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Westmont Bulletin Board Presentation

Westmont Principal Sharon Ahlman and 4th grade teacher Elisa Harper spoke about how the school's VAPA program integrates the arts into all academic areas with music, dance, theater, and the visual arts. Students in preschool through 5th grade have many exciting programs in which to participate. One such program is the 4th/5th grade Band, which is unique for an elementary school in Orange County. Students learn to play instruments such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and percussion. This year students will be performing *The Aristocats*, a Disney Musical, which involves singing, acting, dancing, lighting, sound, props, and more. Westmont's Shining Stars bulletin board displayed in the Board Room has QR codes that highlight their rigorous academic instruction and VAPA program.



Marine View Student Presentation

Marine View Principal Sara Schaible and ASB students Tea Lenore and Nola Emralino presented some of the school's programs and activities that help students SAIL (Seek, Achieve, Include and Learn) to success. Marine View emphasizes positivity, learning and connection building through programs such as the Energy Bus Lessons, the Anchors Program, intramural sports, and a variety of fun Spirit Days. In an effort to prioritize kindness and generosity, Marine View is participating in a school-wide service project with the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. Students and families can donate canned goods, food, and hygiene products, to help those in need. ASB students take pride in planning activities to ensure that all students are successful and feel ownership in their school community.

Human Resources Update

Reagan Headrick, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources (HR), presented an overview of the services provided in the HR Department and the Certificated hiring process. Michelle Vellanoweth, Director of Classified Personnel, reported on the Merit System and the Classified Personnel Department. The Board initiated discussions on how to improve efforts to fill the open Classified positions throughout the District. [See the presentation here.](#)

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Dr. Julianne Hoefler, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of the District's 2021-22 Smarter Balanced Assessments results. Smarter Balanced Assessments measure proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. The assessments, which provide an overall performance level for a student, are administered in 3rd-8th and 11th grades. OVSD outperformed both the state and Orange County averages in 2021-22. Dr. Hoefler highlighted a significant demographic shift that has occurred in OVSD. Over the last decade, the number of students enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program has essentially remained unchanged in California and Orange County. However, OVSD has seen an 18.3% increase in children enrolled in the program since the 2011-12 school year. Compared to districts with similar English Learner populations and Free and Reduced participants, OVSD scored 18% above the average in ELA and 22% above the average in math. [See the presentation here.](#)