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Wrapping Up the School Year

The end of the school year provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon accomplishments and successes experienced over the past ten months, while also planning ahead for new opportunities to be embraced in the year ahead.

Over the course of this year, your child has developed in so many ways, deepening their academic knowledge, developing social-emotional skills, and finding interests that will hopefully ignite future passions. All the while, our dedicated staff have been by their side, in the classroom, on the playground, and throughout the campus, guiding their journey and beaming with pride.

We are so grateful to you for your trust and partnership as we work collaboratively to help your child succeed. Whether you will be joining us for our engaging summer programs or following your own path over these next two months, we wish you and your family the very best. Regardless of your plans, we will be looking forward to greeting you again in the new school year!



Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent

Cerrando el Ciclo Escolar

El final del año escolar nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre los logros y éxitos obtenidos en los últimos diez meses, mientras que también planificamos nuevas oportunidades para el año que viene.

En el transcurso de este año, su hijo/a se ha desarrollado de muchas maneras, profundizando sus conocimientos académicos, desarrollando habilidades socio-emocionales, y encontrando intereses que esperamos despierten futuras vocaciones. Durante todo este tiempo, nuestro dedicado personal ha estado a su lado, en el salón de clases, en el patio de recreo y en todo el plantel, guiando su camino y demostrando su orgullo.

Estamos muy agradecidos con usted por su confianza y participación a medida que trabajamos en colaboración para ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito. Ya sea que se una a nosotros para nuestros interesantes programas de verano o que siga su propio camino durante estos próximos dos meses, le deseamos a usted y a su familia lo mejor. Sean cuales sean sus planes, esperamos volver a saludarle en el nuevo año escolar.



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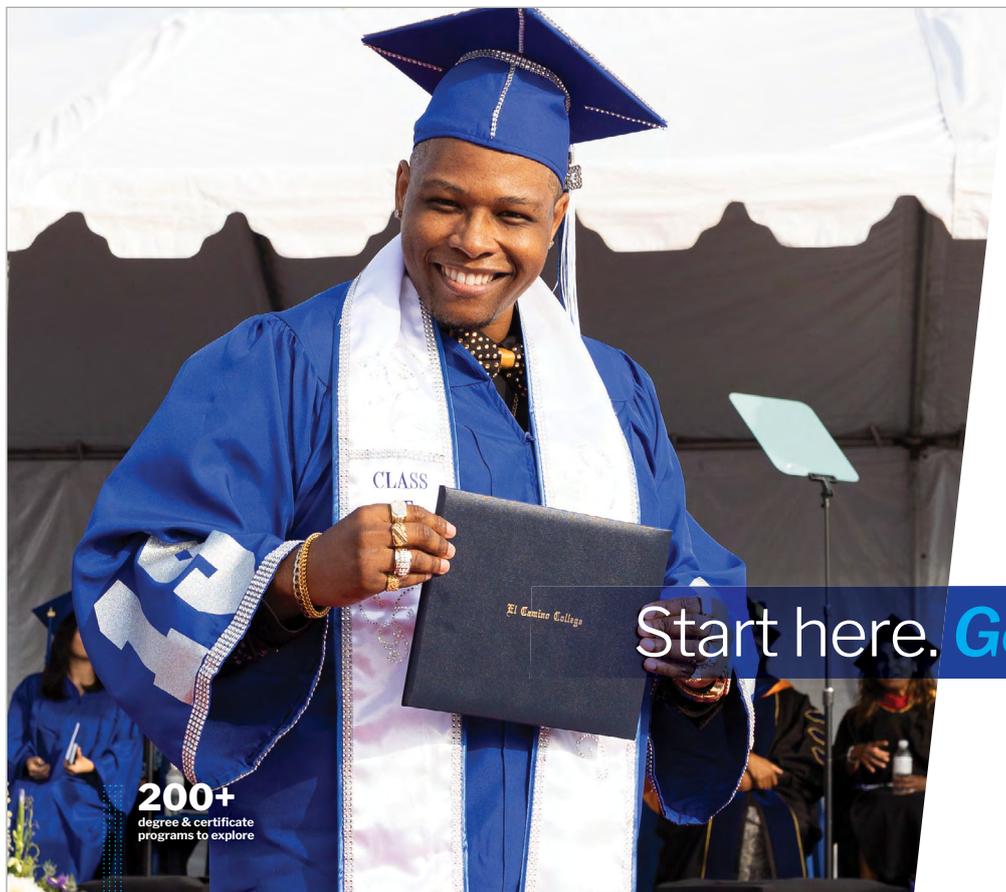
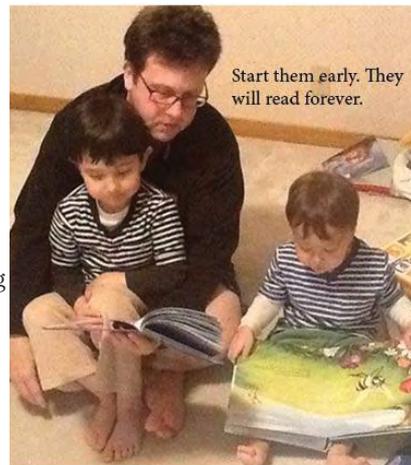


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Bud Carson Middle School Celebrates a Milestone Year

As the 2023-24 school year wraps up, Bud Carson Middle School (BCMS) has much to celebrate. Recognized by the League of California Educators as a School to Watch, BCMS also received the prestigious PBIS award and a Community Schools Grant. These accolades have led to implementation of new programs, including ESL classes for adults, a coding club for kids, and other ongoing efforts demonstrating BCMS's commitment to serving the broader community.

The school welcomed a new crossing guard this year, enhancing safety for our students. Additionally, we proudly reintroduced the MESA club, providing students with valuable STEM opportunities. Special congratulations go to our award-winning students for their outstanding achievements.

Our focus on real-world experiences led to numerous study trips, including visits to UCLA, CSUDH, El Camino College, the California Science Center, Tech Expo at the Coliseum, Hawthorne High School's CTE tour, the Port of LA, and the Getty Museum.

We are proud to spotlight Ms. Janet Andrade and Ms. Jayme Hernandez as our classified and certificated employees of the year. Lastly, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. Maria Portillo, our beloved attendance clerk, who is retiring after 35 years of dedicated service. Thank you for making this year remarkable, BCMS!



John Paterson
Principal

La Escuela Secundaria Bud Carson Celebra un Año Histórico

A medida que finaliza el año escolar 2023-24, la escuela secundaria Bud Carson (BCMS) tiene mucho que celebrar. BCMS, reconocida por la Liga de Educadores de California como una escuela a seguir, también recibió el prestigioso premio PBIS y una subvención para escuelas comunitarias. Estos elogios han llevado a la creación de nuestro Centro de Recursos Familiares y la implementación de nuevos programas, incluidas clases de ESL para adultos, un club de codificación para niños y otros esfuerzos continuos que demuestran el compromiso de BCMS de servir a la comunidad en general.

La escuela dio la bienvenida a un nuevo guardia de cruce este año, mejorando la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes. Además, reintroducimos con orgullo el club MESA, que brinda a los estudiantes valiosas oportunidades STEM. Felicitaciones especiales a nuestros estudiantes galardonados por sus destacados logros.

Nuestro enfoque en experiencias del mundo real nos llevó a numerosos viajes de estudio, incluidas visitas a UCLA, CSUDH, El Camino College, el California Science Center, Tech Expo en el Coliseum, la gira CTE de Hawthorne High School, el puerto de Los Ángeles y el Museo Getty.

Estamos orgullosos de destacar a la Sra. Janet Andrade y a la Sra. Jayme Hernández como nuestras empleadas clasificadas y certificadas del año. Por último, nos despedimos de todo corazón de la Sra. María Portillo, nuestra querida secretaria de asistencia, quien se jubila después de 35 años de dedicado servicio. ¡Gracias por hacer que este año sea extraordinario, BCMS!



Ms. Jayme Hernandez and Ms. Janet Andrade are our classified and certificated employees of the year
Sra. Jayme Hernández y la Sra. Janet Andrade son nuestras empleadas clasificadas y certificadas del año

Eucalyptus *Elementary*

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Eucalyptus Elementary School Employees of the Year

Cristina Hernandez was hired by the Hawthorne School District in 2015. She currently teaches 5th grade and is highly regarded on campus for her positive attitude, tremendous pride in her job, and student-first approach. In addition to creating an inclusive classroom where every student feels seen, heard, and valued, Ms. Hernandez dedicates her time to serving on various leadership committees. She's a member of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team, a Capturing Kids Hearts Process Champion, enrolled in the LETRS Cohort (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), and tutors after school twice a week.

Maritza Orellana, Eucalyptus Playground Supervisor, was hired by the district in October 2014. Colleagues respect and admire her positive attitude and professional leadership. They describe her as kind, motivated, loyal, caring, hard-working, and a true friend. As a playground supervisor, she's more than just a positive presence; she embodies our 4 Koala Expectations: effort, safety, respect, and responsibility. She's proactive and committed, ensuring that our playground is not just a space for fun, but a place for students to interact and learn without fear of injury or harm.

On behalf of Koala Nation, it's an honor to recognize Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Orellana as the Eucalyptus Employees of the Year for 2023-2024.



Mike Goldstein
Principal

Empleados del Año de la Escuela Eucalyptus

Cristina Hernández fue contratada por el Distrito Escolar de Hawthorne en 2015. Actualmente enseña 5to grado y es muy apreciada en el campus por su actitud positiva, su tremendo orgullo en su trabajo y su enfoque de dar prioridad al estudiante. Además de crear un salón de clases inclusivo donde cada estudiante se siente visto, escuchado y valorado, la Sra. Hernández dedica su tiempo a formar parte de varios comités de liderazgo. Ella es miembro de nuestro Equipo de Apoyo e Intervenciones para el Comportamiento Positivo (PBIS), campeona del proceso Capturing Kids Hearts, está inscrita en el grupo LETRS (Language Essentials para maestros de lectura y ortografía) y da tutoría después de la escuela dos veces por semana.

Maritza Orellana, supervisora del patio de juegos Eucalyptus, fue contratada por el distrito en octubre de 2014. Los colegas respetan y admiran su actitud positiva y su liderazgo profesional. La describen como amable, motivada, leal, cariñosa, trabajadora y una verdadera amiga. Como supervisora del patio de recreo, ella es más que una simple presencia positiva; ella encarna nuestras 4 Expectativas Koala: esfuerzo, seguridad, respeto y responsabilidad. Ella es proactiva y comprometida, asegurando que nuestro patio de juegos no sea solo un espacio para divertirse, sino un lugar para que los estudiantes interactúen y aprendan sin temor a sufrir lesiones o daños.

En nombre de Koala Nation, es un honor reconocer a la Sra. Hernández y a la Sra. Orellana como las Empleadas de Eucalypto del Año para 2023-2024.



Cristina Hernandez (left) and Maritza Orellana (right) are honored as Eucalyptus Elementary Employees of the Year. Cristina Hernández (izquierda) y Maritza Orellana (derecha) son honradas como Empleadas del Año de Eucalyptus Elementary.

A New Chapter for HMSA Aviators

Congratulations to our 117 seniors who will be starting their next chapter very soon. This year, the nationwide Decision Day was pushed back from May 1 to May 15 due to issues with FAFSA. Students have experienced a cyclone of emotions ranging from stress to anticipation to excitement. We had 65 seniors take Advanced Placement exams, many of them having more than one.

There were so many events in May to keep everyone busy and smiling. Decision Day at HMSA was held on May 17 and many proud families joined for the celebration. Seniors glammed up for their “Roaring 20’s” Senior Prom held at the Norris Pavilion in the Rolling Hills Estates. On May 24, HMSA held their annual multicultural celebration and over 100 students participated in showcasing their talents through song, dance, art, or food. Senior Week in June will allow the class to enjoy their final moments as a class where they will go to Universal Studios, Six Flags, bowling and enjoy a final senior breakfast on the last day of school.

The class of 2024 graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center. Many of our Aviators will be attending (but not limited to): UCLA, UC Berkeley, Biola, Penn State University, Pepperdine, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, El Camino College. We also have a student enlisting with the U.S. Air Force and one with the U.S. Marines.

We are so proud of our seniors. They will surely make their MARK for success in their future endeavors and again, “once an Aviator, always an Aviator!”



Dr. Anakonia Matsumoto
Principal

Un Nuevo Capítulo para los Aviadores de HMSA

¡Felicitaciones a nuestros 117 estudiantes de último año que comenzarán su próximo capítulo muy pronto! Mayo estuvo lleno de eventos que mantuvieron a todos ocupados y sonrientes. Debido a los retrasos con FAFSA, los estudiantes experimentaron un ciclón de emociones que iban desde el estrés hasta la anticipación y la emoción. Tuvimos a 65 estudiantes de último año tomando exámenes de Colocación Avanzada (AP), muchos de ellos con más de uno.

El Día de Decisiones en HMSA se celebró el 17 de mayo y asistieron muchas familias. Los estudiantes de último año se vistieron de gala para su “Prom de los Locos Años 20” celebrado en el Pabellón Norris en Palos Verdes. El 22 de mayo, nuestros líderes de MESA organizaron por primera vez la Gala para Seniors de MESA de la USC en el Galen Center ¡y ganaron nuevamente el premio al espíritu! El 24 de mayo, HMSA celebró su festejo multicultural anual y más de 100 estudiantes participaron mostrando sus talentos a través de la canción, la danza, el arte o la comida. La Semana de los Estudiantes de Último año en junio incluye diversión en: Universal Studios, Six Flags, boliche y un desayuno final para el último día de clases.

La ceremonia de graduación de la Clase del 2024 se llevará a cabo el jueves 13 de junio a las 4:30 p.m. en el Centro de Artes Escénicas de Redondo Beach. Muchos de nuestros Aviadores asistirán a (pero no se limitan a): UCLA, UC Berkeley, Biola, Penn State University, Pepperdine, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, El Camino College. También tenemos a dos estudiantes alistándose en la Fuerza Aérea de los EE. UU. y uno en la Infantería de Marina de los EE. UU.

Estamos muy orgullosos de nuestros estudiantes de último año. Seguramente dejarán su seña para el éxito en sus futuros proyectos y, una vez más, “¡una vez Aviator, siempre un Aviator!”





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

Playing it Safe on the Playground

MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach offers tips to help keep children safe on the playground.

Visiting the playground is more than fun. It's an opportunity for children to develop physically, mentally, and socially through unstructured play. However, in the United States, approximately 200,000 children seek medical attention in emergency departments each year for injuries related to playground equipment.

The key to preventing playtime injuries is safety education. At MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, the Injury Prevention Program is dedicated to providing safety education to children and families in our community.

Playground safety tips:

- Supervision isn't negotiable; it's imperative
- Ensure playground equipment is suitable for your child's age
- Check for hazards such as broken equipment, sharp edges or protruding screws
- Teach children how to use equipment properly and avoid risky behaviors like pushing or shoving

"Even on safe, age-appropriate playgrounds, adult supervision is the best way to prevent injuries," says Jennifer Rodriguez, injury prevention coordinator, MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. "Nearly half of all playground injuries could be

avoided with proper supervision. It's crucial to maintain a visual line of sight with children at all times and be ready to intervene at any moment."

Avoid playgrounds with concrete footings, rocks or tree stumps. The safest surfaces around playground equipment are wood chips, mulch, sand, or mats made of safety-tested rubber.

"Concussions are a common injury on playgrounds," says Rodriguez. "I urge parents to learn the symptoms, and if you think your child has a concussion, seek medical attention right away."

Additionally, encourage children to drink water regularly, especially on hot days. Sunscreen and hats should be used to protect against ultraviolet rays, even on cloudy days. On sunny days, look for playgrounds that are in shaded areas as playground equipment can get very hot and can cause serious burns.

Finally, having a first aid kit handy is paramount; scrapes and bruises are bound to happen on the playground, but being prepared can help address minor injuries and prevent infection — keeping playtime on track.

To learn more, please contact (562) 933-9151 or visit millerchildrens.org/injury-prevention-program.



Pablo, Age 6

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A Successful Year at HMS

The 2023-2024 school year proved to be a successful one for the HMS Community.

School Recognition

Last summer, HMS was awarded a \$10,000 donation from Kellogg's to support our athletic program. Funds were used to purchase new uniforms and equipment for HMS Sports teams. Office Depot also selected HMS to receive quarterly donations through the support of customers who donated to HMS at the cash register. HMS Teachers shopped for classroom supplies to give students at the beginning of the school year.

In September 2023, HMS earned the California PBIS Silver Award for our school's commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment for all our students.

HMS Staff ROCKS!

In October 2023, Ms. Tonie Min was selected as the first ABC7 Early Riser. Ms. Min was featured in the morning newscast for her commitment to the HMS Community as an amazing 7th-grade teacher, and Ecology Club advisor who plans initiatives with students to care for the HMS Garden and serve the community.

In December 2023, Ms. Leslie Mische was named the Region 8 Educator of the Year by the California League of Educators. She had to submit an essay and present a speech during the event. A panel selected Ms. Mische to represent Region 8 at the California League of Educators (CLE) conference in Monterey, CA.

Student Success!

The Class of 2024 also boasts four students selected for admission to CAMS next school year due to their outstanding academic achievement in middle school.

HMS Athletics had a great year with the Girls Volleyball Team winning the championship.

GO HAWKS!



Martha Castellanos
Principal

Un Año Exitoso en HMS

El año escolar 2023-2024 resultó ser exitoso para la comunidad de HMS.

Reconocimiento Escolar

El verano pasado, HMS recibió una donación de \$10,000 de Kellogg's para apoyar nuestro programa deportivo. Los fondos se utilizaron para comprar nuevos uniformes y equipaje para los equipos de HMS. Office Depot también seleccionó a HMS para recibir donaciones trimestrales a través del apoyo de clientes que donaron a HMS en la caja registradora. Los maestros de HMS compraron útiles escolares para dárselos a los estudiantes al comienzo del año escolar.

En septiembre de 2023, HMS obtuvo el Premio de Plata PBIS de California por el compromiso de nuestra escuela de crear un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro, inclusivo y positivo para todos nuestros estudiantes.

¡El personal de HMS es el mejor!

En octubre de 2023, Ms. Tonie Min fue seleccionada para ser la primera madrugadora de ABC7. Ms. Min apareció en el noticiero de la mañana por su compromiso a la comunidad de HMS como una increíble maestra de séptimo grado

y asesora del Club de Ecología que planifica iniciativas con los estudiantes para cuidar el jardín de HMS y servir a la comunidad.

En diciembre de 2023, Ms. Leslie Mische fue nombrada Educadora del Año de la Región 8 por la Liga de Educadores de California. Tuvo que presentar un ensayo y presentar un discurso durante el evento. Un panel seleccionó a Ms. Mische para representar a la Región 8 en la conferencia de la Liga de Educadores de California (CLE) en Monterey, CA.

¡Éxito Estudiantil!

La Generación de 2024 también cuenta con cuatro estudiantes seleccionados para la admisión a CAMS el próximo año escolar debido a sus destacados logros académicos en la escuela intermedia.

Los Atletas de HMS tuvieron un gran año con el equipo femenino de voleibol ganado el campeonato.

¡VAMOS HALCONES!



Jefferson *Elementary*

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Jefferson's Annual Multicultural Event

On May 17, 2024, Jefferson Elementary School celebrated its annual Multicultural Community Event. Fourth Grader Blake was our master of ceremonies. Students and community members performed a variety of dances throughout the evening. Ms. Gonzalez's 3rd grade class opened the event singing "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley. The following performances represented dances from Colombia, Ghana, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Tonga. Performers from the Cypher Spot also made a guest dance performance. Many parents volunteered by preparing and serving food tastings from Colombia, El Salvador, Alemania, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, USA, and Vietnam. The students from the RAS program closed out the evening with their dance performance. Thank you to all the parents and staff that made this event a huge success.



Esau Berumen
Principal

Evento Multicultural Anual de Jefferson

El 17 de mayo del 2024, la escuela elemental Jefferson celebró su evento anual Comunidad Multicultural. La alumna Blake de cuarto grado fue la maestra de ceremonias. Estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad realizaron una variedad de bailes durante toda la noche. La clase de tercer grado de la Sra. Gonzalez abrió el evento cantando "Three Little Birds" de Bob Marley. Las siguientes actuaciones representaron danzas de Colombia, Ghana, Mexico, Nicaragua, y Tonga. Los artistas de Cypher Spot también realizaron un espectáculo de danza invitado. Muchos padres se ofrecieron como voluntarios preparando y sirviendo comida de Colombia, El Salvador, Alemania, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Pakistán, Panamá, USA, y Vietnam. Los estudiantes del programa de RAS cerraron el programa con su espectáculo de danza. Gracias a todos los padres y al personal que hicieron de este evento un gran éxito.



Summer Learning

This school year has been a great journey of growth and discovery. Let's combine summer fun with exciting learning adventures! Summer is a time to relax and enjoy games, family, travel and more. Let's not forget that learning is a crucial part of summer too. Engaging in educational activities over the summer keeps students' minds active and reinforces essential skills in reading, math, and critical thinking. It also provides an opportunity for enrichment through exploration of new subjects. Summer programs are a great way to provide social interaction and development, helping children build confidence and resilience. By continuing their learning over the summer, students are better prepared for the upcoming school year, promoting long-term academic success. Students can enroll in the HSD Summer Camp 2024 program and are encouraged to engage in activities at home such as reading, journaling, and using index cards to make sentences and math flashcards.



Mytress Middleton
Principal

Aprendizaje de verano

Este año escolar ha sido un gran viaje de crecimiento y descubrimiento. ¡Combinemos la diversión del verano con emocionantes aventuras de aprendizaje! El verano es una época para relajarse y disfrutar de los juegos, la familia, los viajes y más. No olvidemos que el aprendizaje también es una parte crucial del verano. Participar en actividades educativas durante el verano mantiene activa la mente de los estudiantes y refuerza habilidades esenciales en lectura, matemáticas y pensamiento crítico. También brinda una oportunidad de enriquecimiento a través de la exploración de nuevos temas. Los programas de verano son una excelente manera de brindar interacción y desarrollo social, ayudando a los niños a desarrollar confianza y resiliencia. Al continuar su aprendizaje durante el verano, los estudiantes están mejor preparados para el próximo año escolar, promoviendo el éxito académico a largo plazo. Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en el programa HSD Summer Camp 2024 y se les anima a participar en actividades en casa como leer, escribir en un diario y usar fichas para formar oraciones y tarjetas de matemáticas.



**Third-grade students in Mrs. Fields' class making sentences with index cards.
Estudiantes de tercer grado de la clase de la Sra. Fields haciendo oraciones con tarjetas de palabras.**

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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A Year in Review: 2023-2024

What an incredible year it has been!

The 2023-2024 school year was packed with exciting activities, positive behavior initiatives, academic rigor, social-emotional support systems, award assemblies, college and career exploration, MESA, sports, AVID, extended learning opportunities, and more parent workshops. Our Community Schools Program launched with our educational partners, focusing on the needs of our Hawthorne Community.

Our Visual and Performing Arts students dazzled us with their talents at numerous events, including the STEAM EXPO, Take Part Festival, piano recitals, dance performances, and concerts. Our Cinemagic students attended masterclasses and immersed themselves in the filmmaking process, resulting in the creation of a short film called Dream Notes.

From all of us at PVMS, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We look forward to welcoming our new students in the 2024-2025 school year and will dearly miss our students and families moving on to high school.



Wendy Ostensen
Principal

Resumen de un Año: 2023-2024

¡Qué año tan increíble ha sido!

El año escolar 2023-2024 estuvo lleno de actividades emocionantes, iniciativas de comportamiento positivo, rigor académico, sistemas de apoyo socioemocional, asambleas de premios, exploración universitaria y profesional, MESA, deportes, AVID, oportunidades de aprendizaje extendido y más talleres para padres. Nuestro programa de escuelas comunitarias se lanzó con nuestros socios educativos, enfocándose en las necesidades de nuestra comunidad de Hawthorne.

Nuestros estudiantes de Artes Visuales y Escénicas nos deslumbraron con sus talentos en numerosos eventos, incluyendo STEAM EXPO, Take Part Festival, recitales de piano, espectáculos de danza y conciertos. Nuestros estudiantes de Cinemagic asistieron a clases magistrales y se sumergieron en el proceso de realización cinematográfica, lo que resultó en la creación de un cortometraje llamado Dream Notes.

De parte de todos nosotros en PVMS, le deseamos un verano relajante y agradable. Esperamos darles la bienvenida a nuestros nuevos estudiantes en el año escolar 2024-2025 y extrañaremos mucho a nuestros estudiantes y familias que pasan a la escuela secundaria.



Celebrating Our Employees of the Year!

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we are excited to share the news about our exceptional staff members who have been honored as Employees of the Year. This year, our school community voted to recognize two outstanding individuals for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to making our school a better place.

Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Farias DeLeon

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Farias DeLeon, our incredible 2nd-grade dual language teacher, has been named Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Farias DeLeon has been a vital part of our school's Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) program for the past ten years. Beyond her outstanding teaching, she serves as the liaison between the PTA and our teachers, dedicating much of her personal time to support various school activities and events. Her passion for education and her unwavering commitment to our students and school community truly make her a shining star.

Employee of the Year: Mrs. Alejandra Aguilar

Congratulations to Mrs. Alejandra Aguilar, who has been honored as Employee of the Year! Mrs. Aguilar is our dedicated Transition Support Specialist in the TK Classroom. With nearly two decades of service in our district and as a proud Ramona parent, she plays a crucial role in helping our youngest students adjust to the school environment. Her experience, kindness, and dedication have made a significant impact on our students and their families.

This school year has been a wonderful journey, filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable memories. We are incredibly proud of all our students, staff, and parents for their hard work and enthusiasm. As we look forward to another great year ahead, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Let's celebrate Mrs. Farias DeLeon and Mrs. Alejandra Aguilar for their extraordinary contributions to our school community! Here's to a bright future and an even better school year ahead.

Have a fantastic summer, and we can't wait to see you all next year!



Marisa Stewart
Principal

¡Celebrando a Nuestros Empleados del Año!

Mientras concluimos otro año escolar fantástico, nos complace compartir las noticias sobre los excepcionales miembros de nuestro personal que han sido honrados como Empleados del Año. Este año, nuestra comunidad escolar votó para reconocer a dos personas destacadas por su dedicación, trabajo duro y compromiso para hacer de nuestra escuela un lugar mejor.

Maestra del Año: Sra. Farias DeLeon

¡Estamos encantados de anunciar que la Sra. Farias DeLeon, nuestra increíble maestra de lenguaje dual de segundo grado, ha sido nombrada Maestra del año! La Sra. Farias DeLeon ha sido una parte vital del programa de Inmersión Bilingüe Bilingüe (TWBI) de nuestra escuela durante los últimos diez años. Más allá de su destacada enseñanza, ella sirve como enlace entre la PTA y nuestros maestros, dedicando gran parte de su tiempo personal a apoyar diversas actividades y eventos escolares. Su pasión por la educación y su compromiso inquebrantable con nuestros estudiantes y la comunidad escolar realmente la convierten en una estrella brillante.

Empleada del Año: Sra. Alejandra Aguilar

¡Felicitaciones a la Sra. Alejandra Aguilar, quien ha sido honrada como Empleada del Año! La Sra. Aguilar es nuestra dedicada especialista en apoyo a la transición en el aula de TK. Con casi dos décadas de servicio en nuestro distrito y como madre orgullosa de Ramona, ella desempeña un papel crucial para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes más jóvenes a adaptarse al entorno escolar. Su experiencia, amabilidad y dedicación han tenido un impacto significativo en nuestros estudiantes y sus familias.

Este año escolar ha sido un viaje maravilloso, lleno de aprendizaje, crecimiento y recuerdos inolvidables. Estamos increíblemente orgullosos de todos nuestros estudiantes, personal y padres por su arduo trabajo y entusiasmo. Mientras esperamos otro gran año por delante, extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos por su continuo apoyo.

¡Celebremos a la Sra. Farias DeLeon y la Sra. Alejandra Aguilar por sus extraordinarias contribuciones a nuestra comunidad escolar! Por un futuro brillante y un año escolar aún mejor por delante.

¡Que tengáis un verano fantástico y estamos ansiosos por verlos a todos el año que viene!



Washington Elementary

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Family Movie Night

Washington Elementary held Family Movie Night. PTO sold pizzas, beverages, and snacks. Everyone that attended had a great time relaxing and watching the movie together! Who says watching a movie can't be educational? In fact, spending family time together as a family is a great bonding experience and also provides opportunities for learning.

You can pretend you are going to the movie theater. You need to purchase an admission ticket, snacks and a drink. How much will all that cost? That's math! You can also turn on the English subtitles so your child will see and read the words on the screen. This by no means, replaces traditional book reading but it does provide an alternative. A key skill developed through watching movies is understanding and interpreting visual information including recognizing symbolism, motifs, and visual cues that contribute to the narrative. As a family you can work on critical thinking skills by discussing the characters, setting, plot (what happened first, next, then and predict the ending).



Akila Jones
Principal

Noche de Cine Familiar

La Escuela Primaria Washington celebró una Noche de Película Familiar. PTO vendió pizzas, bebidas y bocadillos. ¡Todos los que asistieron se lo pasaron genial relajándose y viendo la película juntos! ¿Quién dice que ver una película no puede ser educativo? De hecho, pasar tiempo en familia juntos como familia es una gran experiencia de unión y también brinda oportunidades de aprendizaje.

Puedes fingir que vas al cine. Es necesario comprar un boleto de entrada, refrigerios y una bebida. ¿Cuánto costará todo eso? ¡Eso es matemática! También puede activar los subtítulos en inglés para que su hijo vea y lea las palabras en la pantalla. Esto de ninguna manera reemplaza la lectura de libros tradicional, pero sí proporciona una alternativa. Una habilidad clave que se desarrolla al ver películas es comprender e interpretar información visual, incluido el reconocimiento de simbolismos, motivos y señales visuales que contribuyen a la narrativa. Como familia, pueden trabajar las habilidades de pensamiento crítico discutiendo los personajes, el escenario, la trama (lo que pasó primero, lo siguiente, luego y predecir el final).



**A student pays for his snack and gets his change back.
Un estudiante paga su merienda y recupera el cambio.**



**Washington Families enjoy Family Movie Night.
Las familias de Washington disfrutan de una noche de cine familiar.**

York Elementary

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Summer Send-Off

As the school year draws to a close, we reflect on an incredibly successful year at York. We celebrated numerous milestones and achievements, starting with the grand opening of the Maxine Waters Health and Dignity Center, providing invaluable resources to our community. Our ESL classes for parents and families fostered communication and community involvement.

We hosted a variety of parent and family workshops on ELA, Math, Behavior, Nutrition, and Supporting Students with Special Needs. The workshops offered valuable insights and strategies. Students thrived during our March Madness math and literacy competitions and marveled at the wonders of the universe during the Star Party. Our students showed incredible generosity by raising funds for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association and especially loved having the opportunity to “pie the principal”.

As summer begins, we encourage students to keep reading and practicing math facts. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!



Gina Cardillo
Principal

Despedida de Verano

A medida que el año escolar llega a su fin, reflexionamos sobre un año increíblemente exitoso en York. Celebramos numerosos hitos y logros, comenzando con la gran inauguración del Centro de Salud y Dignidad Maxine Waters, brindando recursos invaluable a nuestra comunidad. Nuestras clases de ESL para padres y familias fomentaron la comunicación y la participación comunitaria.

Recibimos a una variedad de padres y familiares. talleres sobre ELA, matemáticas, comportamiento, nutrición y apoyo a estudiantes con necesidades especiales. Los talleres ofrecieron ideas y estrategias valiosas. Los estudiantes prosperaron durante nuestras competencias de matemáticas y alfabetización March Madness y se maravillaron con las maravillas del universo durante la Fiesta de las Estrellas. Nuestros estudiantes mostraron una generosidad increíble al recaudar fondos para la Sociedad Estadounidense del Cáncer y la Asociación Estadounidense del Corazón y les encantó especialmente tener la oportunidad de “hacerle un pastel al director”.

A medida que comienza el verano, animamos a los estudiantes a seguir leyendo y practicando operaciones matemáticas. ¡Les deseo a todos un verano seguro y agradable!



Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Summer Learning

By Abi Morales, Assistant Principal

Zela Davis School's last ELAC meeting of the year, presented by EL Special Projects Teacher Ms. Liz Mena, had a great turnout! Parents attended an informative end-of-year wrap-up/summer learning session. ELAC advised on the following topics: the Annual Language Census, ELPAC testing results (reports can be accessed through the PowerSchool App), Summer Academy Opportunities for Zela Davis students, the 2024-2025 school year calendar, the age requirements for TK and Kindergarten for the upcoming school year, and academic summer activities. We thank the ELAC members for their unwavering support. Families were also encouraged to visit 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!



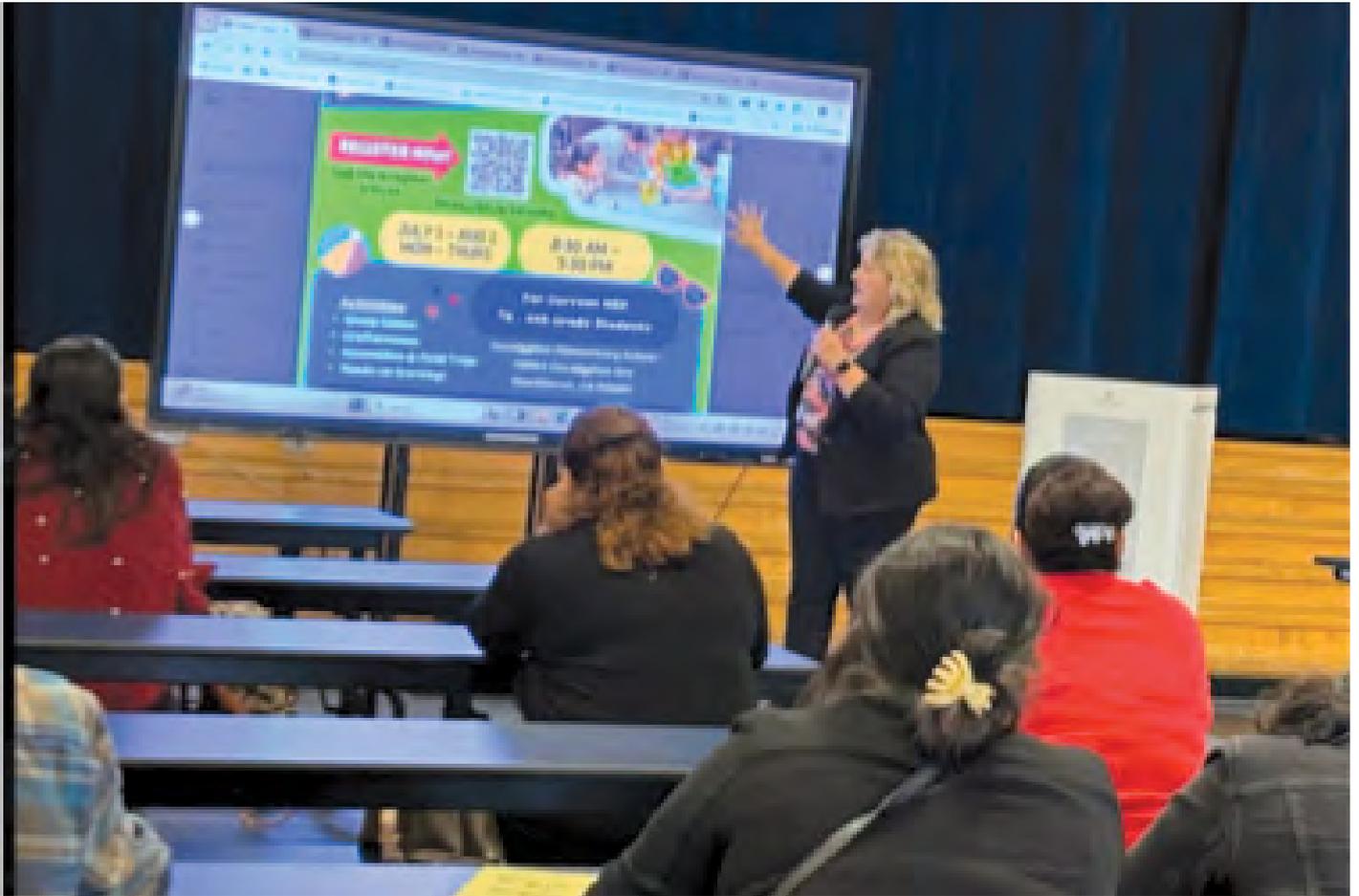
Miguelina Lopez
Principal

Aprendizaje de Verano

Por Abi Morales, Subdirectora

¡La última reunión de ELAC del año en Zela Davis, presentada por la maestra de Proyectos Especiales, Liz Mena, tuvo una gran participación! Los padres asistieron a una sesión informativa de resumen de fin de año/aprendizaje de verano. El grupo ELAC asesoró sobre los siguientes temas: Censo Anual de Idiomas, resultados de los exámenes ELPAC (los informes se puede acceder en la aplicación PowerSchool), Oportunidades de la Academia de

Verano, el calendario del año escolar 2024-2025, requisitos de edad para TK y Kindergarten para el próximo año escolar y actividades académicas de verano. Agradecemos a los miembros de ELAC por su apoyo. También se animó a las familias a visitar lugares de aprendizaje locales como bibliotecas, jardines botánicos, museos, centros de ciencias, zoológicos, monumentos y el observatorio. El verano es el momento perfecto para seguir aprendiendo a través de la exploración.



**EL Special Project teachers, Liz Mena, and the 2023-2024 ELAC members and attendees.
Maestra Proyectos Especiales; miembros/participantes de ELAC 2023-2024.**

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Growing and Supporting Educators



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In today's educational landscape, recruiting and retaining quality teachers are paramount to the success of our students. The Los Angeles County Office of Education is dedicated to fostering a thriving educational environment, and that starts with our teachers. Through a series of groundbreaking

programs and strategic partnerships, LACOE is reshaping the pathway to teaching and ensuring that our educators feel valued, supported, and empowered throughout their careers.

Beginning Teacher Programs

LACOE launched the Beginning Teacher Programs, the largest county-operated program of its kind. This initiative offers two unique pathways for aspiring teachers to earn their credentials:

- **District Intern Program:** This two-year program allows candidates to gain valuable classroom experience while attending afternoon classes. Participants earn their preliminary credentials upon completion.
- **Induction Program:** This apprenticeship-style program pairs aspiring teachers with experienced mentors. Over two years, participants gain hands-on experience and earn their Clear credential.

Both programs prioritize affordability. Our District Intern Program boasts a low tuition of just \$5,000 per year, minimizing financial burdens for new teachers.

Supporting Teachers Beyond Credentials

Studies show a high turnover rate among new teachers in their initial years. Recognizing this challenge, LACOE actively support our educators during this critical period. We conduct surveys to understand the specific needs and struggles faced by teachers in their fifth year. Based on this feedback, we offer targeted resources and programs to ease their transition.

Investing in Early Childhood Education

LACOE understands the importance of a strong foundation in early childhood education. Through the Career Development Initiative, we've partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity, West LA College and Pierce College to provide free community college education and on-site training for individuals interested in early childhood education and childcare careers.

Connecting Educators with Opportunities

LACOE is partnering with the Tulare County Office of Education to host hybrid job fairs that cater to a wide range of educational positions. These fairs are open to both domestic and international candidates with work visas, attracting a global pool of talent. Our upcoming K-12 hybrid career fair on May 18th offers positions not just for teachers, but also for nurses, counselors, and office staff. Over 15 educational agencies will be participating, making it a valuable opportunity for anyone seeking a career in education.

By prioritizing innovative training programs, affordability, and ongoing support, our district is fostering a pipeline of qualified and dedicated educators. This commitment ensures our students have access to the exceptional teachers they deserve.

For more information on our job fair and educator programs, please visit our website www.lacoe.edu.

Ask Dr. Shari



Dr. Shari Sweetnam

Buckle Up! AI is Ready for Takeoff!

Let's face it. Over the past 15 years, younger generations have become our go-to technology experts. They quickly mastered new tech and guided us through the intricacies of smartphones and gadgets. As a generation, we were initially behind, but we embraced our young leaders, provided they stayed in their lane, of course. However, we've now reached a point where basic tech knowledge is widespread, leading to a new division driven by the emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

There's no question that AI is a transformative force, more impactful and game-changing than any previous technology. While excitement and fear about its potential abound, one thing is certain: AI's growth will undoubtedly affect everyone, and this is a crucial point to understand.

My focus is on embracing how AI can push advancements that enhance various aspects of life. Yet, there's a new cultural evolution to consider, viewed through the lens of 'Innovation vs. Digital Distraction.'

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AI is opening new doors previously unexplored, serving as a conduit for the expression of unique ideas. It inspires deeper thinking, boosts creativity, and helps develop more innovative solutions. Witnessing its ability to supercharge growth and productivity is truly mind-blowing.

Yet, not everyone embraces or pays attention to its potential. The divide is no longer between young and old, but between those motivated to learn and those content to serve as mere data sources for AI, buried in social apps and entertainment.

Like it or not, AI is becoming a critical factor in personal and societal evolution, marking a significant new chapter in our technological journey. Now more than ever, we must understand this movement while making a concerted effort to unplug, step away from the machines, and fortify our personal relationships and experiences.

Just remember whatever social experiences you believe that you are having online will be less and less "human derived." My hope is that it will allow us to more clearly delineate and respect the need for each aspect of life during this new phase of evolution driven by AI.

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Positive Parenting



Sandy Spurgeon McDaniel

Are You Disconnected?

This is one of the most difficult times there has ever been to be a parent. The extreme use of media and extended challenges of the pandemic have changed our children; thus, the way they need to be parented. And some needs of children never change.

All children need to feel connected. Can you see the difference between, "You're a good friend!" And "I really needed someone to talk to last night, thanks for being there." Instead of talking at children, talk to them; look into their eyes, be with them and listen. Since children often require constant attention, it is totally appropriate to say, "I want to hear what you have to say, and (cooking) needs my full attention right now. I'm turning the timer for 15 minutes. When you hear it ring, come and I will listen!"

Read to your children every night. Eat dinner together as a family. Play games together. Go on outings together. Don't talk on your cell phone in the car, talk to them. This precious time of being the architect of a child's life is very short. There are no re-runs in the parenting game; connect with your children so they feel valued and appreciated.

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