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Bulletin Board Presentation: Westmont Elementary

Westmont Principal Diana Bianco and Special Day Class (SDC) TK teacher Laura Curtis highlighted the remarkable benefits of the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program and highlighted how they focus on inclusion of all students. Through engaging, play-based learning, TK helps young learners develop essential fine motor skills, while also laying a strong foundation in early literacy and numeracy. The program emphasizes social and emotional growth, ensuring students are prepared both academically and personally for their future educational journey. With smaller class sizes and personalized attention, Westmont's TK program is setting students up for long-term success. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team for their hard work and commitment to fostering bright futures for our youngest learners!



Middle School Presentation: Marine View

Marine View Middle School's leadership team, including Principal Sara Schaible, Assistant Principal Ku'uipo Koahou, and teachers Jacqie Fiorillo and Logan Pouelsen, joined student leaders to showcase their efforts in creating an inclusive and supportive school environment. From hosting events like the Aloha Dance, designed to ensure all students can participate, to fostering community through lunchtime intramurals and wellness initiatives, these dedicated leaders are making a significant impact. Special recognition goes to students Gemma, Ruby, Natalia, Layla, Kendra, and Lesley for sharing their personal experiences in promoting inclusivity. Their work is helping to build a school where every student feels welcomed, valued, and supported.

Overnight Field Trips

The Board of Trustees has approved a \$60 subsidy to be provided to all fifth grade students who attend an overnight field trip, to ensure that all elementary schools can provide equitable opportunities for these students to participate in overnight field trips. These excursions offer hands-on learning experiences that complement classroom instruction, allowing students to explore new environments and concepts. Beyond academic enrichment, overnight field trips foster personal growth and social development, creating valuable learning experiences outside the classroom setting.

Red Ribbon Week Resolution

The Board has adopted a resolution designating the week of October 21-25, 2024, as Red Ribbon Week in the Ocean View School District. This initiative encourages students and families to participate in drug prevention education and engage in healthy living activities. The primary goal of this significant week is to raise awareness and inform students and their families about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of healthy living through effective prevention strategies. Red Ribbon Week empowers communities and individuals to support the hopes and dreams of children by committing to drug prevention and education, with the ultimate aim of creating a drug-free America.