Marisa Stewart
Site Administrator

Giving Thanks at PrePare PreSchool!

We are so grateful for our wonderful staff and students at PrePare PreSchool! The staff and students celebrated the Thanksgiving Holiday with a feast. All students participated, some dressed as Native Americans and some dressed as Pilgrims. The staff loves to provide engaging opportunities for our students to participate in typical American

traditions. The students enjoyed the experience and the meal, provided by our Food Services Department, was delicious!

The students continued the learning in class with various activities based around Fall/Autumn in the classroom. Students have been doing artwork with leaves, and learning about the colors orange, yellow and brown.

For the winter, we plan to host a Winter Wonderland Workshop of crafts for children and families.



Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Proud of Our Fine Arts

Prairie Vista Middle School (PVMS) offers integrated and designated visual and performing arts. Our exploratory classes include theater dance, band, piano/keyboard, orchestra, ukulele, choir, and art. Under the direction of Ms. Kind, more than 120 students recently participated in “Winter Trees.” They performed a variety of wonderful acts and dances for several hundred family members.

Jaden Gray, former PVMS student and an ABC “Boy Band”

contestant, sang the national anthem. Theater students will continue to provide performances for PVMS, and Ms. Kind will also be directing a school musical this year!

Our choir and band students, under the direction of Mr. Miller, perform for our student body, for parents and families, and, occasionally, at other venues. Dr. Sanchez teaches piano and keyboard, and his students provide recitals for parents and members of the community.

Mrs. Smisko’s visual arts students create interesting and beautiful works of art. Some of our students’ works are displayed in the school library and even in the superintendent’s office.



Ramona *Elementary*

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Patricia Ray
Principal

Welcome, Ms. Sandoval!

Ramona School is excited to welcome our new counselor, Ms. Sandoval. She is a great addition to our amazing team of educators and staff. Ms. Sandoval graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) with bachelor’s degree in human services and received a master’s degree from CSUDH in school counseling. She has worked as a substitute teacher in neighboring districts, including Lawndale Elementary School District and Centinela Valley



Union High School District. Before graduating, she interned at Centinela Youth Services, Inc. as a bilingual mediator for their family mediation program.

Ms. Sandoval grew up in Hawthorne and went to Eucalyptus Elementary School during her early years. She feels that coming back to this school district to serve in a leadership role at Ramona is a huge accomplishment. “I am thrilled to be working with families that make Ramona such a wonderful community, and I hope to continue supporting students in their academic and social/emotional development,” Ms. Sandoval shared.

Washington *Elementary*

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Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Parent Workshops

*By Abi Morales, Literacy Coach,
K-5th Grade*

Washington School has had great success with participation at Parent Workshops this school year!

This year the support staff have presented workshops on different topics

such as attendance, discipline, ELA Benchmark Advance, Math enVision, homework, and technology. Future workshops include Family Literacy, Math, Art Nights, Preparing for SBAC, and Summer Activities. Parent workshops are offered twice a day at 8:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.

These workshops are designed to provide parents with strategies and a better

understanding of our curriculum in order to help their child through their educational experience. We encourage all parents to take an active role in their child's education by attending future workshops.

Your participation has a huge impact on your child's academic success.



York *Elementary*

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

A Fun Place to Play and Learn!

Two new murals have just recently been added to York School on the kindergarten side of campus. These colorful murals were placed in a newly created play area for our kindergarten students to enjoy. Like the mural slogan states, "A fun place to play and learn"! Specifically designed by Operation Clean Slate showing an assortment of young children playing and laughing. The murals enhance a once empty area where a portable classroom sat for years and was removed some time ago leaving a gap between two bungalows. Now the kindergarten students have another small, cute and safe place to play!



New murals that enhance our campus



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Kathy Carbajal
Principal

Next Generation of Female Engineers

The “Girls in Engineering” program at Zela Davis completed its fifth session this fall. These fourth- and fifth-grade students met before school in a collaborative setting aimed to inspire and excite young female learners through engineering design challenges.

Past design challenges include deploying satellites, building cantilevers, designing cranes, and engineering Rube Goldberg Machines. The goal of Girls in Engineering is to help students develop a design-thinking mindset that empowers them to persevere when solving complex problems.

Several local engineering firms played an integral part in supporting our program. Engineers mentored the students as they worked through their design challenges. Most groups had the opportunity to participate in a Saturday field trip in October to an industrial plant. The girls were also invited to spend a day at a different plant to create a group satellite, tour the facility, and participate in a panel discussion with female engineers.



Weather Terms – 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 HAW in the subject line.

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| TORNADO | TSUNAMI |
| CYCLONE | CHILLY |
| EARTHQUAKE | COLD |
| RAIN | HOT |
| THUNDER | FREEZING |
| LIGHTNING | FROST |
| SNOW | SANDSTORM |
| SLEET | THAW |
| WIND | FLOOD |
| STORM | HURRICANE |
| HEAT WAVE | |

Entries must be received by February 15, 2018

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win a GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!

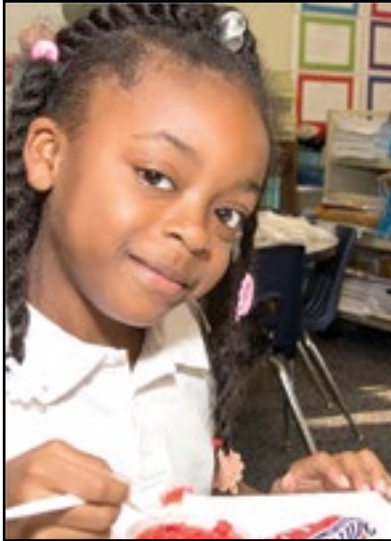


Congratulations to Maria Navarro

Winner of our November Word Search Contest!

Planning A School Meal Menu Considerations

Planificación De Una Comida Escolar Factores a Considerar para el Menú



- Federal & State regulations
 - County health codes
 - Food availability/recalls/weather
 - Equipment
 - Storage space
 - Preparation & service time
 - Food costs/ food packaging
 - Student preferences
 - CN labels, food specifications
 - Menu analysis/food components
- Just to mention a few!

- Regulaciones federales y estatales
 - Códigos de salud del condado
 - Disponibilidad de alimentos/retiros/tiempo
 - Equipo
 - Espacio de almacenaje
 - Tiempo de preparación y servicio
 - Costo de alimentos y envasamiento
 - Preferencia de los estudiantes
 - Etiquetas CN, especificaciones de alimentos
 - Análisis de Menú/components
- Solo para mencionar unos pocos!

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- Parent Survey
@ hawthorneschoolmeals.com
- District Wellness Committee
- Lunch Helpers

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