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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 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



Reina Robledo
Principal

Transitioning to Kindergarten

Kindergarten is the next big step on your child's academic journey. As parents, some of the ways you can help your child prepare for this exciting new adventure includes talking enthusiastically with your child about starting kindergarten, setting and practicing new routines, as well as attending your local school's transition to kindergarten meetings. A successful move into kindergarten will help your child have a positive attitude about school and learning.

Transición al Jardín de Infantes

El jardín de infantes es el siguiente gran paso en el camino académico de su hijo/a. Como padres de familia, algunas de las maneras que usted puede ayudar a su hijo/a a prepararse para esta nueva y emocionante aventura incluye hablar con entusiasmo con su hijo/a acerca de comenzar el jardín de infantes, establecer y practicar nuevas rutinas, así como asistir a su escuela local para las reuniones de la transición al jardín de infantes. Un movimiento exitoso en el jardín de infantes ayudará a que su hijo/a tenga una actitud positiva sobre la escuela y el aprendizaje.



Congratulations HMSA!

Through the years we have celebrated many accomplishments achieved by Hawthorne Math a Science Academy (HMSA). This year is no exception. In addition to being recognized as a California Distinguished School, HMSA celebrates their standings on the *US News and World Report National Rankings of the Best High Schools*. While HMSA has appeared on these lists many times, we are always proud of the hard work of the staff, students and families in continuing this honor.

This year HMSA is ranked in the following:

- California High Schools – Rank #11
- US High Schools – Rank #89
- US Charter High Schools – Rank #20

Once again, please join me in celebrating another great accomplishment!



Dr. Helen E. Morgan
Superintendent

¡Felicidades HMSA!

A través de los años, hemos celebrado muchos logros obtenidos por la Academia de Matemáticas y Ciencias de Hawthorne (HMSA). Este año no es la excepción. Además de ser reconocida como una Escuela Distinguida de California, HMSA celebra su clasificación en el Ranking Nacional de US News y World Report. Si bien HMSA ha aparecido en estas listas muchas veces, siempre estamos orgullosos del arduo trabajo del personal escolar, los estudiantes y las familias para continuar con este honor.

Este año HMSA se clasifica en las siguientes:

- Escuelas Secundarias de California – Clasificación #11
- Escuelas Secundarias de los Estados Unidos - Clasificación #89
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Una vez más, ¡únanse a mí para celebrar otro gran logro!



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Another successful school year is coming to a close. The District as a whole has had many accomplishments and accolades.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019. It is always hard to say goodbye to friends, but the good news is an exciting future awaits either in higher learning or the workforce. We wish all of the graduates well in their endeavors.

Our next issue is September 4th just in time to begin a new school year. If you missed any issues this year, all current and archived issues are available on our web site www.schoolnewsrollcall.com. If you don't have time to read and

want to listen to podcasts of the superintendent's messages, they are also available on our web site.

Have a wonderful summer. Please remember to include the library among your activity choices.

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Encouraging Teens to Read for Pleasure

The amount of time that teens spend reading for pleasure has declined a lot over the past few years. Whether this is due to time spent with screen media, or other factors is unknown.

Fortunately, we do know the way to encourage readers of any age: Keep books in the house, set aside daily reading time, and read yourself. For teens specifically, it may help to tap into whatever they're passionate about — if you can name it, there's a book about it. In a world filled with entertaining diversions, it can be difficult for teens to find reading material that really motivates them to read. Check our reviews (you can sort our book reviews by age, genre, and topic). Here are some more ideas:

Try an ereader. Ereaders offer your teen a bit more independence, flexibility, privacy — they're great for travel.

Consider humor. Some teens just need the funny.

Draw inspiration from pop culture. Late-night comedians, musicians, and even software developers (think Steve Jobs) are great subjects (or authors!) for teen reading because they're relevant to teens' lives.

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LaTima Jones
Principal

Inclusion

This school year our Huskies added two autism classes to the campus. Mrs. Okonkwo and Ms. Washington are serving as our classroom teachers and they are doing an excellent job. We have committed instructional aides in the classroom who are also providing strong support to these students as well. We

are extremely happy to have this program on our campus, and are looking forward to adding two more SPED classes next year.

We have also made every effort to integrate the two new classes into the Bud Carson community. The students are mainstreaming in P.E. to get more exposure to typical peers. They are also mainstreaming into Mrs. Cruz-Brown's art exploratory class two days a week. The experience is going well for both the SPED and general education students. The students also participated in trimester rewards and had a great time.

These mainstreaming experiences are preparing our general education students for the real world by teaching them about diversity, and helping them develop empathy for others. The SPED students are benefiting by having access to effective modeling from their typical peers. This new addition has been a blessing to our campus culture.



Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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Esau Berumen
Principal

Ready for the World!

HMSA's graduating class of 2019 is set to walk the stage in early June. Through hard work and dedication, the students of HMSA are ready to embark on a new journey. They are expected to represent our district around the world.

In the last two months, students have researched, visited, and contemplated their choices. Students decided to attend CSU and UC campuses throughout the state, like CSU, Long Beach; San Jose State; UCLA; UC Berkeley; and UC Merced. Some students have enlisted in the United States Air Force and are ready to represent our country. Another group of students will be attending community college this fall with the goal to transfer to a four-year university in the future. Other students will be attending

private colleges and universities around the world, going as far as Vermont within the U.S., where a student will be attending Middlebury College. Another student will be traveling overseas to attend Duke Kunshan University in China.



Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

The Value of Self

Eucalyptus is proud to recognize our Cheer Team for their recent participation in the 2019 Lawndale Youth Parade. This event featured 56 entries and approximately 1,250 participants. Parents and family members had a chance to cheer on our team as they made their

way along the parade route starting and ending at Alondra Park.

Koala Cheer is inspired and coached by Pam Hawley, our Eucalyptus playground supervisor, and her daughter Anisa Woods, a student at CSUDH. “Ms. Pam,” as the students call her, originally formed the Cheer Team to help teach students the value of Self. “With all of the hard times you will face in life, the value of Self will help you overcome anything,” she says. “Nothing comes easy, but believing in yourself will get you through any experience.”

Koala Cheer won our first-ever trophy in the Parade, at third place. But if you ask Ms. Pam, more important than the trophy is the “lifetime experience they will remember forever!” Go, Koalas!



Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Akila Jones
Principal

First-Place Win

Congratulations to Divinagloria Ozuna-Aragon and Jailynn Cainn, who won first place at the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Day regional competition for their prototype of a prosthetic arm. They were competing against first-place winners from MESA centers throughout Los Angeles and Riverside Counties. Their hard work and planning definitely paid off! Excellent work!

Hawthorne Middle School earned this honor under the leadership of MESA teacher Yvette Saenz. Ms. Saenz has taught MESA since she began teaching at HMS 14 years ago. “I developed a passion for teaching MESA from my mentor teacher. I enjoy giving students an opportunity to participate and think about science differently while preparing them to be career ready,” Ms. Saenz shared.

MESA focuses on the integration of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), emphasizing science, engineering, design, and inquiry. The rigorous content and application show how science and engineering are practiced in the real world.



Jefferson *Elementary*

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Josh Godin
Principal

Dunk the Principal!

State testing is here! Jefferson's fifth-grade students are cashing in on their incentives for scoring proficient or advanced on last year's SBAC in language arts and math. Our students worked so hard preparing for testing last year. They also followed all of their teachers'

instructions about paying attention, reading all of the instructions, showing their work on each problem, and rereading prompts when they don't understand them. So the incentive that they wanted was to dunk the principal!

Students got a ticket and lined up to soak Mr. Godin under the dunk tank. Many other students in third and fourth grades have become inspired after watching him get soaked and have asked if they could be a part of this next year. The only catch is that they want slime or milk in the bucket instead of water! Mr. Godin is very happy to have water this year!



Kornblum *Elementary*

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Marisa Stewart
Principal

The Amazing Race

Congratulations to The Onwuka Family! They were this year's winners of the Kornblum School Amazing Math Race.

This year the Amazing Math Race celebrated its fourth year at Kornblum. This is a great event

that our families enjoy participating in. The Race has a limited number of entrants, and so families must pre-register in order to participate.

Each family is given a race number and assigned to a starting location. Families race around campus completing math activities at various stations. They work with pattern blocks, fractions, calculations, visual memory using geometric shapes, money and decimals, metric unit conversions, and addition and subtraction expressions using dominoes.

The families must complete each activity correctly before earning a stamp on their family passport. The second-place family had placed third last year; they are looking for a first-place win next year!

Our Kornblum Cardinals love competition. Next year we plan to have an Amazing Language Arts race as well. Go, Cardinals!



Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Visual and Performing Arts

Our Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Academy had a spectacular year full of exhibitions and performances by students participating in theater/dance, piano, visual arts, band, and orchestra. Student artists also contributed beautiful artwork to the Hawthorne Art Festival, Take Part Art Festival, and school events, including Back-to-School Night and Open House.

Audiences enjoyed our talented theater/dance students' choreographed dance numbers in multiple shows. Parents

visited our campus to listen to their awesome children perform in piano recitals. Panther orchestra/band musicians stayed very busy this year with performances at the Winter Concert, Solar Celebration, Take Part Art Festival, and 8th-grade promotion ceremony.

We are proud of our students' academic and performing accomplishments this year in our fine arts academy, and we are excited to be adding even more musical instruments to the brass and string ensemble orchestras for next year.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to the new school year.



PVMS Band and Orchestra students perform at the HSD Solar Appreciation Event.

Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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Reina Robledo
*Campus
Administrator*

Prepared for Kindergarten

Preschool programs focus on many key elements of a child's development, including academic, social, physical, and emotional growth. Preschools also provide opportunities for children to explore, converse, and play with friends. These critical aspects of a child's development serve to prepare him or her for kindergarten.

Preschool gives a child educational building blocks. A young child in preschool learns letters and numbers at an individualized pace. Teachers help the child learn these fundamentals by offering a variety of games and activities, such as playing with blocks, story time, and more. For instance, to help a child strengthen his or her pre-reading skills, teachers may play rhyming games and let the child tell stories. To help a child with math skills, teachers might ask the student to use a monthly calendar to count down days to a holiday, count cookies or crackers during snack time, or even play memory games.

Preschool is a wonderful opportunity for a child to experience a structured, nurturing learning environment. Preschool gives a child opportunities to follow instructions,

take turns, share the teacher's attention with peers, learn to be respectful toward others, and solve problems. The earlier a child has these types of learning experiences, the more likely he or she is to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in kindergarten and beyond.



Ramona *Elementary*

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Patricia Ray
Principal

Kindness is Contagious

This year we added “Be Kind” to our school-wide behavior expectations, and we have seen an increase in kind acts here at Ramona. Students and staff have shown kindness by smiling, saying “hello,” including others, sharing materials, and comforting someone

who is hurt or sad.

Scientific studies have shown that kindness has a great number of physical and emotional benefits, and that children require a healthy dose of the “warm and fuzzies” in order to flourish as health, happy, well-rounded individuals (TeachThought Staff, 2016). Teaching and practicing kindness at school can have many benefits, such as happier students and staff, increased peer acceptance, less stress, improved self esteem, and better concentration.

Recently, we received an act of kindness from a local church. Volunteers from Journey of Faith spent a day on several campus beautification projects. They worked in our gardens and painted three murals. We are very grateful.



Kindness mural was designed and painted by Lucy and Sarah from Journey of Faith church.

Washington *Elementary*

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Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Engaging and Empowering our Wildcats

By Dr. Polet Barajas; Fourth-Grade Teacher

Washington School welcomes Project Lead the Way. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is

uniquely designed for every grade level. Our fifth-grade classes are currently working on Infection:

Detections and our fourth-grade class is working on Energy: Collisions.

PLTW has helped enhance our students’ understanding and skills in math, science, reading, and writing. It has provided a hands-on experience that allows them to work collaboratively. Students are able to apply engineering, science, math, and technology to solve real-life problems. They are focused on understanding and solving a problem, not on getting the right answer.

It has been exciting to watch our students grow and evolve. PLTW has also empowered them to adopt a design-thinking mindset, and gain an understanding of real life situations.



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Matt Rohrer
Principal

Student Speakers

Students from Zela Davis Elementary School Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) preparatory program were recently honored to be the opening speakers at the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Summit in Anaheim, California. One third-grade student, one fourth-grade student, and one

fifth-grade student were selected to speak. The students practiced for several weeks prior to the event to make sure they were prepared.

On the day of the event, the students wowed the audience with stellar performances. Students shared the amazing accomplishments of Zela Davis STEM and reminded the audience members of the important role PLTW teachers play in empowering students.

Our students were the highlight of the day and were a wonderful example of the high-quality programs offered to students in the Hawthorne School District. In addition to receiving accolades from the PLTW staff, our students received thanks from many audience members for motivating them to continue providing a rigorous learning experience for their students.



York *Elementary*

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

Staff Appreciation

York School is known for its outstanding school culture and helpful employees. York has an amazing staff! York recognized all of the classified and certificated employees during Staff Appreciation Week.

The following individuals received congratulations pins for their years of service in the Hawthorne School District, most of which have been served at York: Mr.

Guzman, Ms. Peters, Mr. Rosen, Ms. Stiffel and Ms. Tanaka, five years; Ms. Chavez, 15 years; Mr. Burke, Ms. Graham Ms. Leibensperger, and Ms. Ragragola, 20 years; Mr. Sahagun, 25 years; and Ms. Melgoza, 30 years. Together, these staff members account for 175 years of service! We also just recently appreciated our very helpful office staff, Mrs. Arreola and Mrs. Campos.

The dedication of the York staff continues to be the reason why we are the Superstars!

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