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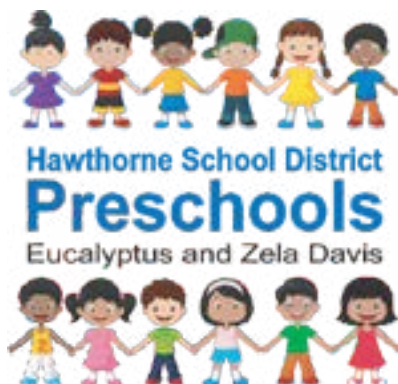
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Principal

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- Desarrollan habilidades sociales y comportamiento emocional.





**Kay Coop**  
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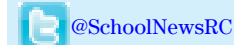
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Welcome back to another school year. The beginning of school is always filled

with excitement of seeing old friends and meeting new ones, meeting new teachers, finding where everything is and settling into a routine. We thank you for including *School News* in your routine. We are excited to continue to bring you the excellence from the classrooms.

In this back to school issue we highlight each principal. It is fun to read about where they went to school, about their families, hobbies and pets, etc. I remember way back when I was in school I was so surprised to learn that my teachers actually had families and a life outside of the classroom.

Be sure to tell your friends and relatives they can read *School News* on our web site and we now offer a podcast. Our next issue is November 1. In the meantime, have a fun Halloween.



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**If interested, contact us: Phone:**(310)794-0089

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# Welcome Back!

This morning I walked from our District Office to Jefferson School to be part of the first day of school excitement! This day is always filled with an array of emotions: big smiles as the students see friends they haven't seen all summer, some tears from both the kindergarten students and the kindergarten parents as that initial separation happens, and a little sadness that summer is over and it's time to get back to a regular routine. Whatever the emotion, school has started and I couldn't be happier.

I am hoping to take this opportunity to encourage our families to walk to and from school if at all possible. As you know, our schools, for the most part, are located on residential streets. These streets become quite congested in the morning and afternoon, making it difficult for our neighbors to enter and exit their homes. A short walk to and from school could give you the opportunity to talk with your child about what they are expecting of the day ahead or how their day went. When we are in the car, conversation is often disrupted by the radio, a phone call, or trying to navigate through traffic. We are fortunate to have neighborhood schools that are usually a short walk away from home. I know it isn't always possible to walk to school, but if you can, please give it a try. A little exercise and a nice conversation with your child is a great way to start the day!

I wish everyone a happy, safe, and successful school year!  
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**Dr. Helen E. Morgan**  
Superintendent



# ¡Bienvenidos!

Esta mañana caminé desde nuestra Oficina del Distrito hasta la Escuela Primaria Jefferson para ser parte de la gran emoción del ¡primer día de escuela! Este día siempre está lleno de una serie de emociones: grandes sonrisas mientras los estudiantes ven a sus amigos que no han visto durante todo el verano, algunas lágrimas derramadas de los estudiantes y padres de kínder cuando ocurre esa separación inicial y un poco de tristeza porque el verano ha terminado y es hora de volver a la rutina regular. Sea cual sea la emoción, la escuela ha comenzado y no podría estar más feliz.

Espero aprovechar esta oportunidad para alentar a nuestras familias a caminar hacia y desde la escuela si es posible. Como ustedes saben, nuestras escuelas, en su mayor parte, están ubicadas en calles residenciales. Estas calles se vuelven bastante congestionadas por la mañana y por la tarde, lo que hace difícil para nuestros vecinos entrar y salir de sus hogares. Un corto paseo hacia y desde la escuela podría darle la oportunidad de conversar con su hijo(a) acerca de lo que esperan del día que comienza o cómo fue su día. Cuando estamos en el coche, la conversación es a menudo interrumpida por la radio, una llamada telefónica, o al tratar de navegar a través del tráfico. Tenemos la suerte de tener escuelas aledañas que suelen estar cercanas a su hogar. Sé que no siempre es posible caminar a la escuela, pero si puede, por favor inténtelo. ¡Un poco de ejercicio y una conversación agradable con su niño(a) es una gran manera de comenzar el día!

¡Les deseo a todos un año escolar feliz, seguro y exitoso!  
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# Bud Carson *Middle School*

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**Mark Silva**  
*Principal*

Mark Silva has been with the Hawthorne School District for 24 years. He started as a math teacher at HMS and eventually became a special projects teacher at PVMS before starting his administrative career as an assistant principal at Eucalyptus and HMS. This will be his 4th year as the principal of Bud Carson Middle School.

Mr. Silva is excited about this school year! He feels that his students will thrive with all of the opportunities provided for them at BCMS. This year there will be additional exploratory classes as well as more

extracurricular activities. Project Lead the Way continues to be at the heart of the STEM focus at BCMS. Our 6th graders will come to us even more prepared due to the implementation of PLTW classes at our feeder school, Zela Davis. BCMS teachers love to see their students flourish in such an exciting, interactive environment.

For fun, Mr. Silva surfs and runs. He has two sons, ages 20 and 25, who surf and skate. His wife also surfs and his favorite thing to do is surf with the whole family. He also enjoys spending time with his two dogs, Stewie, 7 and Rosie, 3. Mr. Silva is also an identical twin and he loves having his brother come to school to confuse his students!

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# Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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**Esau Berumen**  
*Principal*

Principal Esau Berumen has been member of the Hawthorne School District family since 1997. He began his career as a long term substitute teacher at York Elementary School. After one month as a substitute teacher, he became the 7th Grade Life Science teacher at Hawthorne Intermediate School, which is now known as Hawthorne Middle School.

In 2003, Mr. Berumen applied for and became the first Biology teacher at the soon to be open Hawthorne Math & Science Academy, HMSA. He is one of the six HMSA founding teachers. As the school grew, he became the Science Department Chair and the school's College Prep Advisor. During his last year of teaching Biology at HMSA, he received the school's Teacher of the Year award. In 2007, Mr. Berumen became the assistant principal of HMSA, and in 2010 he became HMSA's third principal. In 2016, Mr. Berumen was awarded the

Hawthorne School District's Roger G. Bly Leadership Award. During his tenure, HMSA has been awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award twice, 2010 and 2016.

Mr. Berumen earned his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Occidental College. He earned both his teaching credential and his first Master's degree in Cross Cultural Education from National University. In 2004, he went back to school to earn both his administrative credential and second Master's degree in Educational Leadership from California State University Northridge. In 2012, Occidental College's Alumni Association awarded him the Young Alumni Seal Award. Recently, Occidental College's Alumni Association awarded Mr. Berumen the 2017 Alumni Seal Award for Professional Achievement.

Mr. Berumen has been married for 15 years and is father to three children. Two of his children will be attending schools in the Hawthorne School District this coming year. In his free time, he enjoys being with his family, reading books, and watching an occasional game of rugby.

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# Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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**Mike Goldstein**  
*Principal*

Mike Goldstein is beginning his 19th year in the Hawthorne School District. He grew up in Santa Cruz California and attended college at the University of Redlands, where he played football and earned a BA in History. After graduating in 1997, he received his teaching credential and MA in Cross Cultural Teaching from National University. In 1999 Mr. Goldstein was hired by the Hawthorne School District. He worked at Hawthorne Middle School for 7 years as an 8th grade Language Arts/ Social Studies and Special Projects teacher. During

that time he enrolled in the Educational Administrative program at California State University Northridge, and graduated with an MA in Educational Administration in 2006. Prior to becoming principal at Eucalyptus, Mr. Goldstein served as Assistant Principal at HMS (2006-2008) and Eucalyptus (2009) and Principal at York Elementary School from 2009-2013.

Mr. Goldstein lives in Redondo Beach with his wife Cynthia and two daughters; Cyndi (age 12) and Amanda (age 11). When he's not at work, Mr. Goldstein enjoys traveling with his family. He is excited to begin his 5th year as the Principal of Eucalyptus Elementary School.

# Hawthorne *Middle School*

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**Rudy Salas**  
*Principal*

Mr. Rudy Salas has been with the Hawthorne School District for the past seventeen years. Prior to Hawthorne Middle School, he served as the Assistant Principal for Prairie Vista Middle School and as a classroom teacher at Kornblum Elementary.

Mr. Salas is honored to be the instructional leader at Hawthorne Middle School and looks forward to the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. He will collaborate

with a motivated and highly skilled staff to provide an engaging and dynamic school experience. The staff at HMS will continue to develop and prepare students to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world. Hawthorne Middle School provides a supportive learning environment where individuals are treated with dignity, courtesy, and respect.

Mr. Salas earned his Bachelor of Arts from California State University-San Jose. He attained his Teaching Credential and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from California State University-Dominguez Hills.

Mr. Salas lives in Hawthorne with his wife and three children ages 13, 9 and 5 years old. He enjoys spending time with his family, coaching soccer, playing golf and reading books.

Mr. Salas is committed to working with parents, students, staff, and community partners to improve academic achievement. Hawthorne Middle School encourages you to visit the school and our parent center. School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM Office Phone: 310 676-0167.

Mr. Salas is pleased to announce that the California Department of Education has recognized Hawthorne Middle School as a Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Achievement School.

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# Jefferson *Elementary*

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**Josh Godin**  
*Principal*

Josh Godin has been in the Hawthorne School District for 15 years. He started as a 5th grade teacher at Kornblum. He then left to teach 1st grade in New Mexico for one year, but he came back the next year to Jefferson Elementary. Mr. Godin taught a 1st and 2nd grade combination class, 3rd grade, and 4th grade while at Jefferson. He left Jefferson to become the Special Projects Teacher at Prairie Vista Middle School for 2 years. For the past four years he was the Assistant Principal at Bud Carson Middle School. This will be Mr. Godin's first year as Principal at Jefferson! Mr. Godin is excited to be back home at Jefferson and

ready for a great year! He is excited to work with the outstanding staff at Jefferson and looks forward to a fun filled year with many opportunities for parents to see the successes at Jefferson. He knows the students will grow academically and socially throughout the year as they participate and experience all of the programs offered during the school day and afterschool as well.

For fun Mr. Godin likes to do many outdoor sports, such as surfing, basketball, and running with his two dogs on the beach, Morgan, 2 ½ and Cali, 2 years old. Mr. Godin grew up in Oregon and went to college at Portland State University. In college he played football and ran track. Mr. Godin also loves to travel with his wife of 10 years.

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# Kornblum *Elementary*

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**LaTima Jones**  
*Principal*

LaTima Jones began her fifth year as the principal at Kornblum Elementary School. Under her leadership, Kornblum received the prestigious honor of being named a Gold Ribbon School for parent involvement and The Title I Academic Achievement Award by the State of California in the 2016. She leading Kornblum School in integrating STEM through Project Lead the Way into the curriculum and events this school year. She has been an employee of the Hawthorne School District since 1997 as an elementary teacher, literacy coach, and assistant principal at the elementary and middle school levels.

Ms. Jones graduated from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1995 with a degree in psychology. She earned her teaching credential through Chapman University and attended Pepperdine University to complete her master's degree.

Ms. Jones was a student-athlete throughout her years at USC, earning the Scholar Athlete Award of Honor for Academic Excellence, as receiving a solid education was her primary goal. She earned All-American honors in track and field, was a Pac-10 Conference champion, and qualified for the 1996 Olympic Trials. She uses these experiences to connect with students. She stresses that education is the foundation on which they will build all of their future success.

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# Prairie Vista *Middle School*

13600 Prairie Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/679-1003 • [www.prairievistamiddle.org](http://www.prairievistamiddle.org)



**Wendy Ostensen**  
*Principal*

Wendy Ostensen is excited to be the principal of Prairie Vista Middle School, Home of the Panthers. She has been in the field of education for 26 years. During this time she has been a science teacher, activity director, middle school site administrator, and elementary school site administrator. She is proud to have worked in the Hawthorne School District for her entire educational career. Ms. Ostensen earned her Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from California State University, Long Beach and her Master's Degree/ Administrative Credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Ms. Ostensen grew up in southern California and resides in Hawthorne, "The City of Good Neighbors." Her two sons are former HSD students, so she also approaches the job from a Hawthorne parent's point of view. She is excited to collaborate with the dedicated PVMS staff to continue the focus on Common Core State Standards in order to prepare students for success in college and career readiness. Ms. Ostensen is also looking forward to working with PVMS' students and parents in order to improve and enrich student achievement. Ms. Ostensen embraces the school's fine arts academy which showcases students' wonderful talents in art, music, theatre, and dance.



# Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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**Marisa Stewart**  
*Site Administrator*

Prairie Vista South's Site Administrator is Marisa Stewart. She was born and raised in the Southbay area and has spent her entire career in education serving the families of the Hawthorne School District for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Stewart has worked in the Hawthorne School District since 1996 where she worked as an instructional aide at Zela Davis School. She became a bilingual teacher at Zela Davis and then later moved to Ramona School at the inception of the Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program. She taught at Ramona School for several years until moving to the district office as the first district English Learner Specialist and earning district teacher of the year. Once completing the certificate for administration, Mrs. Stewart

worked at Hawthorne Middle School as assistant principal and most recently at Eucalyptus School. She received her bachelor's degree from California State University Long Beach. She completed her teaching credential program at Chapman University in Fullerton and later her Master's Degree and Administrative credential through California State University Dominguez Hills.

Mrs. Stewart is excited to continue to work with the PrePrepare PreSchool program on the Prairie Vista South campus as well as the district's STOP, Opportunity and Alternative Education Programs. Prairie Vista South is a versatile site that is always shifting in changing. 2017-18 will prove to be a year of continued change and Mrs. Stewart anticipates many successes and smooth transitions.

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## Ramona *Elementary*

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**Patricia Ray**  
*Principal*

Patricia Ray has been named the new principal of Ramona School. Dr. Ray grew up in Anaheim, California but began her teaching career in the Bronx, New York. She returned to California and joined the Hawthorne School District family in 1999. She has taught third and fifth grades at Washington and Kornblum Elementary Schools and sixth grade math and science at Bud Carson Middle School. Dr. Ray also

served as the literacy coach at Jefferson Elementary school for several years before becoming an administrator. Dr. Ray was the assistant principal at Zela Davis Elementary School

and Prairie Vista Middle School before being promoted to principal of Prairie Vista Middle School.

Dr. Ray graduated from the University of San Diego in 1986 with a degree in political science and sociology, earned her teaching credential and master's degree in elementary education from Hunter College in New York City, and attended Pepperdine University to complete a master's degree in administration. Most recently Dr. Ray graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a doctoral degree in educational leadership for social justice.

Dr. Ray is prepared and excited to take on this new challenge of being the instructional leader at Ramona School. Go Rams!

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## Washington *Elementary*

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**Maritza Cruz-Brown**  
*Principal*

Mrs. Cruz-Brown has been with the Hawthorne School District since 1998. She graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1998 with a degree in sociology and earned her teaching credential from California State University, Dominguez Hills in 2003. In 2004, she received her master's degree in administration from Pepperdine University.

Mrs. Cruz-Brown began her teaching career at Eucalyptus School, where she taught second and fifth grades. After nine years as a "koala-ty" educator, she became a hawk at Hawthorne Middle School, where she taught sixth grade math and

science and played an integral part in the expansion of the Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Academy (TWBI). In 2012 she became the math coach for Washington and Kornblum Elementary Schools. After two years of coaching, she served as the assistant principal at Zela Davis Elementary School where she helped implement the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program. She is very enthusiastic to start her third year as the principal of Washington Elementary School.

Mrs. Cruz-Brown grew up in Southern California and now resides in Lakewood, California with her family. They have always encouraged her to grow professionally and try new things. Mrs. Cruz-Brown enjoys traveling and making memories with her family.

# York *Elementary*

11838 S. York Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250 • 310/675-1189 • [www.hsdnyork.org](http://www.hsdnyork.org)



**Jennifer Beekman**  
*Principal*

I am looking forward to another wonderful school year as a Superstar! The entire York staff, students and parents assisted us being recognized as a Gold Ribbon and Title 1 Academic Achievement School. The staff at York are professional and dedicated with a focus on student achievement and developing a positive school environment. York is considered family friendly with many special events and parent volunteers supporting our students success.

This is my thirty third year as an educator in the Hawthorne School District. These years include teaching eleven years at Hawthorne Intermediate, Zela Davis and Williams School. I have been an administrator for twenty two years at the following schools: Zela Davis, Prairie Vista

Middle, Kornblum and York.

I grew up in the Central Valley and attended Clovis High School. I graduated from California State University, Fresno with a Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies. I obtained my Masters of Arts Degree in Education Administration at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

I continue to have the opportunity to meet wonderful families in the Hawthorne School District. It is amazing that so many of our former students return with their own children. I enjoy keeping the valuable connections with the community and alumni. I truly appreciate those who come back to volunteer!

Thank you for your ongoing support to York School!

Follow York School on Facebook and refer to our website for updated information. We are going to have a fabulous 2017 – 2018 school year!

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# Zela Davis *Elementary*

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**Kathy Carbajal**  
*Principal*

The 2017-2018 school year marks Kathy Carbajal's eighth year as principal of Zela Davis STEM PREP Elementary School. Ms. Carbajal attended California State University, Dominguez Hills, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and Administrative Credential. Prior to attending CSUDH, she had the opportunity to attend the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara for two years, where she was able to greatly enhance her skills in Spanish.

Ms. Carbajal has been in education for 22 years, and during this time she has been an Administrator, English Learners Special Projects Teacher, and Classroom Teacher. Ms. Carbajal has been fortunate to work for the Hawthorne School District her entire career, and in 2016 was awarded the Roger G. Bly Leadership Award by the Board of Trustees for her outstanding service and professional leadership.

During her tenure at Zela Davis, she has been able to enhance students' access to technology by increasing the amount of iPads and Chromebooks available to each class. This year the ratio of chromebooks is 1:1 in grades three, four, and five, and 2:1 in grades one and two. The goal in familiarizing our students with technology is twofold: improving their typing skills, and teaching them to use word processing programs proficiently--abilities they will need to master in order to be college and career ready.

Her amazing staff and students participate in STEM programs such as Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Iridescent Family Science Nights, and Girls in Engineering. In 2017-2018 Ms. Carbajal and her STEM Staff will expand the Project Lead the Way curriculum with additional classes in kindergarten and first grade.

Zela Davis was awarded Gold Ribbon status by the California Department of Education 2015, was recognized as The California Project Lead the Way School of the Year in 2016, and received the Follet Challenge People's Choice Award in 2017.





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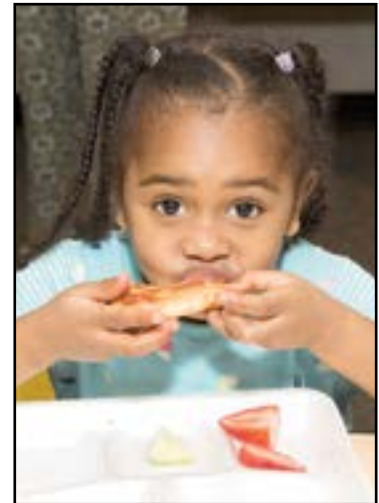
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