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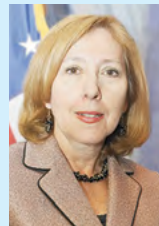
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### **The Benefits of Preschool**

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- 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.



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## The Learning Continues

The end of the school year does not have to represent a pause in learning for students in the Hawthorne School District. For families who choose to enroll, the District will be providing a broad range of summer programs, including our Summer Academy, Summer Space Camp, GEAR UP College Readiness Program, UCLA Young Black Scholars Program, Extended School Year Program, HMSA Summer School, and more. These programs offer a menu of options, many with flexible scheduling and extended hours, and all are provided at no cost to families. We know that keeping students engaged and active during the summer months is key to countering learning loss and our broad range of programs is designed to provide access to enrichment activities and social-emotional learning experiences. While we welcome the opportunity to have students log some quality time with their families over the summer months, we want you to know that the Hawthorne School District is here to support all of our scholars through whatever model or program fits with your summer plans.

As we prepare for the transition to the 2023-2024 school year, we want to wish you a wonderful summer and share with you our sincere appreciation for your continued partnership, trust, and support. We will be looking forward to seeing you again soon!



**Dr. Brian Markarian**  
Superintendent

## El Aprendizaje Continúa

El fin del año escolar no tiene que representar una pausa en el aprendizaje para los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne. Para las familias que decidan inscribirse, el Distrito ofrecerá una amplia variedad de programas de verano, incluyendo nuestro Academia de Verano, Campamento Espacial de Verano, Programa de Preparación para la Universidad GEAR UP, Programa UCLA Young Black Scholars, Programa de Extensión del Año Escolar, Escuela de Verano HMSA, y más. Estos programas ofrecen una gran variedad de opciones, muchas de ellas con

horarios flexibles y prolongados, y todos se ofrecen sin costo alguno para las familias. Sabemos que mantener a los estudiantes comprometidos y activos durante los meses de verano es clave para contrarrestar la pérdida de aprendizaje y nuestra amplia variedad de programas está diseñada para proporcionar acceso a actividades de enriquecimiento y experiencias de aprendizaje socioemocional. Mientras que damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de que los estudiantes pasen tiempo de calidad con sus familias durante los meses de verano, queremos que sepan que el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne está aquí para apoyar a todos nuestros estudiantes a través de cualquier modelo o programa que se ajuste a sus planes de verano.

Mientras nos preparamos para la transición al año escolar 2023-2024, queremos desearles un verano maravilloso y compartir con ustedes nuestro sincero agradecimiento por su continua asociación, confianza y apoyo. Esperamos volver a verlos pronto.



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Dr. Brian Markarian begins this issue with his message on page 3 regarding the many summer learning opportunities available for students at no cost to families.

Congratulations to Marta Diaz the word search contest winner for May. (Be sure to enter the contest on page 20)

Please remember to include the library among your summer activities. Our next issue is September 13.



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## Celebrating Husky Highlights

Bud Carson Middle School fostered a strong sense of community and engagement by organizing a series of successful student and family activities. Our Open House provided an opportunity for families to connect with teachers, explore the learning environment, and gain insight into their child's educational journey. Additionally, STEM Super Saturday, Career Day, the STEM and Literacy Family Night, and the STEAM Carnival allowed students and families to delve into the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. These events sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for these vital subjects, inspiring young minds to explore and pursue their interests. BCMS recognized and celebrated many achievements too. Two of our teachers, Ms. Ayafor and Mr. Cirillo, received

recognition awards for their stellar instructional practices. Families also joined in honoring student achievement at our Academic Award Ceremonies. In addition, several scholars won state-level awards in the

Invention Convention. We prioritized fostering meaningful social interactions and inclusivity among its students. The Friendship Club, which brought together students in Special Education and their typically developing peers, facilitated valuable connections and friendships. This initiative encouraged empathy, understanding, and the development of a supportive and inclusive school community.

Bud Carson Middle School achieved yet another milestone by securing the acceptance of its California Community Schools Partnership Program grant. This success highlights the school's commitment to collaborating with community organizations and leveraging resources to provide a comprehensive and enriching educational experience for all students.

As the academic year draws to a close, Bud Carson Middle School can proudly reflect on a year filled with achievements, engaging events, and a thriving school community. The dedication of its students, teachers, staff, and supportive families has made this year truly exceptional. As Bud Carson Middle School looks ahead to the future, it aims to continue its commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and fostering a love for learning among its students.



**John Paterson**  
*Principal*

## Celebrando los Logros de los Huskies

La Escuela Intermedia Bud Carson fomentó un fuerte sentido de comunidad y compromiso al organizar una serie de actividades exitosas para estudiantes y familias. Nuestra Casa Abierta brindó una oportunidad para que las familias se conectaran con los maestros, exploraran el entorno de aprendizaje y obtuvieran información sobre el viaje educativo de sus hijos. Además, STEM Super Saturday, Career Day, STEM and Literacy Family Night y STEAM Carnival permitieron a los estudiantes y las familias adentrarse en el apasionante mundo de la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería, las artes y las matemáticas. Estos eventos despertaron la curiosidad y el entusiasmo por estos temas vitales, inspirando a las mentes jóvenes a explorar y perseguir sus intereses. BCMS también

reconoció y celebró muchos logros. Dos de nuestros maestros, la Sra. Ayafor y el Sr. Cirillo, recibieron premios de reconocimiento por sus prácticas instructivas estelares. Las familias también se unieron para honrar los logros de los estudiantes en nuestras Ceremonias de Premios Académicos. Además, varios académicos ganaron premios a



**BCMS Academic Awards**  
**Premios académicos BCMS**

nivel estatal en la Convención de Invencciones. Priorizamos fomentar interacciones sociales significativas y la inclusión entre sus estudiantes. El Club de la Amistad, que reunió a estudiantes de Educación Especial y sus compañeros de desarrollo típico, facilitó conexiones y amistades valiosas. Esta iniciativa fomentó la empatía, la comprensión y el desarrollo de una comunidad escolar solidaria e inclusiva.

La Escuela Intermedia Bud Carson logró otro hito al asegurar la aceptación de su subvención del Programa de Asociación de Escuelas Comunitarias de California. Este éxito destaca el compromiso de la escuela de colaborar con organizaciones comunitarias y aprovechar los recursos para brindar una experiencia educativa integral y enriquecedora para todos los estudiantes.

A medida que el año académico llega a su fin, la Escuela Intermedia Bud Carson puede reflexionar con orgullo sobre un año lleno de logros, eventos interesantes y una comunidad escolar próspera. La dedicación de sus estudiantes, maestros, personal y familias solidarias ha hecho que este año sea realmente excepcional. A medida que la Escuela Intermedia Bud Carson mira hacia el futuro, su objetivo es continuar con su compromiso con la excelencia, la inclusión y fomentar el amor por el aprendizaje entre sus estudiantes.



## Employees of the Year

Sheri Demoff was hired by the Hawthorne School District in 2006. She teaches Kindergarten at Eucalyptus and also serves as a member of the School Site Council and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Team (PBIS). Ms. Demoff comes to work every day with a smile and an excitement to provide an inclusive and supportive learning environment to every student. She arrives early, stays late and is always working on new and different strategies to support her students learning. Monique Isham-Blatcher was hired by the district in 2014. It's impressive to witness the passion, care and attention to detail shown in the daily work of ensuring the safety and well-being of our children. As a Playground Supervisor, she takes great pride making sure students are able to enjoy their time outside of the classroom, without fear of injury or harm. Her daily work includes supervising the playground, serving as crossing guard, and monitoring the entry and dismissal gates in the morning and afternoon. On behalf of Koala Nation, it's an honor to recognize Ms. Demoff and Ms. Isham-Blatcher as the Eucalyptus employees of the year for 2022-2023.



**Mike Goldstein**  
*Principal*

## Empleados del Año

Sheri Demoff fue contratada por el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne en 2006. Enseña jardín de infantes en Eucalyptus y también se desempeña como miembro del Consejo Escolar y del Equipo de Apoyo e Intervenciones de Comportamiento Positivo (PBIS). La Sra. Demoff viene a trabajar todos los días con una sonrisa y entusiasmo para brindar un entorno de aprendizaje inclusivo y de apoyo para todos los estudiantes.

Llega temprano, se queda hasta tarde y siempre está trabajando en estrategias nuevas y diferentes para apoyar el aprendizaje de sus alumnos. Monique Isham-Blatcher fue contratada por el distrito en 2014. Es impresionante presenciar la pasión, el cuidado y la atención a los detalles que se muestran en el trabajo diario para garantizar la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros niños. Como supervisora del patio de recreo, se enorgullece de asegurarse de que los estudiantes puedan disfrutar su tiempo fuera del aula, sin temor a lesiones o daños. Su trabajo diario incluye supervisar el patio de recreo, servir como guardia de cruce y monitorear las puertas de entrada y salida en la mañana y la tarde. En nombre de Koala Nation, es un honor reconocer a la Sra. Demoff y la Sra. Isham-Blatcher como las empleadas del año de Eucalyptus para 2022-2023.



**Ms. Sheri Demoff**



**Ms. Monique Isham-Blatcher**



**Jennifer Rodriguez**  
coordinator,  
Injury Prevention Program,  
MemorialCare Miller Children's  
& Women's Hospital Long Beach

## Our Injury Prevention Team Encourages Proper Car Safety to Keep Kids Safe

By: Jennifer Rodriguez, coordinator, Injury Prevention Program, MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach

Car accidents can be devastating but by taking the appropriate precautions, you can help prevent injury and death.

Using the appropriate car seat for your child's age, height, and weight is crucial. California law requires infants to be rear-facing until they are 2 years old or have reached the seat's maximum height and weight limit. At that point, children will transition to a forward-facing car seat. Next, children will transition to a booster seat. Children age 8 or older or 4'9 or taller, may use the vehicle seat belt as long as it fits properly.

Having the car seat properly installed is also critical in maximizing safety. When installing the seat, make sure it is tightly secured and doesn't wobble or move more than an inch in any direction.

Emphasize the importance of seat belts to children as soon as they are old enough to understand. Make it a rule for everyone in the car to buckle up, every time — no exceptions.

Parents can lead by example by making sure you buckle up as well. Seat belts are the most effective way to protect against serious injuries in a car.

The Injury Prevention Program at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach focuses on providing safety education to prevent injury. Dedicated injury prevention coordinators offer bicycle, pedestrian and car seat safety, infant CPR classes, as well as certified bicycle and skateboard helmets for children in need. The Injury Prevention Program team attends community events throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties regularly, so that they can educate children and their families on how to stay safe and avoid hospitalization.

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## New Beginnings for HMSA Aviators

By: Dr. Anakonia Matsumoto

The new reality has started sinking in for 111 of our graduating seniors at HMSA. On May 1, seniors across the country made their commitments to college and their decisions for their next chapter in life. The past few months have been a whirlwind for our seniors. We had 66 seniors take over 117 Advanced Placement exams, many of them taking two or more. Decision day was held on May 19 where families were invited to celebrate the college announcements. On May 26, HMSA held their annual multi-cultural event and many of our seniors took the stage for the last time. They enjoyed "A Night under the Stars" at prom held at the Norris Pavilion in Rolling Hills Estates. Our upcoming Senior Week will be a blast as the graduating class will celebrate at Universal Studios, bowling, enjoy a buffet breakfast and a class picnic.

Our class of 2023 graduation will be held Thursday, June 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Centinela Performing Arts Center. Every student will be attending a college/university upon graduation, and we are so proud. Many of our Aviators will be attending (but not limited to): UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, and El Camino College.

Mari G (first-generation), who will be attending UCLA in the fall shared "I will be majoring in English to become a journalist so that my words can create change for the future."

We are all so proud of our seniors and cannot wait to see what's in store for our future leaders as they will make incredible contributions to their new school communities.

Until next time, see you later Aviators!



**Esau Berumen**  
Principal

## Nuevos Comienzos para los Aviadores de HMSA

Por Dra. Anakonia Matsumoto

La nueva realidad ha comenzado a asimilarse para 111 de nuestros estudiantes de último año que se gradúan de HMSA. El 1 de mayo, los estudiantes del duodécimo grado de todo el país se comprometieron con la universidad y tomaron decisiones para el próximo capítulo de su vida. Los últimos meses han sido un torbellino para estos estudiantes. Tuvimos 66 estudiantes que tomaron más de 117 exámenes

de Colocación Avanzada, muchos de ellos tomaron dos o más. El día de la decisión se llevó a cabo el 19 de mayo, donde se invitó a las familias a celebrar los anuncios de las universidades. El 26 de mayo, HMSA celebró su evento multicultural anual y muchos de nuestros estudiantes de último año subieron al escenario por última vez. Disfrutaron

de "Una Noche debajo de Las Estrellas" en el baile de graduación celebrado en el Norris Pavilion en Rolling Hills Estates. Nuestra próxima semana para los estudiantes del duodécimo grado será genial, ya que la clase que se gradúa celebrará en Universal Studios, jugará bolos, disfrutará de un desayuno buffet y un picnic de clase.

Nuestra clase de graduación de 2023 se llevará a cabo el jueves 8 de junio a las 4:30 p.m. en el Centro de Artes Escénicas Centinela. Cada estudiante asistirá a un colegio/universidad después de graduarse, y estamos muy orgullosos. Muchos de nuestros aviadores asistirán (entre otros): UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona y El Camino College.

Mari G (primera generación), quien asistirá a UCLA en otoño, compartió: "Me especializaré en inglés para convertirme en periodista para que mis palabras puedan crear cambios para el futuro".

Todos estamos muy orgullosos de nuestros estudiantes de último año y no podemos esperar a ver qué les espera a nuestros futuros líderes, ya que harán contribuciones increíbles a sus nuevas comunidades escolares.



## Hawk Traditions Return

The 2022-2023 school year was eventful at Hawthorne Middle School with a return to pre-pandemic Hawk activities.

The Hawk community came together in person. Parents were welcomed back on campus during Summer Orientation. At Back-to-School Night, families showed up in force to meet staff and visit classrooms. During HMS trimester award assemblies, there was only standing room as parents celebrated student success.

Hawk traditions from the past made a comeback like Career Day, an event that past Hawks remembered with pride. The return of the HMS Talent Show is coming soon and will be an event to close out the year.

Another highlight of the year was HMS Athletics. Hawk school spirit was visible as the Girls Volleyball and Flag Football teams opened their seasons in Fall 2022. Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed throughout the winter. In the Spring, Hawks were excited to try out for the Boys Soccer and Girl Soccer Teams. Intramural games were created to give everyone interested the opportunity to get on the field. Finally, HMS formed a Boys Volleyball Team for the first time.

HMS Hawks look forward to summer as we take time to rest and re-charge as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.



**Martha Castellanos**  
*Principal*

## Regreso de Tradiciones Hawk

El año escolar 2022-2023 estuvo lleno de acontecimientos en Hawthorne Middle School con el regreso a las actividades Hawk previas a la pandemia.

La comunidad de HMS se reunió en persona. Los padres fueron bienvenidos de vuelta al campus durante la Orientación de Verano. En la Noche de Regreso a la Escuela, las familias se presentaron en grande para conocer al personal y visitar las aulas. Durante las asambleas trimestrales de premios de HMS, solo había

espacio para estar de pie mientras los padres celebraban el éxito de los estudiantes.

Las tradiciones del pasado regresaron como el Día de la Carrera, un evento que los Hawks del pasado recordaron con orgullo. El regreso del HMS Talent Show llegará pronto y será un evento para cerrar el año.

Otro punto destacado del año fue los equipos de deportes. El espíritu de la escuela fue visible cuando los equipos de voleibol femenino y fútbol de bandera abrieron sus temporadas en el otoño de 2022. Los equipos de baloncesto masculino y femenino compitieron

durante todo el invierno. En la primavera, los Hawks estaban emocionados de participar en pruebas para los equipos de fútbol masculino y femenino. Se crearon juegos intramuros para dar a todos los interesados la oportunidad de entrar al campo. Finalmente, HMS formó un equipo de voleibol masculino por primera vez.

HMS Hawks espera con ansias el verano mientras tomamos tiempo para descansar y recargar energías mientras nos preparamos para el año escolar 2023-2024.



**Seventh grader Leroy Collins and eighth grader David Moreno set-up their play on the HMS Flag Football Team.**

**Leroy Collins, estudiante de séptimo grado, y David Moreno, estudiante de octavo grado, prepararon su juego en el equipo de fútbol de banderas de HMS.**



# Jefferson *Elementary*

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## A Remarkable Year

Summer is approaching, marking the end of a remarkable year for families and students at Jefferson. The campus buzzed with engaging activities and events, strengthening the bond between families and the school community. Movie Night, Art Night, Family Picnics, Board Game Night, and Multicultural Night added joy and togetherness to the calendar. Students and teachers collaborated in groups, nurturing critical thinking and communication skills. To address learning loss, Jefferson offered three dedicated teachers, providing valuable intervention support. Recognizing the importance of the arts, the school expanded its programs, including drumming, music, and an art box for all students. Additionally, a comprehensive social-emotional curriculum was implemented, enabling teachers to guide students through emotional challenges. Returning to a more normal environment was a cherished experience for everyone involved. As summer approaches, may the spirit of community and the positive momentum continue to flourish at Jefferson.



**Josh Godin**  
*Principal*

## Un Año Extraordinario

Se acerca el verano, marcando el final de un año extraordinario para las familias y los estudiantes de Jefferson. El campus se llenó de actividades y eventos atractivos, fortaleciendo el vínculo entre las familias y la comunidad escolar. La Noche de Cine, la Noche de Arte, los Picnics Familiares, la Noche de Juegos de Mesa y la Noche Multicultural agregaron alegría y unión al calendario. Los estudiantes y maestros colaboraron en grupos, fomentando el pensamiento crítico y las habilidades de comunicación. Para abordar la pérdida de aprendizaje, Jefferson ofreció tres maestros dedicados, que brindaron un valioso apoyo de intervención. Reconociendo la importancia de las artes, la escuela amplió sus programas, incluyendo percusión, música y una caja de arte para todos los estudiantes. Además, se implementó un currículo socioemocional integral que permitió a los maestros guiar a los estudiantes a través de desafíos emocionales. Regresar a un entorno más normal fue una experiencia preciada para todos los involucrados. A medida que se acerca el verano, que el espíritu de comunidad y el impulso positivo continúen floreciendo en Jefferson.





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## Summer Learning Opportunities

Kornblum students persevered through the 2022-2023 school year and have made significant growth and strides in acquiring foundational academic and social skills that lay the groundwork for their future success. As we go into summer, students can continue learning.

Summer programs play a vital role in supporting students academically and socially. With this in mind, Hawthorne School District is committed to offering the following summer programs for students:

HSD Academic Summer School extends from July 5 - August 3, 2023, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Students will focus on academic and social skills.

AYA summer space camp is a 5-week program from July 5 - August 3, 2023, from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. and provides academic support and enrichment activities.

In partnership with the UCLA Parent Project, the "Young Black Scholars Summer Academy" is offered from July 10 through July 20, 2023, from 8:30 to noon.



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## Oportunidades de Aprendizaje de Verano

Los estudiantes de Kornblum perseveraron durante el año escolar 2022-2023 y han logrado un crecimiento y avances significativos en la adquisición de habilidades académicas y sociales fundamentales que sientan las bases para su éxito futuro. A medida que avanzamos en el verano, los estudiantes pueden continuar aprendiendo.

Los programas de verano juegan un papel vital en el apoyo académico y social de los estudiantes. Con esto en mente, el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne se compromete a ofrecer los siguientes programas de verano para los estudiantes:

La escuela académica de verano de HSD se extiende del 5 de julio al 3 de agosto de 2023, de 8:30 a. m. a 12:00 p. m. Los estudiantes se enfocarán en habilidades académicas y sociales.

El campamento espacial de verano de AYA es un programa de 5 semanas del 5 de julio al 3 de agosto de 2023, de 8:30 a. m. a 5:30 p. m. y proporciona apoyo académico y actividades de enriquecimiento.

En asociación con el Proyecto de padres de UCLA, la "Academia de verano para jóvenes estudiantes negros" se ofrece del 10 al 20 de julio de 2023, de 8:30 a 12:00.



## Panther Pride

What a fantastic year it has been for our Home of the Panthers. 2022-2023 was filled with academic rigor, fun student activities, AVID, college and career exploration, MESA, award assemblies, sports, extended learning opportunities, social-emotional support, and more. Our PVMS team proudly received the State and National Schools to Watch designation and our parent community participated in numerous workshops and collaborative meetings throughout the school year.

Our students in our Visual and Performing Arts program performed at multiple events, including the Hawthorne Centennial Parade, Hawthorne Winter Festival, STEAM Expo, and the Take Part Festival. Talent was certainly on display as our students danced, played piano, played in the band and orchestra, and created beautiful and culturally diverse works of art for the festival gallery.

The PVMS Drumline is an exciting new addition to our after-school program. A drum coach from the Harmony Project provides high-quality music instruction for students who want to dedicate their time and interest to learning percussion.

From all of us at PVMS, have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming our new students in the 2023-2024 school year, and we will miss our students and families who are moving on to high school.



**Wendy Ostensen**  
*Principal*

## Orgullo de Pantera

Qué año tan fantástico ha sido para nuestro Hogar de las Panteras. 2022-2023 estuvo lleno de rigor académico, actividades estudiantiles divertidas, AVID, exploración universitaria y profesional, MESA, asambleas de premios, deportes, oportunidades de aprendizaje extendidas, apoyo socioemocional y más. Nuestro equipo de PVMS recibió con orgullo la designación State and National Schools to Watch y nuestra comunidad de padres participó en numerosos talleres y reuniones colaborativas a lo largo del año escolar.

Nuestros estudiantes en nuestro programa de Artes Visuales y Escénicas actuaron en múltiples eventos, incluido el Desfile del Centenario de Hawthorne, el Festival de Invierno de Hawthorne, la Expo STEAM y el Festival de Take Part. El talento ciertamente se mostró cuando nuestros estudiantes bailaron, tocaron el piano, tocaron en la banda y la orquesta, y crearon obras de arte hermosas y culturalmente diversas para la galería del festival.

PVMS Drumline es una nueva y emocionante adición a nuestro programa extracurricular. Un entrenador de percusión de Harmony Project brinda instrucción musical de alta calidad para los estudiantes que desean dedicar su tiempo e interés al aprendizaje de la percusión.

De parte de todos nosotros en PVMS, que tenga un

verano relajante y agradable. Esperamos dar la bienvenida a nuestros nuevos estudiantes en el año escolar 2023-2024, y extrañaremos a nuestros estudiantes y familias que pasan a la escuela secundaria.



**Performances at the Take Part Art Festival include the PVMS Concert Band and Dance Team.**

**Las actuaciones en el festival Take PART incluyen La Banda de Concierto y el Equipo de Danza de PVMS.**





## Ramona First Annual Color Run

The vibrant hues painted the neighborhood as Ramona School hosted its First Annual Color Run event, a day that will forever be etched in the memories of our students. It was an extraordinary occasion that brought together our school community, volunteers, and various partners for a day of excitement, laughter, and shared experiences.

First and foremost, we would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers who made this event possible. Their unwavering dedication, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts ensured the smooth execution of the Color Run. From organizing the route and setting up checkpoints to distributing color packets and cheering on the participants, they worked tirelessly to create a memorable day for everyone involved.

The event was an incredible experience for our students, leaving an indelible mark on their young hearts. As they ran, jogged, and walked through clouds of vibrant powder, their smiles and laughter filled the air, creating an atmosphere of pure joy and camaraderie. The Color Run provided them with an opportunity to embrace their individuality, celebrate unity, and foster a sense of belonging within our school community.

Our success wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our community partners, family vendors, and a special group of children's vendors. Their participation and contributions added an extra layer of excitement and fun to the event. They created an atmosphere brimming with laughter, delight, and cherished memories.

To our volunteers, community partners, family vendors, and children's vendors, we extend our deepest appreciation for making the First Annual Color Run an extraordinary experience. Your dedication, support, and commitment to our students' well-being and happiness are truly commendable. The Color Run has not only brought us closer as a school community but has also strengthened our bond with the wider community.

Another RAMazing Ramona School event in the books. Can't wait until next year!



**Marisa Stewart**  
*Principal*

## Carrera de Colores de la Escuela Ramona

Los tonos vibrantes pintaron el vecindario cuando la Escuela Ramona organizó su primer evento anual Color Run, un día que quedará grabado para siempre en la memoria de nuestros estudiantes. Fue una ocasión extraordinaria que reunió a nuestra comunidad escolar, voluntarios y varios socios para un día de emoción, risas y experiencias compartidas.

En primer lugar, nos gustaría extender nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a los increíbles voluntarios que hicieron posible este evento. Su inquebrantable dedicación, entusiasmo y esfuerzos incansables garantizaron la ejecución sin problemas de Color Run. Desde organizar la ruta y establecer puntos de control hasta distribuir paquetes de colores y animar a los participantes, trabajaron incansablemente para crear un día memorable para todos los involucrados.

El evento fue una experiencia increíble para nuestros estudiantes, dejando una huella imborrable en sus jóvenes corazones. Mientras corrían, trotaban y caminaban a través de nubes de polvo vibrante, sus sonrisas y risas llenaban el aire, creando una atmósfera de pura alegría y camaradería. The Color Run les brindó la oportunidad de abrazar su individualidad, celebrar la unidad y fomentar un sentido de pertenencia dentro de nuestra comunidad escolar.

Nuestro éxito no hubiera sido posible sin el generoso apoyo de nuestros socios comunitarios, proveedores familiares y un grupo especial de proveedores para niños. Su participación y contribuciones agregaron una capa adicional de emoción y diversión al evento. Crearon un ambiente rebosante de risas, deleite y preciados recuerdos.

A nuestros voluntarios, socios comunitarios, proveedores familiares y proveedores de niños, extendemos nuestro más profundo agradecimiento por hacer de la Primera Carrera Anual de Color una experiencia extraordinaria. Su dedicación, apoyo y compromiso con el bienestar y la felicidad de nuestros estudiantes son verdaderamente encomiables. The Color Run no solo nos ha acercado más como comunidad escolar, sino que también ha fortalecido nuestro vínculo con la comunidad en general.

Otro evento RAMazing Ramona School en los libros. ¡No puedo esperar hasta el próximo año!



## Summer Activities to Keep Our Minds Busy

As summer approaches, many parents want to know what their children can do to keep their minds busy. We have suggestions for continued learning throughout the summer. Students can improve their math skills by logging onto ST Math and Khan Academy. Reading and journaling are great ways to keep students engaged in Language Arts. All students have access to reading and phonics games through Footsteps2Brilliance. Take a trip to the Hawthorne Library and check out a few books; one can be a book they can read independently, and the other can be a chapter book. No matter what age, children enjoy being read to. Have your student journal or draw a picture about their reading by maintaining a daily reading log or personal journal to practice writing or penmanship. BrainPop and BrainPop Jr. are available for students to search any topic and learn more about what interests them. Nitro Type and typing.com can help with typing practice. Students can access these educational websites by logging in through their Clever accounts. If extracurricular activities are what you are looking for, be sure to check out The City of Hawthorne Sports Center Activities to see what fun classes and sports are being offered at your local park. The California Science Center inspires science learning in everyone and has free admission. Whatever you do this summer, make it fun and educational!



**Akila Jones**  
Principal

## Actividades de Verano para Mantener Nuestras Mentes Ocupadas

A medida que se acerca el verano, muchos padres quieren saber qué pueden hacer sus hijos para mantener sus mentes ocupadas. Tenemos sugerencias para continuar aprendiendo durante el verano. Los estudiantes pueden mejorar sus habilidades matemáticas iniciando sesión en ST Math y Khan Academy. La lectura y el diario son excelentes maneras de mantener a los estudiantes comprometidos con las artes del lenguaje. Todos los estudiantes tienen acceso a juegos de lectura y



fonética a través de Footsteps2Brilliance. Haga un viaje a la Biblioteca Hawthorne y saque algunos libros; uno puede ser un libro que puedan leer de forma independiente y el otro puede ser un libro de capítulos. No importa la edad, a los niños les gusta que les lean. Haga que su estudiante haga un diario o haga un dibujo sobre su lectura manteniendo

un registro de lectura diario o un diario personal para practicar la escritura o la caligrafía. BrainPop y BrainPop Jr. están disponibles para que los estudiantes busquen cualquier tema y aprendan más sobre lo que les interesa. Nitro Type y typing.com pueden ayudar con la práctica de mecanografía. Los estudiantes pueden

acceder a estos sitios web educativos iniciando sesión a través de sus cuentas de Clever. Si lo que está buscando son actividades extracurriculares, asegúrese de consultar las actividades del centro deportivo de la ciudad de Hawthorne para ver qué clases divertidas y deportes se ofrecen en su parque local. El Centro de Ciencias de California inspira el aprendizaje de las ciencias en todos y tiene entrada gratuita. ¡Hagas lo que hagas este verano, hazlo divertido y educativo!





## Summer Send-Off

As we approach the final days of the 2022-2023 academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey and countless achievements that have unfolded at York. Enrichment activities like Drum Circle and Secrets of the Heart promoted teamwork, emotional intelligence, and empathy. Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) initiatives challenged students to explore their full potential and engage in various STEAM projects. The 4th and 5th-grade Friendship Club fostered connections and social skills through team-building exercises and art. A highlight of the year was the return of in-person awards ceremonies and family activities. Open House showcased student achievements, while Trimester Awards Assemblies celebrated their dedication and hard work. Performances at the SuperStar Assemblies awed the entire community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated students, passionate educators, supportive families, and all those who have contributed to making this school year a resounding success.



**Gina Cardillo**  
Principal

## Despedida de Verano

A medida que nos acercamos a los últimos días del año académico 2022-2023, nos gustaría tomarnos un momento para reflexionar sobre el extraordinario viaje y los innumerables logros que se han desarrollado en York. Las actividades de enriquecimiento como Drum Circle y Secrets of the Heart promovieron el trabajo en equipo, la inteligencia emocional y la empatía. Las iniciativas de Educación para Dotados y Talentosos (GATE) desafiaron a los estudiantes a explorar todo su potencial y participar en varios proyectos STEAM. El Club de la

Amistad de los grados 4 y 5 fomentó las conexiones y las habilidades sociales a través de ejercicios de trabajo en equipo y arte. Lo más destacado del año fue el regreso de las ceremonias de premiación en persona y las actividades familiares. La Casa Abierta mostró los logros de los estudiantes, mientras que las Asambleas Trimestrales de Premios celebraron su dedicación y arduo trabajo. Las actuaciones en las asambleas SuperStar asombraron a toda la comunidad. Extendemos nuestra más sincera gratitud a los estudiantes dedicados, los educadores apasionados, las familias solidarias y todos aquellos que han contribuido a que este año escolar sea un éxito rotundo.



## Summer Learning

By Abi Morales, Assistant Principal

Our students have learned so much this school year! Now, it's time to think about summer! Summer's a time for rest and relaxation. However, there are academic skills that need summer maintenance. For Kindergarten-1st grade students, skills that need summer maintenance are reviewing high frequency words, capital/lower case letter names and sounds, recognizing and writing numbers to 120, and writing their first/last names and sentences. All students, K-5th grade students, should be reading books for enjoyment at their independent reading level and keeping a daily/weekly journal. Families can also visit fun local learning places such as libraries, botanical gardens, museums, science centers, zoos, monuments, and the observatory. Summer is the perfect time to continue learning through exploration. Have fun, enjoy your time off with family/friends, and see you next school year!



**Miguelina Lopez**  
Principal

## Aprendizaje de Verano

por Abi Morales, Subdirectora

¡Nuestros estudiantes han aprendido mucho este año escolar! ¡Es hora de pensar en el verano! El verano es una época de descanso. Sin embargo, hay habilidades académicas que necesitan mantenimiento. Para los estudiantes de jardín de infantes-primer grado, las habilidades que necesitan mantenimiento son repasar palabras de uso frecuente, nombres y sonidos de letras mayúsculas y minúsculas, reconocer y escribir números hasta

el 120 y escribir sus nombres y apellidos y oraciones. Todos los estudiantes, K-5to grado, deben leer libros en su nivel de lectura independiente y llevar un diario semanal. Las familias también pueden visitar lugares de aprendizaje locales divertidos, como bibliotecas, jardines botánicos, museos, centros de ciencias, zoológicos, monumentos y el observatorio. Es el momento perfecto para seguir aprendiendo a través de la exploración. ¡Diviértanse, disfruten de este tiempo y nos vemos el próximo año escolar!



**Enjoy your summer and see you in 2023-2024!**  
**¡Lee durante el verano!**





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## Foundation Making a Collective Impact for a Greater Los Angeles



**Debra Duardo,**  
**M.S.W., Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*

When I joined the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), one of my priorities was to get resources and support for students who, like me, come from underserved families with critical needs.

I quickly realized that one of the best ways we can support our most vulnerable youth is through philanthropic partnerships.

We know that education foundations enable local school districts to address pressing needs by generating financial support through donations and grants that help activate new initiatives and programming. This support can often elevate public funding and raise community awareness.

That is why in 2019, LACOE rebranded its philanthropic arm from Friends of LACOE to the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation (GLA), through an extensive community engagement process that developed strategies and investment areas to address the needs of today's diverse learners.

I was so excited last month to join GLA for a luncheon to celebrate their impact and contributions over the last three years.

Today, the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation is an independent non-profit organization, intended to operate autonomously from LACOE, but in the service of LACOE and the 80 districts and charter schools to support a regional agenda and mission to advance equity and innovation in education across Los Angeles County. By fostering systems-level innovation, building cross-sector partnerships, and encouraging creative problem-solving, GLA tackles some of LA County's greatest educational equity challenges.

Led by Kerry Franco, President of GLA and Chief Deputy of Innovation and Partnerships for LACOE, the foundation prioritizes the following four key strategies to have the greatest impact in supporting educational systems in preparing LA County students for success in college, career and beyond.

- Strengthen and/or Develop Partnerships
- Convene and Network Districts
- Collect, Analyze and Make Learning from Data Accessible
- Advocate and Offer Culturally and Contextually Relevant Policy Solutions

GLA enhances LACOE's impact by engaging a diverse range of partners, in alignment with key state and local priorities, and leveraging their capacities to address critical issues facing public education in Los Angeles County. The foundation understands that no one entity— whether it be philanthropic, private or nonprofit— can alone address the distinct needs of LA County students, families, educators and leaders.

GLA's focused areas include expanding access to equitable and enhanced dual enrollment offerings for low-income and BIPOC high school students; supporting the Community Schools initiative; ensuring that all students have access to safe, reliable technology that will enhance their learning experience; advancing out of school learning time to ensure all students have access to robust, dynamic and diverse expanded learning opportunities; and ensuring that all LA County Districts and schools have the resources and capacity to support students so they can thrive in college, career and life.

Over the past years GLA has provided \$10.5 Million charitable contributions to districts, educators and students; \$4 million in technology, basic needs relief and district investments to support pandemic recovery; \$3 million invested to support the LACOE Community Schools Initiative; \$20 million regional investment secured to open 12 new afterschool teen Tech Centers with Best Buy and Annenberg Foundation; and 109 educator-led projects grants.

I'm proud to collaborate with GLA, as the premier philanthropic partner of LACOE and the school districts served throughout the county, to create a strong foundation in support of our overarching mission, vision and values for Los Angeles County. Together as one community we are making a collective impact for L.A. County students and families.

## Parent To Parent



**Jodie Lynn**

**Q.** Our daughter will start kindergarten in the fall. We'd like to work with her to better prepare her. What are some things we can work on with her during the summer?

**A.** Reading to, talking to, asking questions of and involving a child in their own education will provide a healthy boost to readiness for kindergarten and life in general. By the point you enroll your daughter in kindergarten, her peers may already know the alphabet and basic writing, so work with her on that if she doesn't already. In addition, see if your school has a recommended list of books to read with your child for the summertime. There are many that can stoke a young imagination and encourage children to learn even more. I'm also still a firm believer in magnetized alphabet

letters placed on the refrigerator. Kids can see them several times a day and play with them. The magnets can also teach colors and enhance fine motor skills the more they are played with. This helps build hand-eye coordination, which is essential for using a pencil and many other things in life. Solving puzzles can also help their strength and steadiness in using tools like scissors, which can be very frustrating at first. Please remember that stressed out parents often lead to stressed out kids. My final piece of advice is to do your absolute best to take it all in stride. Be prepared to be unprepared...that's ok. There'll be bigger potholes in the future.

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### Milestones and Firsts Word Search Contest

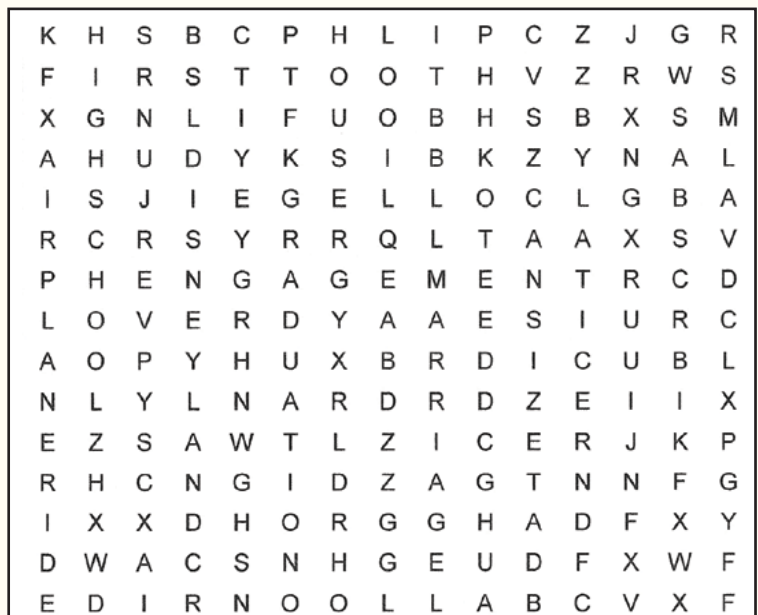
**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) Please put HSD in the subject line.

**Entries must be received by July 15, 2023**

From the correct entries one name will be drawn to win  
a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card!

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| BIRTH       | HOUSE         |
| KISS        | RECITAL       |
| HIGH SCHOOL | CAR           |
| GRADUATION  | DISNEYLAND    |
| COLLEGE     | TRAVEL        |
| DATE        | AIRPLANE RIDE |
| LOVE        | BALLOON RIDE  |
| ENGAGEMENT  | CRUISE        |
| MARRIAGE    | FIRST TOOTH   |



**Congratulations to Marta Diaz — Winner of our May Word Search Contest!**