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Hawthorne School District Preschool



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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.



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.



Hawthorne School District Solar Celebration

Celebración por la Instalación de Paneles Solares del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne

On April 3rd the Hawthorne School District held an event at Prairie Vista Middle School to celebrate the installation of solar panels at nine of our ten schools. Jefferson School does not have enough accessible sunlight to make the installation of solar viable at that site.

In addition to the prospect of reduced electric bills, the solar structures provide much needed shade for our students. To erect shade structures at our schools was cost prohibitive. The solar structures were installed at no cost to the District. These structures produce renewable energy, reduce utility costs, and provide a protected area for students on some of our hot and sunny Southern California days.

Renewable energy in the form of solar has arrived in the Hawthorne School District. I am sure this concept will be the subject of projects completed by our students. I am happy we are able to model the benefits of solar energy for our students and community.



El 3 de abril, el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne organizó un evento en la Escuela Secundaria Prairie Vista para celebrar la instalación de paneles solares en nueve de nuestras diez escuelas. La Escuela Jefferson no tiene suficiente luz solar accesible para que la instalación de energía solar sea viable en ese sitio.

Además de la posibilidad de reducir las facturas de electricidad, las estructuras

solares proporcionan la sombra necesaria para nuestros alumnos. Erigir estructuras de sombra en nuestras escuelas tenía un costo prohibitivo. Las estructuras solares fueron instaladas sin costo para el Distrito. Estas estructuras producen energía renovable, reducen los costos de los servicios públicos y proporcionan un área de protección para los alumnos en los días calurosos y soleados del sur de California.

La energía renovable en forma de energía solar ha llegado al Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne. Estoy segura de que este concepto será el tema de los proyectos completados por nuestros alumnos. Estoy feliz de que podamos modelar los beneficios de la energía solar para nuestros alumnos y nuestra comunidad.





Kay Coop
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The end of this school year is in sight and students are focused on their academic goals.

In this issue you will enjoy articles on the subjects of STEM, the importance of parent involvement,

Language Arts, Moving Up to Middle School, and much more. There is always lots of to be excited about in the classrooms.

Our next issue is May 29th.

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LaTima Jones
Principal

STEM Academy

The Bud Carson STEM Academy is home to Project Lead the Way, STEAM GALS, and USC MESA. The students who are involved in the STEM program have been busy. Our MESA students also competed in the MESA competition on March 9th at USC.

Our seventh-grade group of STEAM Gals, Jenny Hess, Siutiti Holani and Kimora Lopez, earned first place in the MESA Ball Launcher

Machine challenge after two months of preparation. They advanced to compete again in the MESA regional finals on April 13th. They are in the midst of doing research to make improvements on their projects. Good luck, girls!

On Saturday, March 23rd, Bud Carson students from STEAM Gals and Project Lead the Way presented their projects at Zela Davis' STEM Saturday. MESA students presented projects that included Popsicle stick bridges that were judged on their ability to sustain weight.

Project Lead the Way students gave an overview of the modules of the program and highlighted their projects. STEAM GALS shared interactive games like Maze through



the Galaxy. The students explained the engineering design process and how they worked collaboratively to create their projects. Our students were excited to share their experiences with other inquisitive students and parents.

Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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Esau Berumen
Principal

Involved and Committed Parents

HMSA's parent involvement is key to its success. Spearheaded by the Parent Booster Club (PBC), parents show their involvement and commitment both to HMSA and their children by participating in parent socials, organizing fundraisers to support school programs, sponsoring special events, and encouraging volunteer service at the school...

over 7000 hours served/contributed so far this year!

Two of PBC's biggest events are the Senior Award Night and the Celebration of Excellence--ceremonies that recognize students for their academic achievements.

PBC also looks for innovative ways to "boost" involvement. Their newest fundraising event, Mariachi Night, will be held on May 3. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of mariachi music and delicious food.

Parents, thank you for all you do!



2018-2019 PBC officers: Mr. Libramonte, Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Villarina, Ms. Felix, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Najera, and Mr. Aguilar

Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Mike Goldstein
Principal

Kinetic Energy

Koala Nation is excited to announce our participation in Project Lead the Way (PLTW). PLTW challenges students to problem solve, think critically and creatively, and collaborate through hands-on activities that include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

In our first year of implementation, we trained fourth- and fifth-grade teachers, purchased materials, and taught learning modules in the areas of computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. Our fourth-graders are currently working on a module on energy in collisions. At the end of the module, groups will create vehicles with safety restraints to keep their eggs from cracking when their vehicles crash.

Ms. Hernandez said, "They're learning about kinetic and potential energy and loving the building and collaboration aspect." Fourth-grader Curtis shared, "It's fun to build and put the pieces together. It helps us learn how to be kind because we have to take turns when we're building the



pendulum." Saya, another fourth-grade student, added, "It makes me think I could maybe be a scientist when I grow up and make the world better."

Go, Koalas!

Hawthorne *Middle School*

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Akila Jones
Principal

Moving Up to Middle School

HMS is happy to welcome potential 6th grade students for the 2019-2020 school year.

On April 2, 2019, HMS hosted a parent meeting for 5th grade students and parents throughout the district. Families were presented with an overview of all that Hawthorne Middle School has to offer, including the Business Academy, academic programs, sports and activities. Parents were able to meet the principal and ask questions.

Open enrollment for middle school is for incoming 6th graders who are HSD residents. Open enrollment will begin on May 1- May 30, 2019. Enrollment applications will be sent home with students and must be returned to the school by May 30, 2019.

A lottery will be held on June 10, 2019. Students will be placed based on preference and available space for program at their desired school. Letters will be sent home regarding students status by June 28, 2019.



Jefferson *Elementary*

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Josh Godin
Principal

Growth Mindset

Who doesn't love coffee? Who doesn't love hanging out with the principal? We have decided to join the two and have a great meeting with some of our fabulous Jefferson parents!

The first "Coffee" that Jefferson had was with Mr. Godin. This meeting was very engaging and meaningful to all who attended. The topic that made the biggest splash was "The Growth Mindset." Jefferson

has been slowly implementing a Growth Mindset with our leadership group. Our parents were so enthusiastic about it that we have now bought 30 Growth Mindset books, with 15 in English and 15 in Spanish for our parents to read.

Next year we will fully implement the Growth Mindset concept with all of our parents, teachers, and students. Growth Mindset focuses on praising growth and effort in order to help students succeed. Our Jefferson parents and staff members can't wait for the next Coffee with the Principal!



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Marisa Stewart
Principal

Kings and Queens of Language Arts

At Kornblum School, “Excellence is the Standard” is our school motto. This is exemplified in our King and Queen’s lunch table at lunch.

The King and Queen’s lunch table is reserved for students who have worked hard towards excellence and have earned

proficiency on the latest language arts benchmark. Pictured here are our proud 4th grade students and their teachers eating their meal on the stage at the King and Queen’s table during lunch.

The students were so proud and the other students that didn’t earn the special treat this Benchmark know that they can work hard and earn it next benchmark.



Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Wendy Ostensen
Principal

AVID

By Toni Fierro, Special Projects Teacher

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college-readiness program designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in postsecondary education. AVID places special emphasis on writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization, and reading skills. For one period a day, students receive additional academic, social, and emotional support to help them succeed in our school’s

most rigorous courses. The AVID program positively impacts the entire school by providing classroom activities, instructional practices, and academic behaviors that can be incorporated into any classroom to improve engagement and help students thrive in the college environment.

Our AVID students have volunteered and participated in a variety of service-oriented activities, including Heal the Bay, a book fund-raiser for needy families, and a canned food drive. They assisted with Math/Literacy Night, AVID Family Night, Career Day, and the fifth-grade campus tour. They also attend university field trips.



PVMS 8th Grade AVID Class and their instructor, Mrs. George.

Prairie Vista *South Campus*

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Reina Robledo
Campus
Administrator

Parent Engagement

Family involvement in early childhood education is important to create a connection between the school and the home environments and also support child development. Schools that acknowledge the importance of children's cultures and interests can further encourage learning through meaningful family-engagement activities. Our district

preschools offer monthly opportunities for families to become involved in their children's education.

In February, our preschools celebrated Black History Month. Students and parents presented achievements of African Americans and their significant contributions in U.S. history. The preschools also participated in the annual reading-motivation and awareness program Read Across America, which calls for every child in every community to

celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of much-loved children's author Dr. Seuss. Parents and guardians were invited to read and participate in literacy activities with our preschoolers in the spirit of the major role reading plays in our lives.

Promoting parental and family participation in school activities greatly influences students in becoming lifelong learners.



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Patricia Ray
Principal

Celebrating Dr. Seuss

The playground supervisors at Ramona School have school spirit—yes, they do! We celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday and our love of reading in February. Teachers and students decorated their classroom doors with their favorite Dr. Seuss titles, and throughout the week we dressed up as our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, wore crazy socks, and celebrated the places we’ll go.

The week ended with parents and local firefighters and police officers visiting classrooms and reading their favorite Dr. Seuss book to the children. At lunchtime, family members brought blankets and books to school and enjoyed a picnic lunch with their children.

Events like this are not only fun but they also strengthen the sense of community. Research indicates 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).

Dr. Seuss once said, “Just tell yourself, Duckie, you’re really quite lucky.” Ramona School is quite lucky to be a part of such a strong community!



Washington *Elementary*

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Maritza Cruz-Brown
Principal

Family Movie Night

*By Jennifer Gonzalez,
Math Coach*

Over 200 families spent an enjoyable evening at Washington School on March 29 for our most popular family event, Movie Night. Families enjoyed “Ralph Breaks the Internet” as they munched on popcorn and pizza.

While many of our families are regulars at Movie Night, every event brings a new and excited group of families to our campus. Families spread their sleeping bags and blankets on the cafeteria floor and settled in for an evening of fun.

Alinka Bustamante, a fourth-grade student, said, “I like to go to movie night because I like to spend time with my family and friends. Before the movie starts, I get to talk to my friends.” Her mom is one of the many amazing



volunteers who make Movie Night possible. Both parents and staff work together to create a memorable event for all ages.

To top off the fun at the end of the movie, one lucky family gets to take home a copy of the movie!

York Elementary

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Jennifer Beekman
Principal

Egg Hunting

Snowdrops, daffodils, bumblebees, cherry blossoms and butterflies are all a sign of Spring and so is egg hunting!

York students had a fun time at our first Egg Hunt! Thank you parent volunteers for stuffing over 380 plastic eggs! Our Student Council Leadership Team, under the assistance of Ms. Stiffel, were so excited and enjoyed helping out at this event. They carefully hid the colorful eggs and assisted our little ones in the search.

This was a fun event and a perfect way to start off our Spring vacation.



Zela Davis Elementary

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Matt Rohrer
Principal

Anti-Bullying Kickoff

Zela Davis Elementary School hosted the Olweus Anti-Bullying Kickoff Assembly in November. This event was organized by Mrs. McDonald, our dean of students.

We began the week with several events to build interest and prepare students for the finale. Students filled in hearts with positive messages, which were then strung over the entrance of the school. Additionally, classrooms participated in a door-decorating contest.

Our kickoff event was attended by students, staff, district officials, parents, and community members. It began with a performance by Engage the Vision, a local community mentoring group, followed by student speeches and a motivational speech by Mrs. McDonald. Also, students exchanged key chains with positive messages. The event closed with a fitness and dance activity.

Zela Davis proudly participates in the Olweus Program and works diligently to provide a safe and secure campus for all of our students.





HAWTHORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE BIENESTAR

This Wellness Committee Meeting will focus on school meals. We will discuss nutrient content, conduct taste tests, and answer your questions.

Esta reunión del Comité de Bienestar se centrará en las comidas escolares. Discutiremos el contenido de nutrientes, realizaremos pruebas de sabor y responderemos a sus preguntas.

May 22, 2019

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