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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.



The Benefits of Preschool

The most important years of a child's development is in the first five years of life. Children who receive a high-quality educational experience, in their early years, develop the skills necessary to succeed in life.

Children who are involved in preschool:

- Develop pre-reading, early writing, and math skills
- Enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop emotional behaviors and social skills

Los Beneficios de la Educación Preescolar

Los primeros cinco años de vida son los más importantes en el desarrollo del niño. Los niños que reciben una experiencia educativa de alta calidad, en sus primeros años, desarrollan las habilidades necesarias para triunfar en la vida.

Los niños que participan en la educación preescolar:

- Desarrollan habilidades en matemáticas, escritura y lectura temprana.
- Mejoran el pensamiento crítico y habilidades en resolución de problemas.
- Desarrollan habilidades sociales y comportamiento emocional.



HSD Preschool

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The Power of Partnerships

There are so many variables that factor into school success, but one constant is that strong partnerships between schools, families, and community organizations result in improved outcomes for students. The Hawthorne School District is committed to working with families as partners in the education of our children and with our wide range of community collaborators to enhance and expand the services that we provide. Parents and guardians can be active participants in the Hawthorne Parent Academy (HPA), Parent Empowerment Project (PEP), Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE), or any of our many other family groups, such as our Parent Arts Docents or their school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA)/Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Our network of community partners allows us to provide academic, mental health, and resource supports beyond the edges of our campuses and into the homes of our families. We are so appreciative of the engagement of our families and the generosity and support of our community partners. Those elements are key ingredients in the recipe for success for our students. We encourage you to contact your child's school to see how you can be an active partner in their education. You can also contact our Family Outreach Teachers on Special Assignment at jsalas@hawthorne.k12.ca.us (Jezabel Salas) or areyes@hawthorne.k12.ca.us (Angelica Reyes) for more information.



Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent

El Poder de las Asociaciones

Hay muchas variables que influyen en el éxito escolar, pero una constante es que las asociaciones sólidas entre las escuelas, las familias y las organizaciones de la comunidad dan lugar a mejores resultados para los estudiantes. El Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne está comprometido a trabajar con las familias como socios en la educación de nuestros niños y con nuestra amplia gama de colaboradores de la comunidad para mejorar y ampliar los servicios que ofrecemos. Los padres y tutores pueden participar activamente en la Academia de Padres de Hawthorne (HPA), en el Proyecto de Empoderamiento de los Padres (PEP), en el Instituto de Padres para una Educación de Calidad (PIQE), o en cualquiera de nuestros muchos otros grupos familiares, como nuestros Docentes de Arte para Padres o la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA)/Organización de Padres y Maestros (PTO) de su escuela. Nuestra red de socios comunitarios nos permite proporcionar apoyo académico, de salud mental y de recursos más allá de los límites de nuestras escuelas y en los hogares de nuestras familias. Agradecemos mucho el compromiso de nuestras familias y la generosidad y el apoyo de nuestros socios comunitarios. Estos elementos son ingredientes clave en la receta para el éxito de nuestros estudiantes. Le animamos a que se ponga en contacto con la escuela de su hijo/a para ver cómo puede ser un socio activo en su educación. También puede ponerse en contacto con nuestros maestros de extensión familiar en asignación especial, jsalas@hawthorne.k12.ca.us (Jezabel Salas) o areyes@hawthorne.k12.ca.us (Angélica Reyes), para obtener más información.



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Dr. Brian Markarian begins this issue on page 3 with his message about the power of partnerships. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Hawthorne School District for twelve years to publish their stories from the classroom. Each year is different in many ways, but parents and community engagement is always important.

MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital has an important message on page 6 on the subject of vaping in school age children.

We have included our popular student book reviews on pages 18 & 19. If your child would like to be a student columnist reviewing favorite books, please email me for information. Students learn to meet deadlines and write a review without giving away the ending of the story.

Our next issue is January 18, 2023. In the meantime, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our *School News* staff. Thank you for including *School News* among your reading choices.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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2022/2023 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the Hawthorne School District will be implementing a new option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2022-2023 School Year.

What does this mean for you and your children attending the school(s) identified above?

Great news for you and your students! All enrolled students of the Hawthorne School District are eligible to receive a nourishing breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to your household each day that your child attends school in the 2022-2023 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at 310-263-3990.

Sincerely,

Nutrition Services Department

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Año Escolar 2022/2023

Estimado Padre o Tutor:

Nos complace informarle que el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne implementará una nueva opción disponible para las escuelas que participan en los Programas Nacionales de Almuerzos y Desayunos Escolares llamada Provisión de Elegibilidad Comunitaria para el Año Escolar 2022-2023.

¿Qué significa esto para usted y sus hijos que asisten a la(s) escuela(s) identificada(s) arriba?

¡Grandes noticias para usted y sus estudiantes! Todos los estudiantes inscritos en el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne son elegibles para recibir un desayuno y almuerzo nutritivo en la escuela **sin cargo** para su hogar cada día que su hijo asista a la escuela en el año escolar 2022-2023. No se requiere ninguna otra acción de su parte. Su(s) hijo(s) podrá(n) participar en estos programas de comidas sin tener que pagar una tarifa o presentar una solicitud.

Si podemos brindarle más ayuda, comuníquese con nosotros al 310-263-3990.

Sinceramente,

Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición

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Vaping in School Age Children



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Long Beach

There has been a growing trend of vaping, or smoking e-cigarettes, among teenagers the past few years and more recently there has been a spike in school-age children starting to vape.

Vaping is only marginally regulated in the U.S., causing teenagers and children to regularly use vape products and oils incorrectly. The bright packaging and sweet flavors can tempt kids and teens, many of whom end up staying hooked due to the addictive nicotine inside the vape liquid. This combination can result in serious, life-threatening respiratory events.

Nicotine is not the only harmful chemical that vape liquid may contain. Other harmful chemicals include:

- Ultrafine particles that can enter the lungs
- Flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease
- Volatile organic compounds
- Heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead

While vaping is still relatively new, the long-term side-effects of these chemicals are still being researched and discussed throughout the healthcare community. These harmful chemicals can cause side effects like coughing, dry mouth or throat, nausea, and headaches, as well as affect the development of the brain and cause nicotine addiction.

It is important to talk to your child about the dangers it may cause in both short- and long-term use. By educating yourself first, it becomes easier to educate your children. Maintaining a dialogue about vaping, where both you and your child can ask questions, will help you be effective in preventing your kids from vaping now and in the future.

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pediatric gastroenterologist,
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Family and School Connection to Support Student Success

By Sophia Vuong, Assistant Principal

Bud Carson Middle School (BCMS) values the home-to-school connection as it is pivotal for each child to have a strong support system on and off our campus. As such, each month we aim to host parent-focused presentations or family connection events. We recently held parent-teacher conferences that fostered relationships between home and school to best support student success. Conferences were structured where parents could maximize their time when meeting with teachers. We also recently hosted Hawthorne Parent Academy, School Site Council, and 6th Grade Family Picnic, which was well attended with parents bringing in their child's favorite food and lunching on the lawn together to chat about the new school year and meeting other families. In order to more efficiently access our BCMS school website, during our CAASPP Parent Information presentation, we successfully walked our parents through adding our BCMS school website as a one-click option on their cellphones. As the year continues, we will have many more opportunities to further strengthen our Huskies connection between families, students, teachers, and staff. Go Huskies!!



LaTima Jones
Principal

Conexión Familiar y Escolar Para Apoyar el Éxito Estudiantil

By Sophia Vuong, Assistant Principal

Bud Carson Middle School (BCMS) valora la conexión entre el hogar y la escuela, ya que es fundamental que cada niño tenga un sistema de apoyo sólido dentro y fuera de nuestro campus. Como tal, cada mes nuestro objetivo es organizar presentaciones centradas en los padres o eventos de conexión familiar. Recientemente llevamos a cabo conferencias de padres y maestros que fomentaron las relaciones entre el hogar y la escuela para apoyar mejor el éxito de los estudiantes. Se estructuraron conferencias donde los padres podían maximizar su tiempo cuando se reunían con los maestros. Recientemente también organizamos la Academia de padres de Hawthorne, el Consejo escolar y el Picnic familiar de sexto grado, que

contó con una gran asistencia de padres que trajeron la comida favorita de sus hijos y almorzaron juntos en el césped para conversar sobre el nuevo año escolar y conociendo a otras familias. Con el fin de acceder de manera más eficiente a nuestro sitio web de la escuela BCMS, durante nuestra presentación de información para padres de CAASPP, guiamos con éxito a nuestros padres a través de la adición de nuestro sitio web de la escuela BCMS como una opción de un solo clic en sus teléfonos celulares. A medida que avanza el año, tendremos muchas más oportunidades para fortalecer aún más nuestra conexión Huskies entre familias, estudiantes, maestros y personal. ¡Vamos Huskies!



Fighting Childhood Cancer

Koala Nation was proud to join forces with the American Cancer Society for an October fundraiser that involved our staff, students, families, and community partners. Together, we raised \$6,219 to support a very important cause. Donations poured in all month, and our efforts culminated in an incredible celebration of generosity, sponsored by the Hawthorne Police Department and The Hoffman & Murphy Real estate team. Parents were invited to join their students on campus in the “Move to Fight Childhood Cancer” event which included Jazzercise on stage with Marie Hoffman, backed up by the Hawthorne Police Department Community Outreach Team. Special projects teacher Barb Mensinger organized the event which also included student prizes and a hot dog BBQ with the principal! Eucalyptus was honored by the American Cancer Society with a plaque in recognition as the top fundraising school in L.A. County; all because of the generous support from our amazing school community.

Go Koalas!



Mike Goldstein
Principal

Luchando Contra el Cáncer Infantil

Koala Nation se enorgulleció de unir fuerzas con la Sociedad Estadounidense del Cáncer para una recaudación de fondos en octubre que involucró a nuestro personal, estudiantes, familias y socios comunitarios. Juntos recaudamos \$6,219 para apoyar una causa muy importante. Las donaciones llegaron a raudales durante todo el mes y nuestros esfuerzos culminaron en una increíble celebración de generosidad, patrocinada por el Departamento de

Policía de Hawthorne y el equipo de bienes raíces de Hoffman & Murphy. Se invitó a los padres a unirse a sus estudiantes en el campus en el evento “Move to Fight Childhood Cancer” que incluyó Jazzercise en el escenario con Marie Hoffman, respaldado por el Equipo de Alcance Comunitario del Departamento de Policía de Hawthorne. ¡La maestra de proyectos especiales, Barb Mensinger, organizó el evento que también incluyó premios para los estudiantes y una parrillada de perritos calientes con el director! Eucalyptus fue honrada por la Sociedad Estadounidense del Cáncer con una placa en reconocimiento como la mejor escuela de recaudación de fondos en el condado de Los Ángeles; todo gracias al generoso apoyo de nuestra increíble comunidad escolar.

¡Vamos koalas!



Hawthorne Police Department and the Hoffman & Murphy Real Estate Team helped Eucalyptus “Move to Fight Childhood Cancer.”

El Departamento de Policía de Hawthorne y el Equipo de Bienes Raíces de Hoffman & Murphy ayudaron a Eucalyptus a “Moverse para combatir el cáncer infantil”.

Hawthorne Math & Science Academy

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Empowerment Through Digital Literacy

By Dr. Anakonia Matsumoto, Assistant Principal

In Los Angeles County, over 360,000 households lack basic internet service and/or do not have a home computer. Many communities face socio-economic disparities associated with the digital divide. Delete the Divide, an initiative to empower young people, held a Tech Empowerment Day conference at the SoFi Stadium.

On October 6, 43 seniors from Hawthorne Math and Science Academy (HMSA) attended the *Delete the Divide* conference, with our counseling department. They were given hands-on experience and behind-the-scenes exposure to modern technologies. Activity stations, demonstrations and food booths kept our students engaged. More activities included coding, robotics, gaming, augmented reality, 3D printing, space exploration, and internship and career program opportunities.

Students shared their positive experiences and said that one of the best parts was being given the chance to go on SoFi field and have their own personal experience.

More amazing opportunities are to come, and we are thrilled to witness our HMSA Aviators continue to soar and reach new heights!



Esau Berumen
Principal

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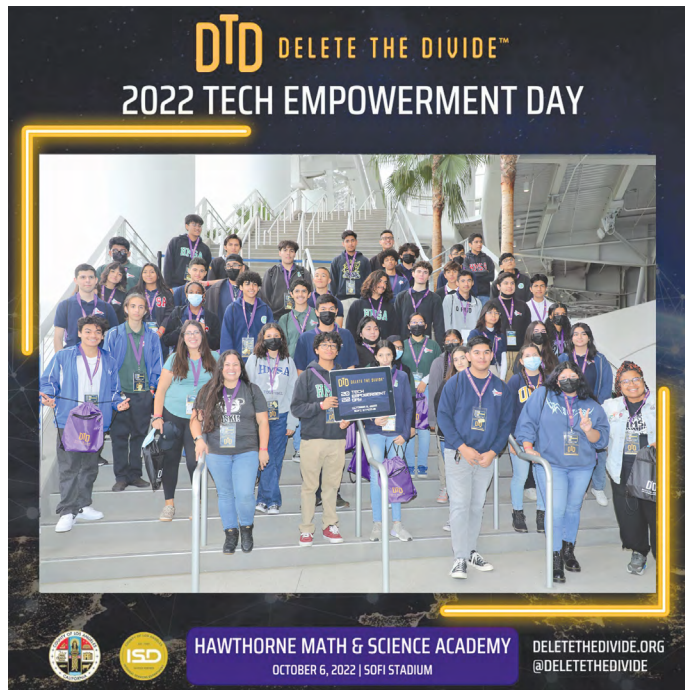
Por la Dra. Anakonia Matsumoto, subdirectora

En el condado de Los Ángeles, más de 360,000 hogares carecen de servicio básico de Internet y / o no tienen una computadora en el hogar. Muchas comunidades se enfrentan a dificultades socioeconómicas asociadas con la brecha digital. “Borrar la división”, una iniciativa para empoderar a los jóvenes, celebró una conferencia del Día del Empoderamiento Tecnológico en el SoFi Stadium.

El 6 de octubre, 43 estudiantes del 12 grado de La Academia de Matemáticas y Ciencias de Hawthorne (HMSA) asistieron a la conferencia, con nuestro departamento de consejería. Se les dio experiencia práctica y exposición detrás de escena a las tecnologías modernas. Las estaciones de actividades, las demostraciones y

los puestos de comida mantuvieron a nuestros estudiantes comprometidos. Más actividades incluyeron codificación, robótica, juegos, realidad aumentada, impresión 3D, exploración espacial y oportunidades de internado y programas de carreras profesionales. Los estudiantes compartieron sus experiencias positivas y dijeron que una de las mejores partes fue tener la oportunidad de ir al campo del SoFi y tener su propia experiencia personal.

¡Más oportunidades increíbles están por venir, y estamos encantados de ver a nuestros aviadores HMSA continuar elevándose y alcanzar nuevas alturas!



AVID Brings Families Together

Hawthorne Middle School has expanded its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program to include two classes in seventh and eighth grades to prepare more Hawks to be college and career ready. Last spring, students were invited to apply to be an AVID student, prepare for individual student interviews, and commit to the additional work that is required by the AVID course. On October 12, 2022, families were invited to learn how parents can support their children as students learn AVID strategies and incorporate them into their daily practice.

The evening was hosted by Special Projects teacher and AVID coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Valdiviezo. Known to students as “Ms. V.”, she presented parents with an overview of the AVID program. Students then took turns presenting work samples of the WICOR strategies that are essential to the program.

Students also shared what support they need from their families. “My family can support my college and career path by helping me develop and support my dreams. My family can also encourage me in school or in extracurricular activities that will help me on my path to college and career,” said Jamie Rodriguez, seventh grader.

After sharing dinner and listening to the presentation, families were invited to play Human Bingo to meet other parents, and talk about what they learned during the evening. Helen Mendiola, parent of eighth grader Haylee Berben said “AVID has helped her be more organized, be more open communicating with others, be more responsible and has shown her how to care for her school and community.”



Martha Castellanos
Principal

AVID Une a las Familias

La Escuela Intermedia de Hawthorne ha ampliado su programa, Avance Vía Determinación Individual (AVID), para incluir dos clases en séptimo y octavo grado y preparar a más Hawks para la universidad y la carrera profesional. La primavera pasada, se invitó a los estudiantes a que apliquen para ser estudiantes de AVID, prepararse para entrevistas individuales de estudiantes y comprometerse con el trabajo adicional que requiere el curso AVID. El 12 de octubre de 2022, se invitó a las familias a aprender cómo los padres pueden apoyar a sus hijos mientras los estudiantes aprenden estrategias AVID e incorporarlas en su práctica diaria.

El evento fue organizado por la maestra de Proyectos Especiales y coordinadora de AVID, Ms. Jennifer Valdiviezo. Conocido por los estudiantes como “Ms. V.”, presentó a los padres una descripción general del programa AVID. Luego, los estudiantes se turnaron para presentar muestras de trabajo de las estrategias de WICOR que son esenciales para el programa.

Los estudiantes también compartieron qué apoyo necesitan de sus familias. “Mi familia puede apoyar mis metas de carrera universitaria y profesional en ayudándome a desarrollar y apoyar mis sueños. Mi familia también puede alentarme en la escuela o en actividades extracurriculares que me ayudarán en mi camino hacia la universidad y la carrera”, dijo Jamie Rodríguez, estudiante de séptimo grado.

Después de compartir la cena y escuchar la presentación, se invitó a las familias a jugar Bingo Humano para conocer a otros padres y hablar sobre lo que aprendieron durante la tarde. Helen Mendiola, madre de Haylee Berben, estudiante de octavo grado, dijo: “AVID la ha ayudado a ser más organizada, a comunicarse más abiertamente con los demás, a ser más responsable y le ha mostrado cómo cuidar de su escuela y su comunidad”.



Luis Galicia, Haylee Berben, and Jacob Sosa
speak to parents about WICOR strategies.

Luis Galicia, Haylee Berben y Jacob Sosa hablan con los padres sobre las estrategias de WICOR.



AVID mixer brings parents together to learn how to support students.

La tarde de familias de AVID reúne a los padres para aprender cómo apoyar a los estudiantes.

Jefferson *Elementary*

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Jefferson Family Art Night

Families have been welcomed back to school for family events! Jefferson's first evening family event was a hit. We had over 400 families come to family art night and participate in a variety of art activities. Families had an opportunity to paint and design kindness rocks that will be placed in our Kindness Rocks area on campus. Over 250 rocks were designed by parents. Intermediate students and families were able to create a Picasso portrait. Another choice that families had was to participate in a pointillism activity. The families were trained in this unique style of art that uses dots to color a picture. The more advanced students and families painted a Van Gogh Sunflower or an Edvard Munch Scream painting. Families had a blast learning about pointillism, cubism, impressionism, and expressionism. Thank you to everyone that attended. It is the start of many more events.



Josh Godin
Principal

Noche de Arte Familiar de Jefferson

¡Las familias han sido bienvenidas de regreso a la escuela para eventos familiares! El primer evento familiar vespertino de Jefferson fue un éxito. Tuvimos más de 400 familias que asistieron a la noche de arte familiar y participaron en una variedad de actividades artísticas. Las familias tuvieron la oportunidad de pintar y diseñar rocas de bondad que se colocarán en nuestra área de Rocas de bondad en el campus. Los padres diseñaron más de 250 rocas. Los estudiantes intermedios y las familias pudieron crear un retrato de Picasso. Otra opción que tenían las familias era participar en una actividad de puntillismo. Las familias fueron entrenadas en este estilo único de arte que usa puntos para colorear una imagen. Los alumnos más avanzados y sus familias pintaron un cuadro Girasol de Van Gogh o El grito de Edvard Munch. Las familias se divertieron mucho aprendiendo sobre puntillismo, cubismo, impresionismo y expresionismo. Gracias por todos los que asistieron. Es el comienzo de muchos más eventos.



Kornblum Cardinals Move to Fight Childhood Cancer

By Kathy Carbajal, Acting Principal

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. As part of a district-wide initiative, Kornblum school partnered with the American Cancer Society and participated in the Gold Together Challenge to raise funds and join the fight against childhood cancer. Thanks to collaborative efforts with Eucalyptus School's Principal, Mike Goldstein, our Kornblum staff and students were inspired to participate in our own "Move to Fight Childhood Cancer" fundraiser. Family and friends sponsored our students to move for twenty minutes. Students were awarded prizes, including an extra recess, watching a movie with a side of popcorn, and a popsicle party. Every single Kornblum student joined the challenge! We had a variety of activities for all to engage in on the event day. Some took to the track, where they could run and walk alongside their siblings and parents. Others elected to grab their hula hoops as they listened to songs from their favorite soundtracks, and some showed us their best moves while line dancing with their teachers. Seeing our entire school community engaged in such a worthwhile cause was terrific.

Our goal was to raise \$1000.00, and we were elated to not only meet our goal but surpass it threefold. Kornblum students actually raised \$3100.00. Way to go, Cardinals!



Mytress Middleton
Principal

Cardenales de Kornblum se Movilizan para Combatir el Cáncer Infantil

By Kathy Carbajal, Directora Interina

Septiembre es el Mes de Concientización sobre el Cáncer Infantil. Como parte de una iniciativa de todo el distrito, la escuela Kornblum se asoció con la Sociedad Estadounidense del Cáncer y participó en el Gold Together Challenge para recaudar fondos y unirse a la lucha contra el cáncer infantil. Gracias a los esfuerzos de colaboración con el director de la escuela Eucalyptus, Mike Goldstein,

nuestro personal y estudiantes de Kornblum se sintieron inspirados a participar en nuestra propia recaudación de fondos "Move to Fight Childhood Cancer". Familiares y amigos patrocinaron a nuestros alumnos para que se movieran durante veinte minutos. Los estudiantes recibieron premios, incluido un recreo adicional, ver una película con palomitas de maíz y una fiesta de paletas heladas. ¡Todos los estudiantes de Kornblum se unieron al desafío! Tuvimos una variedad de actividades para que todos participaran el día del evento. Algunos salieron a la pista, donde podían correr y caminar junto a sus hermanos y padres. Otros optaron por agarrar sus hula hoops mientras escuchaban sus canciones favoritas, y algunos nos mostraron sus mejores movimientos mientras bailaban en línea con sus maestros. Ver a toda nuestra comunidad escolar involucrada en una causa tan valiosa fue fantástico. Nuestro objetivo era recaudar \$ 1000.00, y estábamos eufóricos no solo de alcanzar nuestro objetivo sino de superarlo tres veces. Los estudiantes de Kornblum recaudaron \$3100.00. ¡Bien hecho, cardenales!



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Tech Empowerment Day

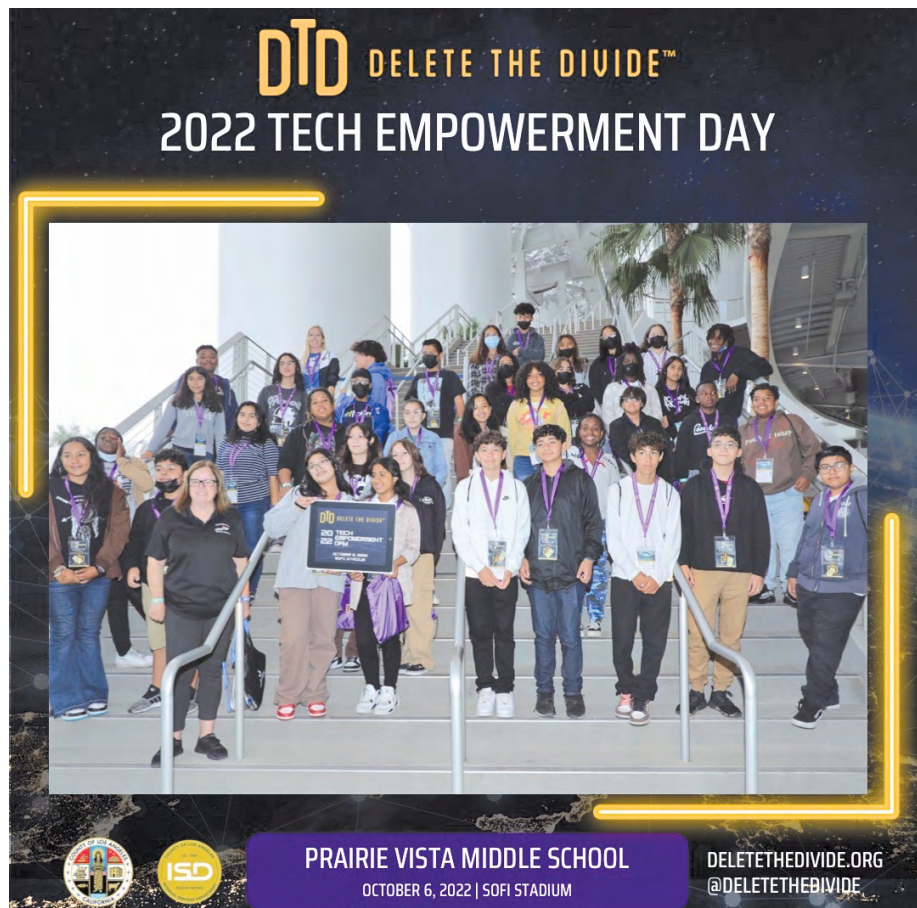
In support of National Digital Inclusion week, the County of Los Angeles hosted Tech Empowerment Day at SoFi stadium in Inglewood. The goal of this event was to educate and inspire students with hands-on technology experiences, and to empower youth in underserved communities who are adversely impacted by the digital divide. Delete the Divide (an LA County initiative) partnered with industry-leading tech companies to provide demonstrations, music and film experiences, robotics, coding, GIS mapping, augmented reality, gaming, telecommunications, information about internships and career opportunities, and more. Several classes were invited to attend the event and students were able to participate in a variety of activities that were offered. Students were also able to take a tour down to the football field where the NFL plays (RAMS HOUSE!) and throw passes as a quarterback does. Students had a very eventful day and gained a new appreciation for modern technology.



Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Día del Empoderamiento Tecnológico

En apoyo de la Semana Nacional de Inclusión Digital, el Condado de Los Ángeles organizó el Día de Empoderamiento Tecnológico en el estadio SoFi en la ciudad de Inglewood. El objetivo de este evento fue educar e inspirar a los estudiantes con experiencias prácticas tecnológicas y empoderar a los jóvenes en comunidades desatendidas que se ven afectadas negativamente por la brecha digital. Delete the Divide (una iniciativa del condado de Los Ángeles) se asoció con líderes de empresas tecnológicas en la industria para brindar demostraciones, experiencias musicales y cinematográficas, robótica, codificación, mapeo GIS, realidad aumentada, juegos, telecomunicaciones, información sobre pasantías y oportunidades profesionales, y más. Varias clases fueron invitadas a asistir al evento y los estudiantes pudieron participar en una variedad de actividades que se ofrecieron. Los estudiantes también pudieron hacer un recorrido por el campo de fútbol donde juega la NFL (¡RAMS HOUSE!) y lanzar pases como los jugadores de campo. Los estudiantes tuvieron un día lleno de acontecimientos y adquirieron una nueva apreciación de la tecnología moderna.



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Panthers experience modern technology at SoFi Stadium.

Los Panthers experimentan las maravillas de la tecnología moderna en el SoFi Stadium.

Ramona is a School for the Community

Ramona Elementary is the heart of the Ramona Neighborhood. We were able to welcome the community on campus to support our school garden and the turnout was more than we could hope for!

The Ramona PTA put out a call to action to the Ramona Community. "We need your help with our Garden". They posted signs around the school, we sent a message home to families, and a notification was placed on the @RamonaElementaryPTA Instagram page. We could not believe how many families and community members showed up to help!

The Ramona Elementary School garden is truly a labor of love. Our garden has had a lack of attention due to the pandemic. Our parent group's goal was to clean it up and prepare it so that our students could begin to work in the garden with their classes. Though all the work was not able to be completed on that day, we put a huge dent in it. We now have many parents and community members offering to come and work. There will be a Saturday set-up soon so that more families can assist.

Our garden is taken care of by volunteer parents who get donations from companies such as Kellogg, who donated our soil. SoCal Gas Company took a crew and dug up two feet down so that we could get started on the garden beds. This allowed us to place the weed barriers and add the donated soil. Parents donated drinks and snacks for the

workers. To culminate the event new fruit trees, donated by MCR Urban Garden were planted and raised beds were assembled. If you pass by Ramona School you can see our new mango tree at the corner of Ramona and 135th Street.

We have plans to continue to work in this garden on the North side of campus as well as create a raised bed garden on the South side of campus so that our Kindergarten and First-grade students have access as well. With the continued support of our Community Partners (businesses) and Community members, the Ramona Garden will continue to thrive!

For a live look at the event please see us on City News (16:05-18:05) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYdXVBUXtDI>.



Marisa Stewart
Principal

Ramona es una Escuela para la Comunidad

La escuela primaria Ramona es el corazón del vecindario de Ramona. ¡Pudimos dar la bienvenida a la comunidad en el campus para apoyar nuestro jardín escolar y la participación fue más de lo que podíamos esperar!

El PTA de Ramona hizo un llamado a la acción a la comunidad de Ramona. "Necesitamos tu ayuda con nuestro Jardín". Colocaron letreros alrededor de la escuela, enviamos un mensaje a las familias y se colocó una notificación en la página de Instagram de @RamonaElementaryPTA. ¡No podíamos creer cuántas familias y miembros de la comunidad se presentaron para ayudar! (Por favor, vea la foto de abajo del evento.)

El jardín de la Escuela Primaria Ramona es verdaderamente un trabajo de amor. Nuestro jardín ha tenido una falta de atención debido a la pandemia. El objetivo de nuestro grupo de padres era limpiarlo y prepararlo para que nuestros estudiantes pudieran comenzar a trabajar en el jardín con sus clases. Aunque no se pudo completar todo el trabajo ese día, hicimos una gran mella en él. Ahora tenemos muchos padres y miembros de

la comunidad que se ofrecen para venir a trabajar. Pronto habrá una preparación para el sábado para que más familias puedan ayudar.

Nuestro jardín está cuidado por padres voluntarios que reciben donaciones de empresas como Kellogg, que donó nuestro suelo. SoCal Gas Company tomó un equipo y cavó dos pies de profundidad para que pudiéramos comenzar con las camas del jardín. Esto nos permitió colocar las barreras contra malezas y agregar el suelo donado. Los padres donaron bebidas y bocadillos para los

trabajadores. Para culminar el evento se sembraron nuevos árboles frutales, donados por MCR Urban Garden y se armaron canteros elevados. Si pasa por Ramona School podrá ver nuestro nuevo árbol de mango en la esquina de Ramona y 135th Street.

Tenemos planes para continuar trabajando en este jardín en el lado norte del campus, así como también crear un jardín elevado en el lado sur del campus para que nuestros estudiantes de jardín de infantes y primer grado también tengan acceso. Con el apoyo continuo de nuestros socios comunitarios (negocios) y miembros de la comunidad, ¡Ramona Garden seguirá prosperando!

Para ver el evento en vivo, visítenos en City News (16:05-18:05) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYdXVBUXtDI>.



Washington *Elementary*

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Health and Wellness

On Thursday, October 13, Washington School closed down 129th Street to host our first Health and Wellness night of the year. Students were invited to bring their families for an hour-long walk in the front parking lot. The theme was Wheels, Wagons, and Walking, where families could bring their strollers and wagons, and everyone, regardless of age or ability, could access the event. Donations came from Hawthorne community partnerships there to support the healthy habits of Wildcat families. Hawthorne Police Department brought stickers, safety information, and, their K-9 police dog, Thyme. Schnierow Dental brought toothbrushes and toothbrushing tips. Delicious smoothies and healthy snacks were prepared by Washington School's Nutrition Services. Our student leadership team, the Wildcat Leaders, made their leadership debut by helping run the sign-in booth as well as selling tickets for a raffle that raised funds for our Parent and Teachers' Organization. We brought out Sheriff Drumman, who DJ'd the event while playing the drums and setting a fun and exciting tone for the night. It was a night filled with dancing, singing, and of course, walking! We had a blast promoting health and wellness on our school site. We cannot wait for our next event!



Akila Jones
Principal

Salud y Bienestar

El jueves 13 de octubre, la escuela Washington cerró la calle 129 para organizar nuestra primera Noche de Salud y Bienestar del año. Los estudiantes fueron invitados a traer a sus familias para una caminata de una hora en el estacionamiento delante de la escuela. El tema fue Ruedas, Vagones y Caminata, donde las familias podían llevar sus cochecitos y carritos, y todos, independientemente de su edad o capacidad, podría acceder al evento.

Las donaciones vinieron de las asociaciones comunitarias de Hawthorne para apoyar los hábitos saludables de las familias Wildcat. El Departamento de Policía de Hawthorne trajo calcomanías, información de seguridad y su policía K-9 perro, Thyme. Schnierow Dental trajo cepillos de dientes y consejos para cepillarse los dientes. Deliciosos batidos y refrigerios saludables fueron preparados por el Departamento de Nutrición de la escuela Washington. Nuestro equipo de liderazgo estudiantil, los Wildcat Leaders, hicieron que su liderazgo debutó ayudando a administrar la cabina de registro y vendiendo boletos para una rifa que recaudó fondos para nuestra Organización de Padres y Maestros. Trajimos al Sheriff Drumman, quién fue el DJ del evento mientras tocaba la batería y establecía un tono divertido y emocionante para la noche. Fue una noche llena de baile, canto y, por supuesto, ¡caminar! Nos la pasamos de maravilla promover la salud y el bienestar en nuestro plantel escolar. ¡No podemos esperar a nuestro próximo evento!



Washington Wildcats enjoyed Health and Wellness night by dancing, singing, and walking!
Los Washington Wildcats disfrutaron de la noche de Salud y Bienestar bailando, cantando y caminando!

Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Donors Choose

By Abi Morales, Assistant Principal

We are excited to announce that seven Zela Davis School teachers have received funding for their classroom projects through Donors Choose! The students benefiting from this funding encompass grades Kindergarten - 3rd grade. The teachers, who funded classroom projects through Donors Choose are Mrs. Cortez, Mrs. Carroll, Ms. McShane, Ms. Nguyen, Mrs. Vega, Mrs. L. Elwood, and Ms. Watson.

Through the tremendous generosity of Donors Choose, these seven Zela Davis teachers and their students have received reading nooks, desks, storage furniture/supplies, headphones, individual dry-erase whiteboards, letter tiles, Scholastic Magazine student subscriptions, STEM teaching supplies, art supplies, PBIS classroom treasure box, and sports/exercise equipment. Our students and teachers appreciate these donations and will take full advantage of this great opportunity.

Congratulations teachers and students! We look forward to more projects being funded through Donors Choose in the near future.



Miguelina Lopez
Principal

Donantes Eligen

Por Abi Morales, Subdirectora

¡Nos complace anunciar que siete maestras de la escuela Zela Davis han recibido fondos para sus proyectos de clase a través de Donantes Eligen! Los estudiantes beneficiados abarcan los grados de Kindergarten a 3er grado. Las maestras que financiaron estos proyectos son la Sra. Cortez, la Sra. Carroll, la Sra. McShane, la Sra. Nguyen, la Sra. Vega, la Sra. L. Elwood y la Sra. Watson.

A través de la tremenda generosidad de Donantes Eligen, maestras y estudiantes recibieron rincones de lectura, escritorios, muebles de almacenamiento, auriculares, pizarras individuales de borrado en seco, mosaicos de letras, suscripciones a la revista Scholastic, materiales de enseñanza STEM, suministros de arte, caja de tesoros del salón de PBIS y equipo deportivo de ejercicio. Apreciamos estas donaciones y se aprovecharán al máximo.

¡Felicidades maestras y estudiantes! Esperamos que se financien más proyectos a través de Donantes Eligen en un futuro próximo.



Mrs. L. Elwood receiving STEM donations.

Sra. L. Elwood recibiendo donaciones STEM.



Student in Ms. Watson's 1st grade class receiving prize from donated PBIS classroom treasure box.

Estudiante en la clase de 1er grado de la Sra. Watson recibiendo el premio de PBIS de la caja del tesoro del aula donada.

Art Docent

York recently completed a series of art lessons provided to our Kindergarten and TK age students. The best part, beyond the pure joy and creativity that art brings to the lives of children, is that these art lessons were delivered by parent volunteers. The Art Docent Procent is a wonderful way to integrate fine art with direct curriculum connections. In addition, these projects offer an excellent way

to foster parent engagement on our school campus because the lessons are presented and taught by parents/guardians who are dedicated to bringing the arts to children. The process for becoming an Art Docent is quite easy, thanks in large part to Hélène Trudeau (Hawthorne School District Arts Coordinator), who provides the training for parents

to learn to make and teach the art projects and become expert Art Docents! Arts Docents work as a team. One team member presents the lesson while the other team members assist the students throughout the process. These projects receive additional assistance from HSD Family Outreach Specialists, Jezebel Salas and Angelica Reyes, who ensure that everyone feels involved and supported. Because of this team effort, the recent kindergarten lessons were a huge success because they promoted parent engagement and empowerment, and also allowed for the perfect opportunity for inclusive practices to flourish, as students in both general ed and special ed worked side by side on beautiful works of art together. York would like to recognize and thank our Art Docents: Vanessa Guzman, Deuh Zebe, Catalina Hernandez, and Art Luna (whose first name suggests that he was born to do this!) We hope to encourage more parents to become Art Docents and continue the enthusiasm and momentum in supporting our school programs.



John Paterson
Principal

Art Docent

York completó recientemente una serie de lecciones de arte proporcionadas a nuestros estudiantes de Kindergarten y TK. La mejor parte, más allá de la pura alegría y creatividad que el arte aporta a la vida de los niños, es que estas lecciones de arte fueron impartidas por padres voluntarios. El "Art Docent Procent" es una forma maravillosa de integrar las bellas artes con conexiones directas al currículo.

Además, estos proyectos ofrecen una excelente manera de fomentar la participación de los padres en las instalaciones de nuestra escuela porque las lecciones son presentadas y enseñadas por padres/tutores que se dedican a acercar las artes a los niños. El proceso para convertirse en Art Docent es bastante fácil, gracias en gran parte a Hélène Trudeau (Coordinadora de Artes del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne), quien brinda capacitación para que los padres aprendan a hacer y enseñar los proyectos de arte y convertirse en Art Docents expertos.



Amazing Art Docent, Mr. Luna

Maravilloso docente de arte: Sr. Art Luna

Los docentes de artes trabajan en equipo. Un miembro del equipo presenta la lección mientras que los otros miembros del equipo ayudan a los estudiantes durante todo el proceso. Estos proyectos reciben asistencia adicional de las especialistas en alcance familiar de HSD, Jezebel Salas y Angélica Reyes, quienes se aseguran de que todos se sientan involucrados y apoyados. Gracias a este esfuerzo en equipo, las lecciones recientes de jardín de infantes fueron un gran éxito porque promovieron la participación y el empoderamiento de los padres, y también permitieron que florecieran las prácticas inclusivas, ya que los estudiantes de educación general y educación especial trabajaron mano a mano en hermosos obras de arte juntas. York desea reconocer y agradecer a nuestros Art Docents: Vanessa Guzman, Deuh Zebe, Catalina Hernandez, y Art Luna (¡Cuyo primer nombre sugiere que nació para hacer esto!) Esperamos alentar a más padres a convertirse en Art Docents y continuar con el entusiasmo y el impulso. en el apoyo a nuestros programas escolares.



Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

Who Wants Freckles?

Freckle Juice is about a boy named Andrew who really wants freckles on his face. A girl in his class named Sharon says that she'll sell him a secret recipe for freckle juice that will give him freckles.



Will he buy the recipe and use it? Read to find out!

This book is very silly and easy to read. I liked this book and I think you will too.

Daniel is in third grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, basketball, and bowling.

David's Review

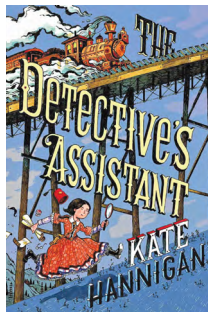


David H.

Thrills and Surprises

The Detective's Assistant is a mystery book about Nell Warne, who is adopted by her Aunt Kitty, a detective that works for a detective agency, and the mysteries that

they solve. One of the mysteries they solve is a murder. This book shows how detectives solve crimes and the thinking behind it. It also contains a lot of historical facts so you are learning while you are entertained. If you want to read a good mystery novel, you are sure to love this book!



David is in fifth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and activities such as tennis, basketball, and bowling.

Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

Friendships

Title: *Rules*

Author: Cynthia Lord

Catherine is a 12 year old girl that is talented in drawing. She has a brother named David. David is diagnosed with autism.



David and Catherine's mom would go to OT. Catherine would sometimes come to. That's

where Catherine met a friend called Jason. Jason is a teenage boy in a wheelchair that can't talk. They first meet when Catherine is bored and draws Jason. Jason catches her and tells his mom with his communication book. Jason's mom gets angry, but that soon leads to Catherine making word cards for Jason. Catherine also meets another person named Kristi. Kristi is a "cool" girl as said by Catherine. At first, Catherine is embarrassed to tell Kristi she has a brother that has autism and a friend who is in a wheelchair. Will Catherine learn to value good friendships? Will she find out what is truly important to her? Read to find out!

Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

Taegyung's Book Review



Taegyung K.

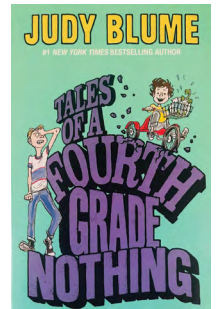
Absolutely Nothing

Title: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

Author: Judy Blume

Fourth grade. The days of kickball at recess. The grade of joy. But Peter Hatcher doesn't think so. But that isn't even the

problem. His problem lies with Farley Drexel. Or Fudge as everyone calls him. Fudge is all the world's irritating toddler brothers merged into one. A three-year old terror straight out of the cinema's next horror movie who gets away with all he does. Even if it's smearing some mashed potatoes on the wall of the restaurant or putting stamps all over a bag, he's never punished. Of course, by this point Peter has had enough of his chaotic brother and no-nonsense parents. But his parents are busy with Fudge rather than paying any attention to Peter. After they leave Fudge alone with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle that he cares so much about out, things get ugly. Will Peter solve his problems, or is he truly nothing



Taegyung K. is a 7th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.

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Sourish's Review



Sourish M.

A Second Chance, Something Everyone Deserves...

"I remember falling" says the first line of the book *Restart* by Gordon Korman. It describes the reminiscence of the main character Chase Ambrose who has an accident that changes

his life forever. The way the author has displayed this character is incredible.

He writes the story from each character's own point of view which projects a movie inside the reader's head as if they are experiencing it live. Every character plays a role in the main character's life, Shoshana Weber, Bear Bratsky, Aaron Hakimian, Brendan Espinoza, Kimberly Tooley, and Joel Weber. Chase was a bully who would torment others, but when he got amnesia, he changed for the better. The readers may be entertained by the amusing moments in the story such as the time when Brendan drove a tricycle through a carwash! Chase received something rare to everyone, a second chance and that should be deserved by everyone!



Sourish M. is a seventh grader who is enthusiastic to learn more and experience new things. He likes Science and Reading, plays soccer, basketball, guitar, and has fun with friends and family. Sourish loves to spend long hours coding and expanding his experiences by traveling with his family.

Jenna's Review



Jenna C.

Have it all!

Title: *Almanac 2021*
Which language has the most first language speakers? You might want to hit up for an almanac. What's an almanac? It's basically a book that speaks facts.

Maybe you don't like that type of person, but you might like that type of book. Maybe you can also learn more things like, do you want to know where Alexander the Great was buried? How future homes may be built? Studying rocks? It has it all. From wanting to study stars to knowing about the coolest cats, you can imagine. It's as real as red being red and green being green but, as versatile as the library books.



Jenna is a 6th grader. She enjoys playing soccer and drawing. She likes to read fiction novels. Someday she wants to publish a book.

Penny's Review



Penny

A Wish Gone Awry

Book Title: *Best Wishes*
Author: Sarah Mlynowski

Becca is having a terrible day. Her best friend Harper decided that she didn't want to be friends with her. But after her terrible day, a mysterious package

arrives for Becca in the mail. It turns out to be a bracelet with magic powers. Becca wishes that she could have a lot of friends, and the bracelet makes her wish come true. But then everybody wants to be her friend. The kids in her class, the teacher, even her mom! Everyone who reads this book will laugh at all the funny adventures and twists that this book has.

I give it a ten out of ten hearts.

Penny is a 5th grader who loves to read. She enjoys eating ice cream and petting her dog. She wants to be a librarian when she grows up.



Kailani's Review



Kailani T.

Speak Up for Yourself

Left Behind by Laurie

Halse Anderson is book 17 (of 17) in the Vet Volunteers series. The story is mainly about Sylvester and Sunita. One day while Sunita follows Dr. Gabe and

another Vet Volunteer to a horse farm on a house call, she finds Sylvester in 1 of the stalls in the barn. Sylvester is a sheep who was just left behind. Sheep usually thrive when they live in a group or a flock. Why is Sylvester left alone? Does Sylvester need a new home? Can Sunita and her Vet Volunteer friends help this lonely little lamb?

I like all the books in the Vet Volunteers series, especially this one since I can relate to the main character. Just like Sunita, I am very reserved and shy. I often let my friends decide the games we play and the TV programs we watch to avoid conflicts. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves animals and anyone who may have a hard time speaking up for themselves.

Kailani is a 5th grader who loves to read. When not reading, Kailani likes to play with her brother, jump on the trampoline, listen to music, and ride horses.

