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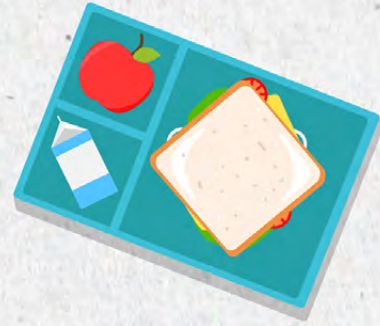
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The Power of Teamwork

Just a few weeks ago, our HSD team had the pleasure of welcoming our students back to their school campuses and classrooms. As we step into this exciting chapter together, we are reminded of the power of teamwork in creating nurturing and successful environments for our students. Each of us - families, staff, and students - plays a crucial role in this collaborative effort. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

As we begin the new school year, our focus is on supporting one another and fostering a community where respect, inclusivity, and kindness are at the forefront. As we come together as school communities, we unite around a shared goal of success and well-being of all students. Whether it's through open communication, active participation in school events, or simple words of encouragement to your child(ren), every action contributes to our collective success.

We are committed to providing a safe and enriching environment where students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Your partnership is invaluable, and we look forward to working closely with you to make this school year a positive and productive one.

Welcome back to a new school year!



Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent

El Poder del Trabajo en Equipo

Hace apenas unas semanas, nuestro equipo HSD tuvo el placer de dar la bienvenida a nuestros alumnos de vuelta a sus planteles escolares y salones de clase. A medida que iniciamos este emocionante capítulo juntos, recordamos el poder del trabajo en equipo en la creación de entornos enriquecedores y exitosos para nuestros alumnos. Cada uno de nosotros -familias, personal y alumnos- desempeña un papel fundamental en este esfuerzo de colaboración. Trabajando juntos, podemos garantizar que todos los alumnos tengan la oportunidad de superarse.

Al comenzar el nuevo año escolar, nos centraremos en apoyarnos mutuamente y fomentar una comunidad en la que el respeto, la inclusión y la amabilidad estén en primer plano. Cuando nos reunimos como comunidades escolares, nos unimos en torno al objetivo común del éxito y el bienestar de todos los alumnos. Ya sea a través de una comunicación abierta, la participación activa en eventos escolares, o simples palabras de aliento a su(s) hijo(s), cada acción contribuye a nuestro éxito colectivo.

Estamos comprometidos a proporcionar un ambiente seguro y enriquecedor donde los alumnos puedan crecer académica, social y emocionalmente. Su colaboración es invaluable, y esperamos con interés trabajar estrechamente con usted para hacer de este año escolar un año positivo y productivo.

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Welcome back to another school year. It is an exciting time for every age and grade level. A new beginning with endless possibilities.

Before our next issue January 22.



Happy Halloween!

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E-Bike Popularity and Safety Concerns for Children and Teenagers

E-bikes are convenient and fun and are growing in popularity among children and teenagers because of it. However, with the increased use of e-bikes, safety concerns have emerged, particularly regarding children's safety. The American Academy of Pediatrics emphasizes the importance of adult supervision for children under the age of 16 riding e-bikes.

E-bikes can travel at speeds reaching up to 28 miles per hour; this increased speed can lead to more severe injuries in the event of an accident. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, bicyclists aged 10 to 24 have the highest rate of emergency room visits for crashes. In 2020, the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System reported that there were approximately 14,000 injuries related to e-bikes, with adolescents accounting for a significant proportion of these incidents.

Ensuring that children wear helmets on any form of bicycle is crucial for their safety – it is such a simple, yet effective precaution. Studies have shown that wearing helmets reduces the risk of severe traumatic brain injuries by over 50% in cycling accidents. Despite

these statistics, a significant number of children still ride without a helmet.

Visibility is another key factor in safe riding. Children should be taught to ride their e-bikes in protected areas, away from heavy traffic and complicated intersections. It's also important for riders to wear bright clothing and use lights and reflectors for better visibility, especially during nighttime and low-light conditions.

Parents and guardians play a crucial role in not only enforcing helmet use but also in educating children on safe riding practices. At Miller Children's & Women's Hospital, the Injury Prevention Program is dedicated to providing safety education to children and families in our community. This program aims to reduce the number of preventable injuries through education and outreach. The injury prevention team offers workshops on proper helmet fitting, rules of the road, the importance of road awareness, and safe riding techniques.

Want to learn more? Call (562) 933-9151 or visit millerchildrens.org/injuryprevention.



Pablo, Age 6

At 11 months, Pablo was fighting for his life.

Today, he's got six candles on his cake.

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Welcome Back, Huskies!

We're excited to kick off a brand new school year at Bud Carson Middle School STEM Academy, where we're making positive changes to help our students achieve academic excellence while supporting our entire community. As we gear up for another incredible year of learning, innovation, and growth, we're thrilled to welcome back all of our returning students and staff. With fresh energy and new initiatives, we're ready to build on the success of previous years and create even greater opportunities for our Huskies.

This year, we're also excited to introduce several new staff members who will be instrumental in these efforts. Mr. Jongwoo Roh joins us as our new Assistant Principal, bringing leadership that aligns with our goals for academic growth and student success. Ms. Crystal Gonzalez taking on the role of Dean of Discipline, is dedicated to promoting a respectful and supportive learning environment. We also welcome Mr. Aaron Mancilla, who will challenge our 8th graders in Math and Algebra 1, and Ms. Melody Hollomon, who will guide our students in Language Arts and History.

Together, with our new team and a strong focus on student support, we're confident this year will be a remarkable one for our Husky community. Let's make it the best one yet!



John Paterson
Principal

iBienvenidos de Nuevo, Perros Esquimales!

Estamos emocionados de iniciar un nuevo año escolar en la Academia STEM de la escuela secundaria Bud Carson, donde estamos realizando cambios positivos para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a lograr la excelencia académica y al mismo tiempo apoyar a toda nuestra comunidad. Mientras nos preparamos para otro año increíble de aprendizaje, innovación y crecimiento, estamos encantados de darles la bienvenida a todos nuestros estudiantes y personal que regresan. Con energía fresca y nuevas iniciativas, estamos listos para aprovechar el éxito de años anteriores y crear oportunidades aún mayores para nuestros Huskies.

Este año, también nos complace presentarles a varios miembros nuevos del personal que serán fundamentales en estos esfuerzos. El Sr. Jongwoo Roh se une a nosotros como nuestro nuevo subdirector, aportando un liderazgo que se alinea con nuestros objetivos de crecimiento académico y éxito estudiantil. La Sra. Crystal González, que asume el papel de Decana de Disciplina, se dedica a promover un ambiente de aprendizaje respetuoso y de apoyo. También damos la bienvenida al Sr. Aaron Mancilla, quien desafiará a nuestros estudiantes de octavo grado en Matemáticas y Álgebra 1, y a la Sra. Melody Hollomon, quien guiará a nuestros estudiantes en Artes del Lenguaje e Historia.

Juntos, con nuestro nuevo equipo y un fuerte enfoque en el apoyo a los estudiantes, confiamos en que este año será extraordinario para nuestra comunidad de Husky. ¡Hagámoslo el mejor hasta ahora!



Crystal Gonzalez, Aaron Mancilla, Melody Hollomon, Breana Gonzalez, Jongwoo Roh

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year

We're excited to kick off another year with our students, families, and staff. The first day was filled with joy as parents joined their children, from new TK and Kindergarten students to returning Koala-ty scholars in grades 1-5. Photo banners and backdrops added to the excitement, creating special first-day memories for our Koala families.

Since day one, our teachers have worked hard to build strong classroom communities, focusing on relationships, class culture and creating Social Contracts with student input. This sets a positive tone for the year ahead.



Sophia Vuong
Principal



We are thrilled to welcome back Ms. Jezabel Salas in her new role as our EL Special Projects TOSA and introduce Ms. Mikayla Kotlensky, our new 4th-grade teacher. Both are eager to support students in reaching their individual goals.

I, Ms. Sophia Vuong, am honored to join the wonderful Koala community as the new Principal. We've had a great start with a successful TK-K Orientation and Coffee & Conversations with the Principal. It's been fantastic to connect with so many of our Koala-ty parents and guardians already.

Looking ahead, we have many opportunities for family engagement. We aim to support students academically, socially, and behaviorally, at school and home. We're excited for the year ahead and all the achievements we'll celebrate together. Family and school partnerships are essential to making this year a success. Here's to a fantastic 2024-25 school year at Eucalyptus Elementary together!

¡Bienvenidos al año escolar 2024-25

Estamos emocionados de comenzar otro año con nuestros estudiantes, familias y personal. El primer día estuvo lleno de alegría, ya que los padres acompañaron a sus hijos, desde los nuevos estudiantes de TK y Kindergarten hasta los Koala-ty que regresan en los grados 1-5. Los carteles y telones de fondo para fotos añadieron emoción, creando recuerdos especiales del primer día para nuestras familias Koala.

Desde el primer día, nuestros maestros han trabajado arduamente para construir comunidades sólidas en el aula, enfocándose en relaciones, cultura de clase y creando Contratos Sociales con la participación de los estudiantes. Esto establece un tono positivo para el año que viene.

Estamos encantados de dar la bienvenida nuevamente a la Sra. Jezabel Salas en su nuevo rol como TOSA de Proyectos Especiales para EL y de presentar a la Sra. Mikayla Kotlensky, nuestra nueva maestra de cuarto grado. Ambas están entusiasmadas por apoyar a los estudiantes en alcanzar sus metas individuales.

Yo, la Sra. Sophia Vuong, tengo el honor de unirme a la maravillosa comunidad Koala como la nueva directora. Hemos tenido un excelente comienzo con una exitosa Orientación de TK-K y Café y Conversaciones con la Directora. Ha sido fantástico conectar con tantos de nuestros padres y tutores Koala-ty.

Mirando hacia adelante, tenemos muchas oportunidades para la participación familiar. Nuestro objetivo es apoyar a los estudiantes académica, social y conductualmente, tanto en la escuela como en el hogar. Estamos emocionados por el año que nos espera y los logros que celebraremos juntos. Las asociaciones entre familia y escuela son esenciales para que este año sea un éxito. ¡Que tengamos un fantástico año escolar 2024-25 juntos en Eucalyptus Elementary!



Hawthorne *Math & Science Academy*

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Welcome New Staff and Class of 2028

Wow! The summer was a busy one with summer school, Summer Bridge, and campus renovations. HMSA has a fresh new look and campus improvements to beautify the space.

At the start of the year, HMSA welcomed over 160 9th graders and four new staff members to our community.

Ms. McClaren is our new Assistant Principal. With over 24 years in education, she has held various roles including coordinator, intervention specialist, teacher and associate principal.

Ms. Reyes is our new 9th/10th grade counselor. She has worked as a counselor for HSD for over 25 years and is excited to be with our high schoolers.

Ms. Varma is our new Math Intervention Specialist. She has her Master's degree in Applied Math and has taught a wide range of math courses ranging from Algebra I to AP Calculus and Statistics.

Ms. Barajas is our new office manager. She has been with the district for over 28 years and held various roles including health clerk, clerk typist and office manager.

This semester, through our partnership with El Camino College for Dual Enrollment, we will be offering Communications 100 - Public Speaking, on campus after hours.

We just kicked off the start of the school year with our first CP Fair and spirit rally. Aviators have spirit, yes we do! Yay to HMSA!



Dr. Anakonia Matsumoto
Principal

Bienvenidos al Nuevo Personal y a la Clase de 2028

¡Wow! El verano estuvo muy ajetreado con la escuela de verano, el Puente de verano y las renovaciones del plantel. HMSA tiene un nuevo aspecto y mejoras en el plantel para embellecer el espacio.

A principios de año, HMSA dio la bienvenida a más de 160 estudiantes de 9.º grado y cuatro nuevos miembros del personal a nuestra comunidad.

La Sra. McClaren es nuestra nueva subdirectora.

Con más de 24 años en educación, ha desempeñado varios roles, incluidos coordinadora, especialista en intervención, maestra y directora asociada.

La Sra. Reyes es nuestra nueva consejera de 9.º y 10.º grado. Ha trabajado como consejera para HSD durante más de 25 años y está emocionada de estar con nuestros estudiantes de secundaria.

La Sra. Varma es nuestra nueva especialista en intervención matemática. Tiene una maestría en matemáticas aplicadas y ha enseñado una amplia gama de cursos de matemáticas que van desde Álgebra I hasta Cálculo y Estadística AP.

La Sra. Barajas es nuestra nueva gerente de oficina. Ella ha estado en el distrito por más de 28 años y ha ocupado varios puestos, entre ellos, auxiliar de salud, mecanógrafa y gerente de oficina.

Este semestre, a través de nuestra asociación con El Camino College para la inscripción dual, ofreceremos Comunicaciones 100: Oratoria en público, en el plantel después del horario de atención.

Acabamos de dar inicio al año escolar con nuestra primera Feria de CP y manifestación de espíritu. ¡Los aviadores tienen espíritu, sí lo tenemos!

¡Viva HMSA!



Hawks Soar into New Year

Hawthorne Middle School Hawks are off to a great start for the 2024-2025 school year. This school year, HMS added new staff to the Hawk Family: Ms. Petrinec, 6th and 7th-grade teacher; Ms. Ruvalcaba, Learning Loss Mitigation Teacher; and Mr. Wedmore, 7th and 8th-grade science teacher. In addition, Mr. Howe accepted a promotion to be the new HMS Assistant Principal.

Throughout the summer, families learned that the school uniform policy would be enforced. HMS scholars were ready for the new year in their uniform, and our new sixth graders began their middle school experience during WEB orientation. On Fridays during August, Hawks listened to Hawk Talk. The first presentation welcomed students back to school, and sixth graders participated in a grade-level human bingo led by WEB leaders. The following



Martha Castellanos
Principal

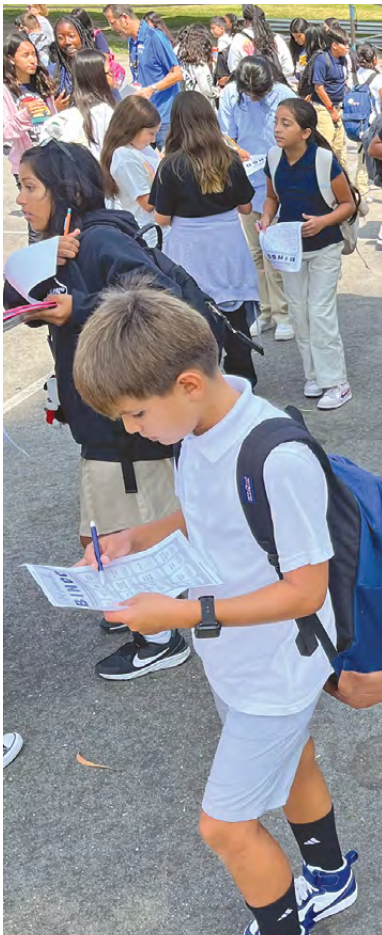
week, Mr. Howe reviewed schoolwide expectations to ensure the new school year is a successful experience for all.

Halcones Vuelan Hacia Nuevo Año

Los Halcones de Hawthorne Middle School han tenido un gran comienzo para el año escolar 2024-2025. Este año escolar, HMS agregó nuevo personal a la familia Hawk: Ms. Petrinec, maestra de grados 6 y 7; Ms. Ruvalcaba, maestra de mitigación de la pérdida de aprendizaje; y Mr. Wedmore, maestro de ciencia de grados 7 y 8. Además, Mr. Howe aceptó un ascenso para ser el nuevo subdirector de HMS.

A lo largo del verano, las familias se enteraron de que se aplicaría la política de uniforme escolar.

Los estudiantes de HMS estaban listos para el nuevo año con su uniforme y nuestros nuevos estudiantes de sexto grado comenzaron su experiencia en la escuela intermedia durante la orientación WEB. Los viernes de agosto, Hawks escucharon Hawk Talk. La primera presentación dio la bienvenida a los estudiantes al regreso a la escuela, y los estudiantes de sexto grado participaron en un bingo humano de nivel de grado dirigido por líderes WEB. La semana siguiente, Mr. Howe revisó las expectativas escolares para garantizar que el nuevo año escolar sea una experiencia exitosa para todos.



Lucas Escobedo participates in sixth-grade human bingo to meet new friends at HMS.

Lucas Escobedo participa en el bingo humano del sexto grado para conocer nuevos amigos en HMS.



HMS students listen to Hawk Talk to learn about schoolwide expectations. Estudiantes de HMS escuchan "Hawk Talk" para aprender sobre expectativas escolares.

Jefferson Begins an Exciting New School Year

As the new school year kicks off at our elementary school, there's a buzz of excitement and anticipation for what's to come. This year, we're proud to start on a high note, having earned the prestigious Silver Medal PBIS award, which highlights our school's dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive environment for every student.

We're also focusing on the importance of consistent attendance with our Attendance Awareness campaign, emphasizing how crucial it is for students to be present and engaged in their learning every day. To strengthen our school community, we're hosting several events that bring together students, parents, and staff.

First up is "Coffee with the Principal," an informal gathering where parents can connect with school leadership and other parents while sharing ideas and learn more about the exciting plans for the year.

Additionally, we're gearing up for the "Stomp out Cancer Jog-a-thon," a spirited fundraiser supporting the American Cancer Society. This event not only promotes healthy activity but also teaches our students about the power of community involvement and giving back.

We'll also be offering a series of parent workshops throughout the year, covering topics from academic support to social-emotional learning, designed to help families support their children's success.

With so many exciting initiatives and opportunities for growth, this school year promises to be an enriching experience for all.



Esau Berumen
Principal



Jefferson comienza un nuevo año escolar emocionante

A medida que comienza el nuevo año escolar en nuestra escuela primaria, hay un murmullo de entusiasmo y anticipación por lo que está por venir. Este año, estamos orgullosos de comenzar con una nota alta, habiendo obtenido la prestigiosa Medalla de Plata PBIS, que destaca la dedicación de nuestra escuela para fomentar un ambiente positivo e inclusivo para cada estudiante.

También nos estamos centrando en la importancia de una asistencia constante con nuestra campaña de Concientización sobre la Asistencia, enfatizando lo crucial que es que los estudiantes estén presentes y comprometidos en su aprendizaje todos los días. Para fortalecer nuestra comunidad escolar, organizaremos varios eventos que reunirán a estudiantes, padres y personal.

Primero es "Café con el director", una reunión informal donde los padres pueden conectarse con los líderes escolares y otros padres mientras comparten ideas y aprenden más sobre los emocionantes planes para el año. Además, nos estamos

preparando para el "Stomp out Cancer Jog-a-thon", una animada recaudación de fondos que apoya a la Sociedad Estadounidense del Cáncer. Este evento no solo promueve actividades saludables sino que también enseña a nuestros estudiantes sobre el poder de la participación comunitaria y la retribución.

También ofreceremos una serie de talleres para padres durante todo el año, que cubrirán temas desde apoyo académico hasta aprendizaje socioemocional, diseñados para ayudar a las familias a apoyar el éxito de sus hijos.

Con tantas iniciativas interesantes y oportunidades de crecimiento, este año escolar promete ser una experiencia enriquecedora para todos.

Welcome Back to School!
Bienvenido de Nuevo
a la Escuela Todos!
2024 – 2025



Kornblum *Elementary*

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New Cardinals in the Nest!

Welcome back to another exciting year at Kornblum School! We are thrilled to introduce some new faces to our vibrant community. We have four new teachers joining our team. Mr. Chi Azongwa will be serving as our Resource Specialist, bringing his expertise to support students in reaching their full potential. Mrs. Abrahamson has joined the third-grade teaching team, and we are eager to see her innovative approaches in action. Ms. Olympia Li is also a fresh addition to our fourth-grade team, where her enthusiasm for learning will surely inspire our students. Another new Cardinal, Ms. Toji is thrilled to be working with our tiny TK students. Lastly, we are excited to welcome our new principal, Mrs. Cruz Brown, who brings a wealth of experience and a passion for education. We look forward to a fantastic year with these new Cardinals in our nest!



**Bridget
Cruz Brown**
Principal

¡Nuevos Cardenales en Kornblum!

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo a otro año emocionante en la Escuela Kornblum! Estamos encantados de presentar algunas caras nuevas de nuestra vibrante comunidad. Tenemos cuatro nuevos profesores que se unen a nuestro equipo. El Sr. Chi Azongwa se desempeñará como nuestro especialista en recursos y aportará su experiencia para ayudar a los estudiantes a alcanzar su máximo potencial. La Sra. Abrahamson se ha unido al equipo de tercer grado y estamos ansiosos por ver sus enfoques innovadores en acción.

La Sra. Olympia Li también es una nueva incorporación a nuestro equipo de cuarto grado, donde su entusiasmo por aprender seguramente inspirará a nuestros estudiantes. Otro nuevo cardenal, la Sra. Toji, está encantada de trabajar con nuestros pequeños estudiantes de TK. Por último, nos complace darle la bienvenida a nuestra nueva directora, la Sra. Cruz Brown, quien aporta su experiencia y pasión por la educación. ¡Esperamos un año fantástico acompañados por estos nuevos Cardenales!



Jocelyn Abrahamson, Chi Azongwa, Olympia Li, Margaret Toji and Bridget Brown

Prairie Vista *Middle School*

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Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! As we begin the new year, we remain committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and rigorous academic environment.

Our school community continues to grow, and we are excited to welcome new faces to PVMS. Assistant Principal, Jennifer Wimer, brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our school, as she enters her 23rd year in education. Ms. Wimer taught mathematics for the majority of her career and has experience as an Intervention TOSA. Psychologist Ashley Ramirez earned her undergraduate degree from UCSB and a master's degree at CSULA. She enjoys spending time with her dog, eating King Taco, and watching movies. Beginning his 10th year in education, we welcome our new 7th/8th grade math teacher, Luis Tejeda Jr. Fun fact, Mr. Tejeda is a former Washington Wildcat and Prairie Vista Panther!

We are grateful to have our new staff bring their experiences to support the PVMS community.



Sandra Mackellar
Principal

Bienvenido

¡Bienvenidos al año escolar 2024-2025! Al comenzar el nuevo año, seguimos comprometidos a crear un ambiente académico seguro, inclusivo y riguroso.

Nuestra comunidad escolar continúa creciendo y estamos emocionados de darle la bienvenida a caras nuevas a PVMS. La subdirectora, Jennifer Wimer, aporta una gran experiencia y liderazgo a nuestra escuela al iniciar su 23.º año en educación. La Sra.

Wimer enseñó matemáticas durante la mayor parte de su carrera y tiene experiencia como maestra de intervención. La psicóloga Ashley Ramirez obtuvo su licenciatura en UCSB y una maestría en CSULA. Le gusta pasar tiempo con su perro, comer King Taco y ver películas. Al comenzar su décimo año en educación, le damos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo maestro de matemáticas de séptimo y octavo grado, Luis Tejeda Jr. Dato curioso: ¡el Sr. Tejeda atendió la escuela Washington y Prairie Vista!

Estamos agradecidos de que nuestro nuevo personal aporte sus experiencias para apoyar a la comunidad PVMS.



Welcome to the New School Year at Ramona School!

The new school year is officially underway at Ramona School, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome back our students and families! This year brings new opportunities for growth, learning, and community-building.

We are thrilled to announce that Ramona School is growing! For the first time, we have added a Dual Immersion Transitional Kindergarten (TK) class to our program, marking an exciting milestone for our school. This addition is a testament to our commitment to providing diverse and enriching educational opportunities for our students. We are so proud to see our TWBI Program grow!

Along with our growth, we are excited to introduce four new teachers who have joined our campus:

Ms. Bustamante will be leading our new TK Dual Immersion class, bringing her passion for early childhood education to our youngest learners.

Ms. Covarrubias joins us as a new Kindergarten Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) teacher, eager to engage our students in a dynamic bilingual learning environment.

Ms. Gomez is also new to our Kindergarten team and is looking forward to a year full of discovery and fun with her students.

Ms. Cardillo joins our 4th-grade team with enthusiasm and experience, ready to inspire and challenge our students.

Be sure to check out the photo included in this article to see our wonderful new teachers!

As we kick off this new school year, we look forward to working together as a community to support our students' growth and development. With our expanded program and new staff members, this year promises to be full of exciting opportunities and memorable moments.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Ramona School! Let's make it the best one yet!



Marisa Stewart
Principal

¡Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar en la escuela Ramona!

¡El nuevo año escolar está oficialmente en marcha en la Escuela Ramona y no podríamos estar más emocionados de darles la bienvenida nuevamente a nuestros estudiantes y familias! Este año trae nuevas oportunidades para el crecimiento, el aprendizaje y la construcción de comunidades.

¡Estamos encantados de anunciar que la Escuela Ramona está creciendo! Por primera vez, hemos agregado una clase de jardín de infantes de transición (TK) de doble inmersión a nuestro programa, lo que marca un hito emocionante para nuestra escuela. Esta incorporación es un testimonio de nuestro compromiso

de brindar oportunidades educativas diversas y enriquecedoras para nuestros estudiantes. ¡Estamos muy orgullosos de ver crecer nuestro programa TWBI!

Junto con nuestro crecimiento, nos complace presentarles a cuatro nuevos maestros que se han unido a nuestro campus:

Sra. Bustamante dirigirá nuestra nueva clase de inmersión dual de TK, llevando su pasión por la educación infantil a nuestros alumnos más jóvenes.

Sra. Covarrubias se une a nosotros como nueva maestra de Inmersión Bilingüe Bilingüe (TWBI) de Kindergarten, ansiosa por involucrar a nuestros estudiantes en un ambiente dinámico de aprendizaje bilingüe.

Sra. Gómez también es nueva en nuestro equipo de Kindergarten y espera tener un año lleno de descubrimientos y diversión con sus alumnos.

Sra. Cardillo se une a nuestro equipo de 4to grado con entusiasmo y experiencia, listo para inspirar y desafiar a nuestros estudiantes.

¡Asegúrese de revisar la foto incluida en este artículo para ver a nuestros maravillosos nuevos maestros!

Al comenzar este nuevo año escolar, esperamos trabajar juntos como comunidad para apoyar el crecimiento y desarrollo de nuestros estudiantes. Con nuestro programa ampliado y nuevos miembros del personal, este año promete estar lleno de oportunidades emocionantes y momentos memorables.

¡Por un año fantástico por delante en la Escuela Ramona! ¡Hagámoslo el mejor hasta ahora!



Ms. Bustamante



Ms. Gomez



Ms. Covarrubias



Ms. Cardillo

Washington *Elementary*

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A great start to the Year!

Our Wildcats are off to an excellent start this school year! It's wonderful to see both students and staff fully engaged in the teaching and learning that lead to success. We're already planning a variety of exciting events for students and families, including workshops, fundraisers, and more.

We are thrilled to welcome several new staff members to our school this year. Ms. Morocho is back with us, teaching 1st grade! We also have Ms. Phillips and Ms. Meza joining our team as our new TK teachers. We are excited to see the positive impact they will have on our students.

Additionally, we are proud to share that Washington Elementary School has shown overall improvement on the 2024 CAASPP assessments in English Language Arts and Math. In further exciting news, our school has received the 2024 Silver PBIS Recognition. This award highlights our staff's dedication to creating a positive environment that supports the social, emotional, and behavioral development of all students.

We deeply appreciate the continued support of our families in helping us meet and exceed our students' needs. Together, we can achieve great things!



Wendy Ostensen
Principal

¡Un Gran Comienzo de Año!

¡Nuestros Wildcats han tenido un excelente comienzo este año escolar! Es maravilloso ver tanto a los estudiantes como al personal plenamente comprometidos con la enseñanza y el aprendizaje que conducen al éxito. Ya estamos planeando una variedad de eventos interesantes para estudiantes y familias, incluidos talleres, eventos para recaudar fondos y más.

Estamos encantados de darle la bienvenida a varios miembros nuevos del personal a nuestra escuela este año. ¡La Sra. Morocho está de regreso con nosotros, enseñando 1er grado! También tenemos a la Sra. Phillips y a la Sra. Meza uniéndose a nuestro equipo como nuestras nuevas maestras de TK. Estamos emocionados de ver el impacto positivo que tendrán en nuestros estudiantes.

Además, estamos orgullosos de compartir que la Escuela Primaria Washington ha mostrado una mejora general en las evaluaciones CAASPP de 2024 en Artes del Lenguaje Inglés y Matemáticas. Otra noticia interesante es que nuestra escuela recibió el Reconocimiento Plata PBIS 2024. Este premio destaca la dedicación de nuestro personal para crear un ambiente positivo que apoye el desarrollo social, emocional y conductual de todos los estudiantes.

Apreciamos profundamente el apoyo continuo de nuestras familias para ayudarnos a satisfacer y superar las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes. ¡Juntos podemos lograr grandes cosas!



Ms. Phillips and Ms. Morocho join their excited students on the first day of school.
La Sra. Phillips y la Sra Morocho se unen a sus emocionados estudiantes el primer día de clases.

York Elementary

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Welcome!

York welcomes new faces to our team this year. Joining as counselor is Eunice Lee, who brings a passion for innovative counseling, mental health, and SEL support. We're also excited to have Amy Teal on board as literacy coach, known for her love of literacy and engaging hands-on learning activities. Our SPED/RSP department welcomes new members: Albertina Nguyen, Mayra Becerra, and Fatma Elmohrak as aides, and Claire Selleck is a K/1 Mod/Severe teacher. Collectively, their creative approach and dedication to nurturing young minds will surely inspire us all. Ashley Morris joins us as SPED assistant principal, bringing a wealth of experience in student support. Lastly, I am joining the SuperStars team as principal. Each of these talented professionals is eager to contribute to our school's vibrant community. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with their expertise and enthusiasm. Welcome aboard!



Abi Morales
Principal

¡Bienvenidos!

York da la bienvenida a nuevos miembros a nuestro equipo este año. Como consejera tenemos a Eunice Lee, quien aporta su pasión por el asesoramiento innovador, salud mental y apoyo del aprendizaje socio-emocional. Amy Teal es la entrenadora de literatura, conocida por su amor a la lectura y actividades de aprendizaje práctico. Nuestro departamento de educación especial (SPED/RSP) tiene nuevos miembros: Albertina Nguyen, Mayra

Becerra y Fatma Elmohrak como asistentes, y Claire Selleck es maestra de K/1 Mod/Severe. En conjunto, el enfoque creativo y la dedicación a nutrir mentes jóvenes seguramente nos inspirarán a todos. Ashley Morris es subdirectora de SPED, aportando gran experiencia en apoyo estudiantil. Por último, me uno al equipo de SuperStars como directora. Cada uno de estos profesionales talentosos contribuirán a nuestra comunidad escolar. Tendremos un año maravilloso por delante con su experiencia y entusiasmo. ¡Bienvenido a bordo!



Ms. Nguyen, Ms. Selleck, and Ms. Becerra
Sra. Nguyen, Sra. Selleck y Sra. Becerra



Mrs. Lee, Ms. Teal, Mrs. Morales, Ms. Morris, and Ms. Elmohrak
Sra. Lee, Sra. Teal, Sra. Morales, Sra. Morris y Sra. Elmohrak

Zela Davis *Elementary*

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Welcome Back!

Welcome Back Zela Davis families and students! We hope all of you had a wonderful summer!

The first day of school was amazing! We had First Day of School banners at the three entrance gates and a Zela Davis and Community School backdrop in front of the West Cafeteria for families and students to take pictures.

This year, we have many exciting, learning opportunities planned for our students with our educational partners: the United States Space Force and CSU Dominguez Hills. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare their classrooms and lessons to ensure every student has a great experience. We continue to share Good Things every day, and students have created Social Contracts in their classrooms.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. We look forward to working together to make this year a wonderful and successful school year for every Zela Davis Rocket!



Miguelina Lopez
Principal

¡Bienvenidos Nuevamente!

¡Bienvenidos nuevamente familias y estudiantes de Zela Davis! ¡Esperamos que todos hayan tenido un verano maravilloso!

¡El primer día de clases fue increíble! Teníamos pancartas del Primer Día de Escuela en los tres portones de entrada y un telón de fondo de Zela Davis y la Escuela Comunitaria frente a la Cafetería Oeste para que las familias y los estudiantes tomaran fotografías.

Este año, tenemos muchas oportunidades de aprendizaje planeadas para nuestros estudiantes con nuestros socios educativos: la Fuerza Espacial de los Estados Unidos y CSU Dominguez Hills. Nuestros maestros han estado trabajando arduamente para preparar sus salones y lecciones para garantizar que cada estudiante tenga una gran experiencia. Seguimos compartiendo cosas buenas todos los días y los estudiantes han creado Contratos Sociales en sus salones.

Gracias por ser una parte vital de nuestra comunidad escolar. ¡Esperamos trabajar juntos para tener un año maravilloso y exitoso para cada Zela Davis Rocket!



Our Zela Davis Rockets are ready for the first day of school!
¡Nuestros Zela Davis Rockets están listos para el primer día de clases!

Ways to Travel—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: SchoolNewsKay@gmail.com Please put Hawthorne in the subject line.

Entries must be received by November 15, 2024

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

WALK	CROP DUSTER
RUN	SKATES
JOG	SKATEBOARD
STROLL	HELICOPTER
CAR	YACHT
TAXI	ROWBOAT
VAN	FISHING BOAT
SCHOOL BUS	SURFBOARD
CITY BUS	HORSE
TRAIN	MULE
JET PLANE	

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Adventures—Word Search Contest

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CRUISE	SCUBA DIVING
JET PLANE	SNORKELING
HIKE	THEME PARK
MINING	SIGHT SEEING
RAFTING	MUSEUMS
FISHING	GALLERIES
HUNTING	RIVERBOAT
CLIMBING	SAILING
SURFING	ROAD TRIP
GEOCACHING	ZIP LINE
BIRDWATCHING	

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Formas de viajar: Concurso de Sopa de Letras

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¡De las entradas correctas, se sorteará un nombre
 para una tarjeta de regalo de \$20 para Barnes & Noble!

CAMINAR	FUMIGADORA
CORRER	PATINES
TROTAR	MONOPATÍN
PASEAR	HELICÓPTERO
COCHE	YATE
TAXI	BOTE DE REMOS
FURGONETA	BARCO DE PESCA
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AUTOBÚS URBANO	CABALLO
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Aventuras—Concurso de Sopa de Letras

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 para una tarjeta de regalo de \$20 para Barnes & Noble!

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MUSEOS	AVIÓN A REACCIÓN
GALERÍAS	BARCO FLUVIAL
CAMINATA	NAVEGACIÓN
MINERÍA	VIAJE POR CARRETERA
RAFTING	TIROLINA
PESCA	SURF GEOCACHING
CAZA	OBSERVACIÓN DE AVES
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Los Angeles County Office of Education

Innovation Lab Program Bring Educators and Tech Companies Together to Develop Solutions For K-12 Education



Debra Duardo,
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Superintendent

A new Innovation Lab program launched this summer as part of a partnership between the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the University of Southern California (USC) Edtech Accelerator, with the support of the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation (GLAEF). The groundbreaking collaborative effort seeks to gather input from educators and staff on some of the most pressing challenges facing K-12 schools today in hopes of developing better solutions to those complex problems.

This summer, LACOE, USC and GLAEF brought together educators from across Los Angeles County for an Innovation Design Summit to listen to their concerns. The event, held at USC on August 2, 2024, gave educators an opportunity to share firsthand experiences and identify pain points that have long hindered their ability to effectively support students.

Instead of vendors selling solutions in a vacuum, the Innovation Lab Program prioritizes a collaborative model where schools drive the process. This approach ensures that technology solutions are carefully considered and strategically implemented to address the specific needs of schools and ultimately improve student outcomes.

Identifying specific challenges faced by school districts was the first step in the Innovation Lab Program. Next steps include:

- **Solution Sourcing:** Leveraging USC's network to discover potential technology solutions.
- **Company Development:** Providing selected tech companies with a curriculum to enhance their product efficacy and market readiness.
- **Teacher Engagement:** Involving teachers in the program to provide feedback on technology solutions.
- **Evaluation and Dissemination:** Assessing the effectiveness of the solutions and sharing findings to create a trusted vendor network.

By placing teachers at the forefront of the solution-finding process, The Innovation Lab Program aims to create tools that are not only effective but also truly meet the needs of those on the front lines.

This powerful partnership, with its innovative approach aims to transform how technology is integrated into education and enhance the learning experience for students.

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