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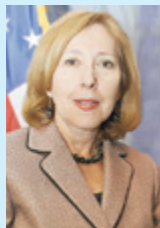


**HSD Board of Trustees recognizes Lt. Goetz and Sgt. Wiley of the Hawthorne Police Department for giving of their own time to conduct active shooter drills at all schools in the district.
(Please see Superintendent's message on page 5)**

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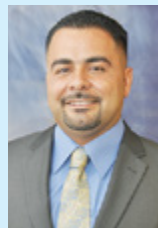
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Programa de Preescolar

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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Reina Robledo
Principal

Reading Sets the Foundation for Success

Reading is one of the best practices parents and families can do with their preschool-aged child. Not only is it a great way to spend time together, but it also increases the child's vocabulary, comprehension, reasoning, grammar and other essential language art skills. Our preschool programs encourage reading with young children because it helps set the foundation for future academic and lifelong success.

La Lectura Establece la Base para el Éxito

La lectura es una de las mejores prácticas que los padres y las familias pueden hacer con su niño en edad preescolar. No sólo es una gran manera de pasar tiempo juntos, pero también aumenta el vocabulario del niño, la comprensión, el razonamiento, la gramática y otras habilidades esenciales del arte del lenguaje. En nuestros centros preescolares promovemos la lectura con niños pequeños, ya que ayuda a establecer las bases para su futuro éxito académico y de toda la vida.





Kay Coop
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Netragrednik

Dr. Morgan's message on the following page is very sobering and at the same time reassuring that the District is prepared to protect their students. Being an educator has evolved over the years from the days of the 3 R's.

In this issue you will read articles on subjects ranging from AVID, College and Career Readiness to Excelerated Reading. Enjoy!

Our next issue is May 30.

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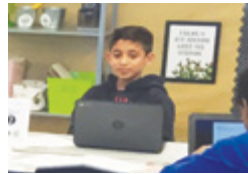
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Contest!

This student is in this publication.

When you find him, email the **page number** to: Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com
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Your entry must be received by **May 15, 2018**.

From the correct entries, we will draw a winner to receive a **GAZUMP card/dice game - fun for all ages!**

Congratulations to Cruz and Jeliz Guerrero winners of the March contest.



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Active Shooter Drills

The tragic event a month ago at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida brings sadness to all of us and makes us pause to reflect on what we would do in the same situation. Unfortunately, this is a reality we have to consider and prepare for so that we can keep our students as safe as possible. In light of the multiple incidents of school shootings in recent years, we have reached out to our local police department to assist us in preparing ourselves for such an event. While we never want to experience such a terrible incident, we would be remiss to not prepare. We prepare for fires and earthquakes. We need to prepare for this too.

Lt. Goetz and Sgt. Wiley of the Hawthorne Police Department have been working with each of our schools to prepare them for an active shooter on campus. They have reinforced the importance of barricading doors and hiding in classrooms. If students are on the yard, they are encouraged to run to safety. Lt. Goetz and Sgt. Wiley visit each one of our schools and conducts these drills on their own time. Lt. Goetz then follows up with a detailed review of how the schools can improve and what they did well.

The Hawthorne School District is grateful to the Hawthorne Police Department, Lt. Goetz, and Sgt. Wiley for their commitment to performing this service for our staff and students. We will continue to conduct these drills to ensure our students and staff have the skills necessary to react appropriately to an unwanted intruder. It is always better to be over prepared for something that will (hopefully) never happen; than to be underprepared if something should happen.



Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

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Lleva a Cabo Simulacros de Tirador Activo

El trágico evento que sucedió hace un mes en la Preparatoria Marjory Stoneman Douglas en Florida nos trae tristeza a todos y hace que nos detengamos a reflexionar sobre lo que haríamos si nos encontráramos en la misma situación. Desafortunadamente, esta es una realidad que tenemos que considerar y prepararnos para poder mantener a nuestros estudiantes lo más seguros posible. A la luz de los múltiples incidentes de tiroteos escolares en los últimos años, nos hemos comunicado con nuestro departamento de policía local para que nos ayude a estar preparados para tal evento. Si bien, nunca queremos experimentar un incidente tan terrible, seríamos negligentes al no prepararnos. Nos preparamos para los incendios y terremotos. Necesitamos prepararnos para esto también.

El teniente Goetz y el sargento Wiley del Departamento de Policía de Hawthorne han estado trabajando con cada una de nuestras escuelas para prepararlas para un tirador activo en el plantel escolar. Han reforzado la importancia de obstruir las puertas y esconderse en los salones de clase. Si los estudiantes están en el patio de recreo, se les alienta a correr hacia un lugar seguro. El teniente Goetz y el sargento Wiley visitan cada una de nuestras escuelas y realizan estos simulacros en su tiempo libre. Luego, el teniente Goetz hace un seguimiento con una revisión detallada de cómo las escuelas pueden mejorar y lo que hicieron bien.

El Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne está agradecido con el Departamento de Policía de Hawthorne, el teniente Goetz y el sargento Wiley por su compromiso de realizar este servicio para nuestro personal y estudiantes. Continuaremos realizando estos simulacros para asegurar que nuestros estudiantes y personal tengan las habilidades necesarias para reaccionar de manera apropiada ante un intruso no deseado. Siempre es mejor estar preparado para algo que (con suerte) nunca tenga que suceder; que no estar preparado si algo sucediera.



Bud Carson *Middle School*

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Mark Silva
Principal

AVID Success

AVID is a program that started in high schools to help students who ordinarily might not consider college to realize their potential. It was so successful in raising college attendance rates that it is now implemented at the middle-school level.

Beginning in seventh grade, targeted students at Bud Carson participate in a two-year AVID program that usually continues to high school. Led by advisors Mr. Mesa and Mr. Zavala, AVID students learn how to inquire, think critically, collaborate, organize their work, and become better prepared for high school and college. They visit colleges for exposure and take field trips to other educational destinations. AVID hosted a College and Career Spirit Week this year that featured a schoolwide college door-decorating contest. AVID students also complete five hours of community service to teach them responsibility and to raise their awareness of community needs.

AVID is a vital component in Bud Carson's never-ending efforts to ensure success for our students.



Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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Esau Berumen
Principal

College Preparation is Our Mission

By Martha Castellanos, Assistant Principal

HMSA is committed to college and career readiness, and offers a variety of activities that engage all grade levels.

Our students recently toured college campuses to learn more about the different institutions that will later inform their college application

process. Our eleventh-grade students traveled to San Diego State University, UC San Diego, and the University of San Diego. The tenth-grade students toured UC Irvine and CSU Dominguez Hills. Our ninth-graders visited Cal Poly Pomona. Some of our students also visited Cal Tech and Occidental College.

Last month our eleventh-grade students began their college application process by attending a Saturday workshop with the counselors to help plan their next

steps. The counselors are currently meeting individually with students and parents to discuss admission requirements, application timelines, and college options.

HMSA will conclude the year with College Signing Day on May 18. At this event, the Class of 2018 will announce their college plans and sign their commitment to their chosen college or university.



Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

Koalas Spring Forward

Eucalyptus Elementary School was excited to offer a spring intersession to third- through fifth-graders during the first week of spring break. Our goal was to provide students with extra support in technology, math, and English language arts as we prepare for state testing. In addition, Mrs. Ortiz, our dean, and Mrs. Villa, our counselor, provided lessons on team building and conflict resolution.

Over 130 students attended and were placed in 13 classes. When asked about the program, third-grader Matthew Ocampo said, “I’m sad it’s ending. I understand fractions better, and I enjoyed the number talks.” Fourth-grader Cassius Reed added, “I think it was actually fun getting to talk and work with a group. I wasn’t all that good at number lines and fractions, but, with this help, now I am. I also think knowing different strategies for times when I get angry will help me to make better choices.”

Koala Nation was proud to offer this meaningful and positive experience for students and staff, and we hope to continue with the program in the future.



Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Rudy Salas
Principal

Peer Mediators Strengthen Skills

By Ken Takata, Dean of Students

Hawthorne Middle School students attended the 2018 Peer Mediation Invitational at the Western Justice Center in Pasadena. Students worked with professional mediators, high school improvisation actors, and other elementary and middle school students. Highlights included meeting “Judge Judy” Chirlin and Judge Dorothy Nelson as well as touring the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

At the invitational, students strengthened their peer-mediation skills through practice and feedback. Additionally, they attended a skills workshop where they engaged in dialogue with peers and coaches. Students were celebrated for the key roles that they play in their peace-building efforts at school.

Hawthorne Middle School’s STARS (**ST**udents **A**ble to

Resolve **S**ituations) Peer Mediation meet twice per week to learn problem-solving skills and perform real peer-mediations. HMS serves as the Centinela Youth Services model middle-school peer-mediation program. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please contact the office.

Here are some comments from our mediators:

“Peer mediation is important because it helps us develop as individuals in society.”—Elizabeth C.

“I liked when we all got certificates for our work as mediators.”—Dylan E.

“Mock mediations were valuable. They taught me some new questioning strategies.”—Angelica H.

“I am glad I was able to participate and be able to sharpen my mediation skills to help my fellow Hawks.”—Diego I.

“I liked when we got to see the high school students act out lines using improvisation.”—Jolie A.

Jefferson *Elementary*

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Josh Godin
Principal

A Healthy Mindset

Healthy foods make healthy families! One way to encourage healthy choices is to have students learn where food comes from and what makes some food healthier. Have you ever tasted a tomato from the market and then tasted one right off the vine from a garden? There's a huge difference!

Jefferson Elementary School started a garden with help from our amazing parent

volunteers! Our parents have been influential and generous, providing a greenhouse, tools, manpower, and a variety of plant seeds and some flowers for the garden.

Our kindergarten and first-grade classes are taking over the care and harvesting of the fruits and vegetables. Teachers will provide lessons on healthy choices, teach the students where food comes from, and help the students to prepare healthy meals from the fruits and vegetables harvested from the garden.



Kornblum *Elementary*

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LaTima Jones
Principal

Drop-Off Zone Volunteers

Kornblum's parent volunteers are an integral part of the school community. They help with so many events and activities on our campus. They decorate for events, operate our incentive program, support classroom activities, and provide additional supervision.

Our volunteers are now providing much-needed support during our morning drop-off program in the parking lot, rain or shine. The volunteers pick up their safety vests in the office and line up along the white drop-off zone in front of our entrance gate. Parents drive up to the curb to drop off their children. Our volunteers greet the parents and students with a smile and a welcoming "Good Morning!" as they open the doors of the cars to help the students to quickly and safely enter the campus. They tell the parents, "Have good day!" as they close the car doors.



We are grateful for their assistance in maintaining a safe environment for our students. Go Cardinals!

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Academic Enrichment

By Alma Contreras and Margaret Gray, Site Coaches

Prairie Vista Middle School (PVMS) hosted its annual Math and Literacy Night on March 1 in the Panther cafeteria. More than 100 people attended and participated in various activities and games involving math and literacy

themes. Staff members engaged students and their families in 10 activities, including Jeopardy, math bingo, fishbowl speeches, constructing marshmallow polyhedrons, and board games. Families had fun playing, competing, and interacting with their students and other families. Participants enjoyed a delicious pizza dinner with dessert. The evening was a scholastic success!

Implementation of Springboard and StudySync adoptions in math and language arts at PVMS consists of ongoing student collaboration, formative assessments, and

differentiation to enhance student engagement. In addition to those instructional strategies, Interim Assessment Block practices have been infused in both language arts and math, along with cumulative review and regular teacher collaboration, which will increase student achievement on a regular basis.



PVMS families enjoy math and literacy enrichment games during Math and Literacy Night

Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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Marisa Stewart
Site Administrator

Change is Underway

There are many changes underway at Prairie Vista (PV) South School campus in preparation for a great 2018–2019 school year. During this last trimester of the 2017–2018 school year, we are already gearing up for next year.

For the 2018–2019 school year, PrePare Preschool will go back to a half-day preschool program. We will offer both morning and afternoon sessions. At this time, the specific schedules are not available, but we will share the information with parents as soon as it becomes available.

For the 2018–19 school year, we will welcome the Hawthorne School District (HSD) Preschool Program to the PV South campus. The HSD Preschools were previously



housed on the campuses of Eucalyptus and Zela Davis Schools. For the 2018–2019 school year, they will be housed on the PV South campus. Welcome HSD preschools!

We are also pleased to announce that PV South has paired with our community partner Sharefest for some wonderful school improvements! Sharefest has coordinated with an asset management firm to bring some exciting aesthetic changes to our campus. Volunteers from the asset management firm and Sharefest were on the PV South campus in May for an exciting workday, including the creation of six

beautiful murals, the planting of self-sustaining vegetation in several locations around campus, and the installation of a privacy screen on the fence around our field. We are so excited about these great changes, and we are very grateful to our partners and our volunteers for their generous donations of time and material. We invite you to come by and see the changes!

Ramona *Elementary*

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Patricia Ray
Principal

Building Community

On Friday, March 9th, our Ramona families had the opportunity to relax and enjoy a chilly but safe and beautiful night under the stars. The Ramona Parent Teacher Association (PTA) organized the outdoor movie night and showed the movie *Coco* on a big screen on our soccer field.

Over 100 families brought chairs, blankets, and pillows to make themselves

comfortable on the grass. Children played and adults socialized while waiting for the movie to begin. Many adults and children sang along to the familiar songs during the movie, and some even danced.

Events like this are not only fun, they also strengthen our sense of community. Research shows that students in schools with a strong sense of community are more likely to be academically motivated, to act ethically, and to develop social and emotional competencies (Schaps, 2003).

We hope.

York *Elementary*

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

Lead to Read!

Our school library is open daily for our second- through fifth-grade students to test and also exchange their Accelerated Reading books. This task could not happen without our wonderful student volunteers!

We are so thankful for our students who volunteer to help others. Ms. Pusateri, our special projects teacher has trained our student volunteers and is delighted with the outcome.



This allows all of our students to come into the computer laboratory and also the library prior to the beginning of class to obtain a new reading book. The morning program has been key to keeping students in class during instructional time. Fifth-grade student Marilinda Beltran stated that she loves reading and is happy to help others in the library!



“Our students are so supportive to the AR program,” she said. “They come every morning ready to help. I appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm!”



5th grade student, Marilinda Beltran helping in our library.

Washington *Elementary*

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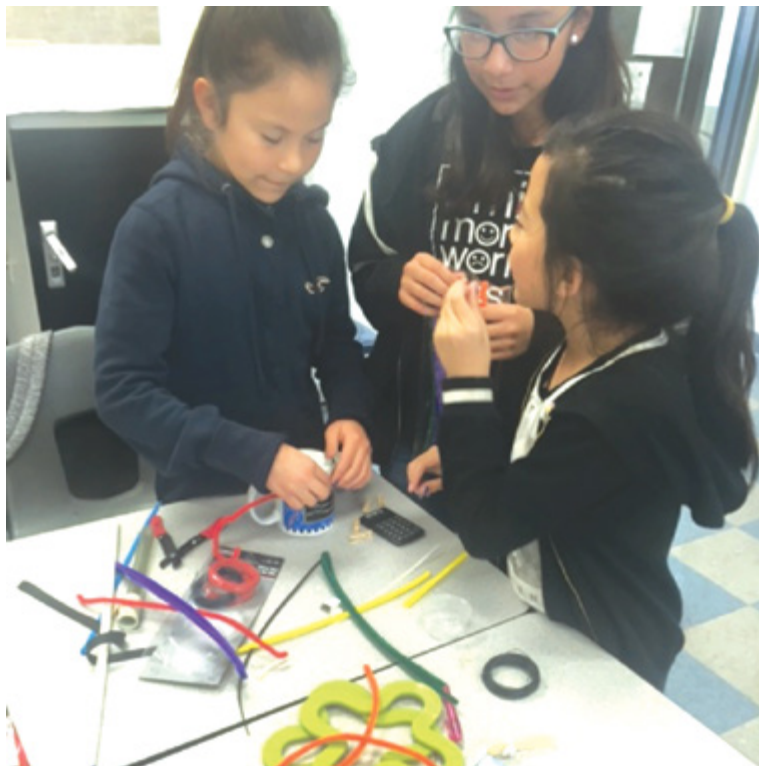
Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

STEAM

*By Polet Barajas,
4th Grade Teacher*

Washington School is proud to present the after school STEAM Club. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

Combining these disciplines, Mrs. Barajas and Ms. Wilson hope to invigorate a group of students who are curious, excited, and dedicated. The STEAM Club consists of 24 fourth and fifth grade students. At our first STEAM Club meeting, the students had the opportunity to explore engineering practices through a hands-on challenge. The students are gaining and enhancing their critical thinking, problem solving, collaborative, and creative skills. The students are collectively working on projects that will be displayed at the Hawthorne STEAM Carnival on May 19, 2018.



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Kathy Carbajal
Principal

STEM Super Saturday

*By John Paterson,
Assistant Principal*

STEM Super Saturday took place at Zela Davis Elementary on March 3. It was a remarkable day for Zela Davis students, parents and staff! Over 300 K-5 families attended and explored careers and projects in science, technology, engineering and math.

Families participated in teacher-led lessons focused around design challenges from building suspension bridges to creating self-propelled race cars. Families explored 10 different classrooms that were transformed into Career Exploration Rooms where students met with professionals in various STEM-related fields. BCMS and HMSA students displayed projects to show how Zela Davis “bridges” to higher levels of STEM education.

The tremendous success of the event was all made possible through the hard work and support of staff, student and parent volunteers, BCMS, HMSA, and corporate and local-business community partners.



Dr. Morgan and ZD students pose for a photo with Jiji from ST Math



What is in My Drink? ¿Que contiene mi bebida?

MILK is full of calcium and vitamins • WATER keeps us hydrated
LECHE está llena de calcio y vitaminas • AGUA nos mantiene hidratados



Sodas, energy drinks, and other sweetened drinks are packed with **hidden sugars** and are unhealthy for us.

Sodas, bebidas energéticas y otras bebidas azucaradas están llenas de **azúcares ocultos** y no son saludables para nosotros.

540, 5th grade students were surveyed @ HSD.
Here is what they said about beverages at home!

- 32 % drink regular soda daily
- 42% drink sweetened drinks daily
- 78% intend to drink more water

Esto es lo que 540 estudiantes en el 5to grado dijeron sobre las bebidas en el hogar!

- 32 % beben sodas diariamente
- 42% beben bebidas azucaradas diariamente
- 78% tienen la intención de beber más agua

Do not buy soda or sweetened beverages at home! If you don't bring it home, they will drink it less. You are in charge of the home environment. Encourage your child to drink more low fat milk and water so they can grow healthy and strong!

At school, soda is not served or allowed at school during the school day. Even 100% fruit juice is limited in portion sizes, (4-8 oz) and frequency. We serve mostly whole fruits. Our milk is 1% or nonfat white. And nonfat flavored milk is only offered at middle and high school.

No compren bebidas azucaradas para el hogar! Si usted no las trae a casa, beberán menos. Usted está a cargo del ambiente en su hogar. Anime a su hijo a beber leche baja en grasa y agua para que puedan crecer sanos y fuertes!

En la escuela, no se sirve, ni se permite sodas durante el día escolar. Incluso hasta el jugo 100% de fruta está limitado en tamaño de porciones (4.8 oz) y las veces que lo toman. Generalmente servimos frutas. Nuestra leche es de 1% o sin grasa. Leche sin grasa con sabor sólo se ofrece en la escuela secundaria y preparatoria.



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