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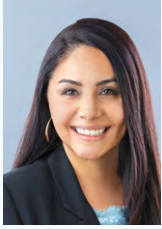
Dr. Julianne Hoefer
Superintendent

I am truly honored and thrilled to be named the next Superintendent of Ocean View School District. Since joining Ocean View School District in 2018 as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, I have been inspired by the dedication of our educators and the enthusiasm of our students. These experiences, combined with the past five months as Interim Superintendent, have deepened my passion for OVSD and strengthened my vision for the future.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Board of Trustees for entrusting me with this responsibility. I look forward to continuing the District's mission to innovate, empower, and transform education in OVSD. Our students deserve engaging, forward-thinking learning experiences that prepare them for success, and our staff deserves the support and resources needed to inspire and empower every child. I am committed to working alongside our educators, families, and community partners to build on our successes and ensure that every student reaches their full potential. I love this District, and it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as Superintendent.



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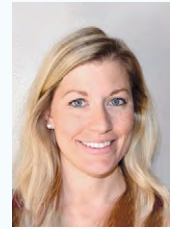
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OVSD's Consideration of a New Board Election System

By Patricia Singer, President

The Ocean View School District (OVSD) has been exploring a potential transition in the way Board Members are elected. Currently, our District follows an at-large election system, where all voters within OVSD boundaries can vote for all five Board Members. However, a shift to a by-trustee area election system is being considered. Under this new approach, voters would elect one Trustee who resides within the same designated geographic area as the voter.

While this change would alter how Board Members are elected, it is important to emphasize that it will not impact:

- School boundaries
- School services, programs, and resources
- Full Board representation of each and every student
- OVSD's commitment to providing educational excellence

At the January 28 and February 25 OVSD Board of Trustees' meetings, the Board held public hearings to gather community input on how the trustee area maps should be drawn.

The first draft of trustee area maps will be provided during the March 25 Board of Trustees' meeting and will include a public hearing. In response to the input provided, the maps will be revised and presented at the April 8 Board Meeting for the second public hearing, with the anticipated third public hearing and approval during the May 13 Board Meeting.

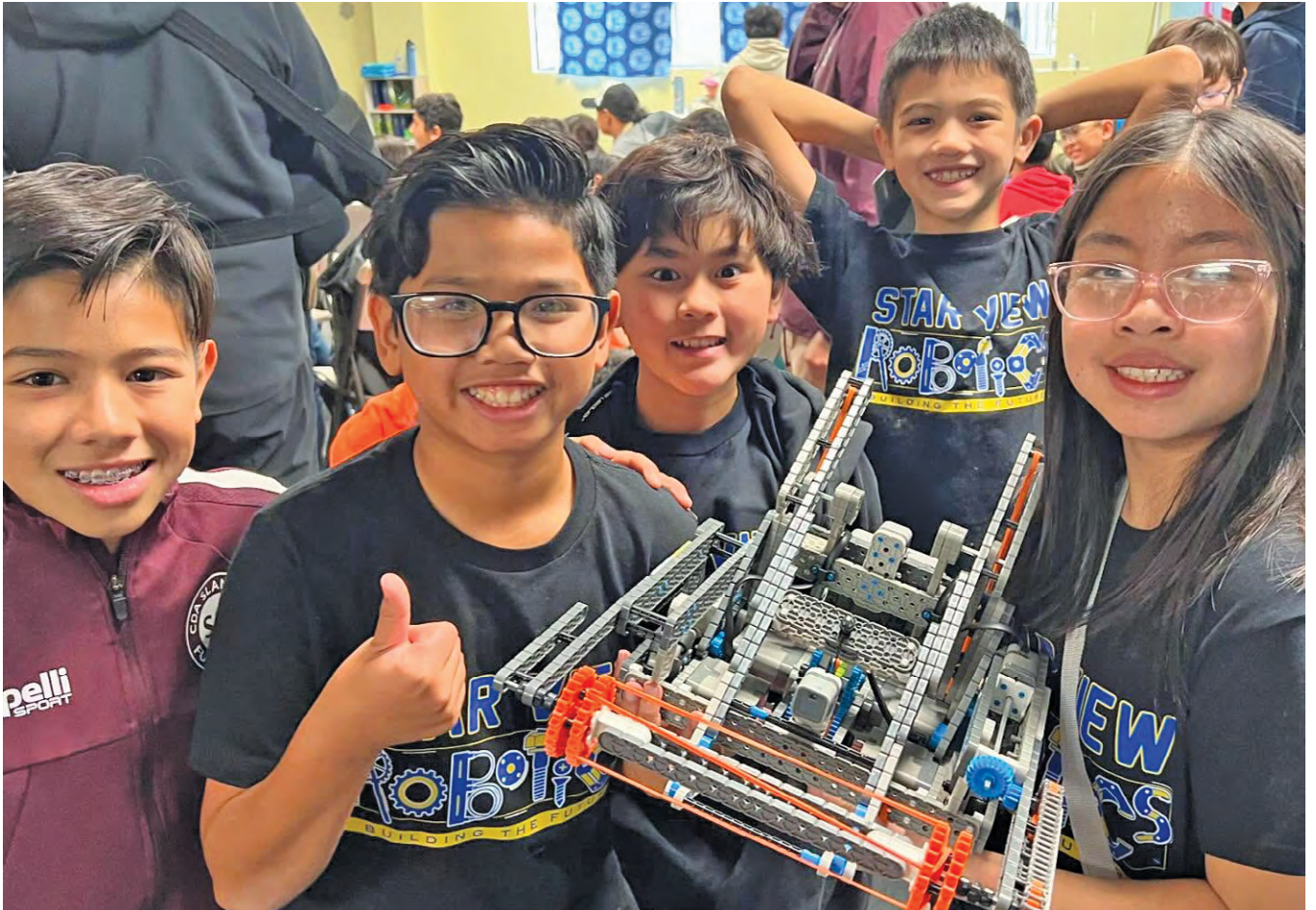
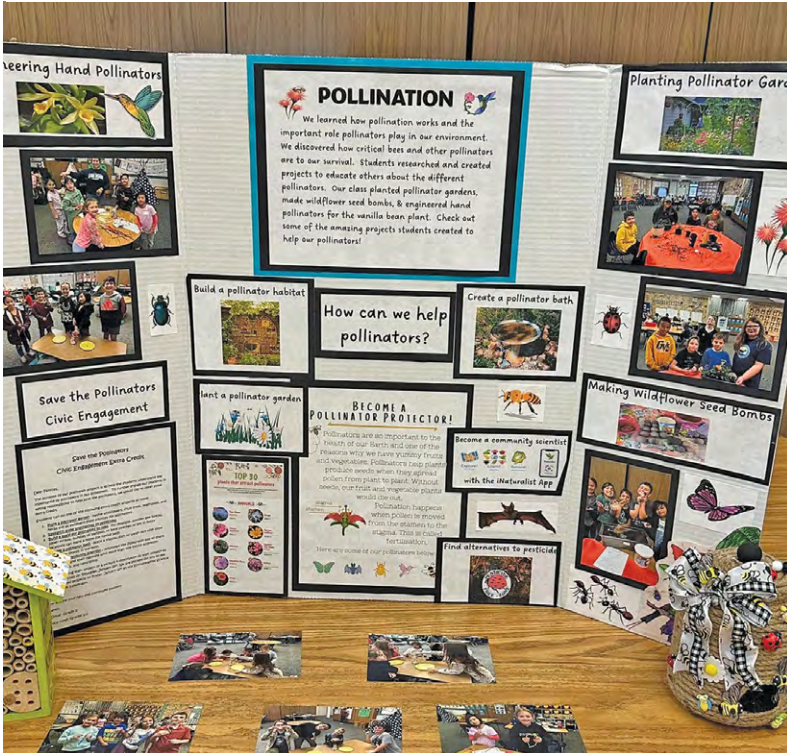
We greatly appreciate the participation and feedback from our community throughout this process. Engaging with families, staff, and stakeholders is a vital part of ensuring a fair and representative election system for OVSD. For more information, visit www.ovsd.org.

As the Board continues to explore this new process, we wish to emphasize our commitment to every student, family, and citizen throughout the entire District.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.



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Jenna Landero
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UCLA Spark Reach Symposium: Celebrating Student Innovation and Impact

In March, the district office hosted the UCLA Spark Reach Symposium, a showcase of student-driven innovation and problem-solving. This event marked the culmination of a year-long collaboration between our district and UCLA's Spark Reach program, a partnership that has empowered students to develop creative solutions addressing real-world challenges.

Throughout the year, students engaged in dynamic learning experiences, exploring STEM careers, social entrepreneurship, and the design-thinking process. Under the guidance of Spark Reach mentors, students followed an iterative approach—defining challenges, brainstorming ideas, designing and prototyping solutions, gathering feedback, and refining their inventions. Their work has spanned critical topics such as ocean conservation, renewable energy, sustainable cities, and technological advancements tied to the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The Symposium highlighted the incredible projects that students have been working on, showcasing their ingenuity and ability to tackle pressing global issues. Attendees witnessed firsthand how students have applied their skills in engineering, robotics, and entrepreneurship to create impactful solutions. Many of these young innovators have even competed in national pitch competitions, demonstrating their ability to turn ideas into actionable change.

Beyond technical skills, Spark Reach has fostered leadership, collaboration, and resilience among participants. Nearly all students reported gaining a deeper understanding of social entrepreneurship and how to innovate with a purpose. This event is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Parents, educators, and community members joined us in celebrating these students' achievements. The UCLA Spark Reach Symposium was more than a showcase—it was a reflection of the bright future that lies ahead for our young inventors and problem solvers.



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Celebrating 50 Years of Inside the Outdoors: A Legacy of Learning and Renewal



Dr. Stefan Bean
Superintendent

For five decades, Inside the Outdoors has served as a gateway to discovery, inspiring generations of students to connect with the natural world in meaningful ways.

Since its inception in 1974, this Orange County Department of Education program has provided immersive outdoor experiences to more than 3.5 million students, bringing science to life in ways that textbooks cannot.

It all began with the first Outdoor Science School, which gave students the chance to step beyond classroom walls and into nature. In 1981, the program expanded to include day programs at other picturesque sites throughout Orange County, ensuring even more students could take part in hands-on environmental learning.

For many young learners, today's Inside the Outdoors program represents a first encounter with nature — one that sparks curiosity, encourages exploration and instills a sense of environmental stewardship. In fact, research consistently shows that outdoor education increases student engagement, strengthens academic achievement

and promotes social-emotional well-being while deepening appreciation for the environment.

This year, we celebrate not only the program's 50-year history but also its impact and resilience.

In December 2020, tragedy struck when a fast-moving wildfire swept through Rancho Soñado, which had long served as ITO's headquarters. Along with destroying the caretakers' home, the fire claimed the lives of many of the animals that had been part of the program's educational experiences. It was a heartbreaking loss for our Inside the Outdoors family and for the many students and educators who had formed lasting connections with the site.

Yet, that loss has strengthened our resolve to provide these kinds of opportunities. We are now actively working to redevelop Rancho Soñado with a vision that honors its natural beauty while enhancing its role as an immersive outdoor learning space. Our goal is not just to rebuild, but to thoughtfully restore and reimagine the site, ensuring future generations can take in the sights, sounds and lessons of nature in Orange County's own backyard.

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Inside the Outdoors has remained at the forefront of environmental education by evolving to meet the needs of today's students. Its Traveling Scientist program, field trips and interactive lessons continue to provide high-quality, standards-based instruction while inspiring young people to develop a deeper connection to the natural world.

As we celebrate its golden anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to expanding access to environmental education and encourage schools, educators and community members to explore all that Inside the Outdoors has to offer.

I believe the mission of Inside the Outdoors remains as vital as ever. When students connect with nature, they develop a deeper appreciation for their surroundings and a clearer understanding of how their actions shape the world around them.

So here's to 50 great years — and to 50 more filled with exploration, discovery and learning in the great outdoors.

For more information on Inside the Outdoors and its 50th anniversary events, visit www.insidetheoutdoors.org.

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Circle View *Elementary (K-5)*

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Julie Ernst
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A Tradition Begins

"Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow, 'til you find your dream." These words reflect the perseverance and ambition we nurture in every student at Circle View.

At Circle View, we break barriers and open pathways for student success—academically and creatively. Music is one of those pathways, a powerful tool for brain development, language learning, math, history, reading fluency, and social-emotional growth. With this in mind, we have set out to build a music program worthy of recognition.

Recognizing strong community interest, we launched The Circle Singers, a choir for 4th and 5th graders, guided by the talented Ms. Eileen Stressling. Her dedication, talent, and expertise are already making an impact, as she leads 32 students in developing music literacy, vocal training, ensemble skills, and performance excellence.

Rehearsals will continue weekly through May, with performances scheduled for school and district events.



Much like Climb Every Mountain, we are taking deliberate steps toward a future where every student has the opportunity to shine—whether through academics or the arts. At Circle View, we are committed to helping students find their voices and reach their full potential.



Circle View Mascot, Spirit



Music Teacher, Eileen Stressling - Past



Music Teacher, Eileen Stressling - Present

College View *Elementary (K-5)*

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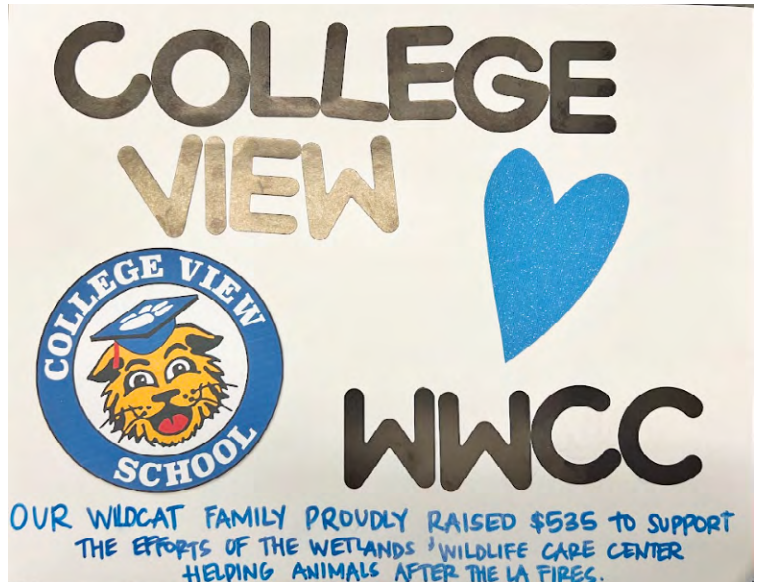
College View Gives After the Recent Wildfire Tragedies

College View students and families have stepped up in a big way to support local wildlife affected by the recent wildfires. Over the past few weeks, the community has rallied together to collect donations for the Bolsa Chica Wildlife Wetlands Center, which has been working tirelessly to care for displaced and injured animals.

Through their efforts, College View successfully raised over \$500, providing essential resources such as food, shelter, and medical care for animals in need. From owls to foxes and turtles, these contributions will make a significant impact on wildlife recovery.

The generosity and kindness displayed by the College View community highlight their commitment to making a difference. Their support ensures that the wetlands center can continue its vital work in rescuing and rehabilitating animals.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed—College View truly ROCKS! Together, we are stronger, and together, we make a difference.



Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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Venus Moeller
Principal

Environmental Science Showcase

Golden View recently celebrated its' annual Environmental Science Showcase.

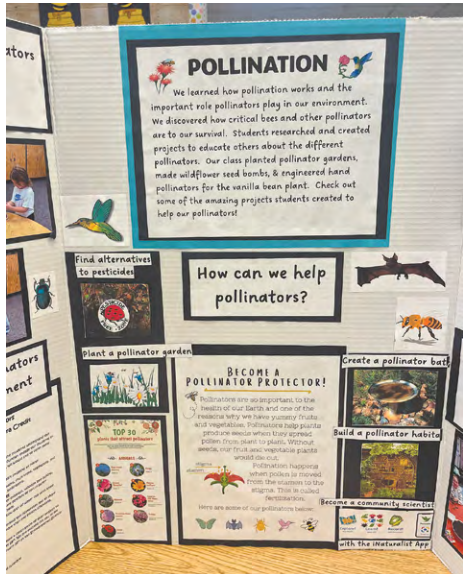
This unique learning experience allows students to identify a problem within the environment and work collaboratively and or independently to design a solution using the

scientific process. Inside the classrooms, students demonstrated and displayed their environmental science and civic engagement projects. Projects included oil pollution, the role of our pollinators, harnessing solar energy, creating drought resistant gardens and sustainability to name a few.

Outside at the Golden View Farm, students and their families were invited to join and explore hands-on learning experiences with local school partnerships. Our

community partners provided engaging learning opportunities in a variety of educational stations further adding to the learning and family engagement.

The Environmental Science showcase is just another example highlighting Golden View's dedication to the environment and boasting it as a Green Ribbon School. The innovation of students, combined with dedication of Golden View teachers, made a celebratory day for all within our learning community.



Harbour View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Jady Grunbaum
Principal

Harbour View Elementary's CAT Tutors: Building Academic Success through Peer Support

At Harbour View Elementary School, a remarkable program is making a difference in student learning—both academically and socially. The CAT Tutors program, a peer tutoring initiative, brings together upper-grade students with younger peers in primary classrooms, fostering a supportive learning environment and strengthening the school community.

CAT Tutors (Committed, Accountable, and Trustworthy Tutors) are a dedicated group of students who volunteer their time to assist younger learners in subjects like reading, writing, and math. These older students push into primary classrooms during scheduled times, offering one-on-one or small group support. Whether helping a first grader sound out words in a book or guiding a kindergartner through a math problem, CAT Tutors serve as role models, mentors, and academic coaches.

For primary students, working with an older peer provides encouragement and motivation in a comfortable, friendly setting. Many students who may struggle with certain concepts feel more at ease asking questions and engaging with their CAT Tutors. The program not only reinforces academic skills but also builds relationships that create a positive and inclusive school culture.

For the upper-grade students, tutoring reinforces their own learning while teaching valuable life skills such as patience, empathy, and responsibility. Many tutors report that their experience has strengthened their understanding of the subjects they teach, as explaining concepts to younger students deepens their comprehension.

As Harbour View Elementary continues to cultivate a culture of collaboration, the CAT Tutors program stands as a testament to the power of peer support in education. Through this initiative, students are not only improving academically but also building a school community centered on kindness, mentorship, and shared success.



Hope View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Christina Luckey
Principal

Hope View's Million Minutes by May Challenge: A Love for Reading in Action!

March is here, and we are well into our Million Minutes by May challenge! Hope View students have been diving into books daily, working together toward the ambitious goal of reading one million minutes by May. This is no small feat, but our students are off to a fantastic start!

Encouraging a love of reading extends beyond independent reading - it flourishes through shared experiences. Students continue to strengthen their literacy

skills through weekly Reading Buddy sessions, our Bark Therapy dog visits, and Reading with Relatives gatherings in the primary grades. These opportunities allow younger students to hear fluent reading from more experienced readers while also giving older students the chance to build comprehension skills as they discuss books with their buddies.

Instilling a lifelong love of reading is at the heart of what we do, and it's clear our students cherish these special reading moments. Keep up the amazing work, Hope View readers—let's reach that million-minute goal together!



Fifth graders from Miss Yamaguchi's class connected with their reading buddies, strengthening their literacy skills through meaningful interactions.



Kindergartners in Mrs. Hanoian's class shared special reading moments with their relatives on campus, fostering a shared love for books.



Students enjoying Family Literacy Night on February 28, a wonderful event that celebrated reading together.



TK students from Ms. Kuns' class enjoyed time with their reading buddies, engaging in storytelling and practicing their reading aloud.

Lake View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Jill
Van Der Linden
Principal

Lake View 5th graders “Walk through the Revolution”

The “Walk Through the American Revolution” program provided our fifth-grade students an immersive and engaging way that explored the pivotal events of America’s founding. This dynamic educational experience brought history to life through a combination of interactive activities, storytelling, and dramatic reenactments.

Students were divided into teams and assigned roles of famous historical figures, allowing them to “become” key players in the American Revolution. They prepared by memorizing lines, creating props, and even dressing up as their characters. The program covered significant events, important personalities, and relevant vocabulary, helping students understand the complexities of this crucial period in U.S. history.

Throughout the experience, Lake View students engaged in various activities such as games, music, and reenactments. They used flags, maps, and other props to enhance their understanding of American liberty and patriotism.

The competitive aspect, where teams earn points for their presentations, added an element of excitement and motivation.

This hands-on approach to learning history not only made the subject more enjoyable but also helped students internalize the causes and effects of the American Revolution. By actively participating in the retelling of these events, fifth-graders gained a deeper appreciation for the foundations of their nation.



Marine View *Middle School (6-8)*

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Sara Schaible
Principal

Under the Big Top Variety Show

Marine View offers a special program unique to our school, our bi-annual Talent Show. This year we were thrilled to bring “Under the Big Top Variety Show” to the stage.

Our Talent Show provides an opportunity for all students at Marine View to have access and involvement in the performing arts.

This year, we had 25 acts take to the stage to highlight their talents. Students were able to showcase their artistic talents through singing, dancing, and musical performances including a special performance by our very

own Marine View Rock Band. Aside from the producing team, our school productions are entirely student driven. Our students achieve involvement and access to the performing arts as performers, stage crew members, sound and lighting crew members, set builders and ushers. Our visual art classes also had the opportunity to highlight their talents by providing their artwork as the décor to align with the theme.

Our audiences initially attended the talent show to see their family & friends perform but ended up taking home a lasting exposure and love of the performing arts. Marine View is one of the only middle schools that offers this full-fledged arts experience!



Mesa View Middle School (6–8)

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Isis Ortiz
Principal

Mesa View Middle School Celebrated Compassion with “DUDE BE NICE” Week

ASB helped transform our campus into a vibrant showcase of kindness and camaraderie with its ‘DUDE BE NICE’ week, held from February 10-14. This annual event, beloved by students and staff alike, emphasized the power of positivity through a series of themed spirit days and a memorable spirit assembly.

The week began quietly on Monday with no school in observance of President Lincoln’s Birthday. Festivities kicked off on Tuesday with Jeans Day. Under the motto ‘Be KIND...it’s in your ‘JEANS!’’, the students wore their favorite denim, proving that kindness fits as well as a great pair of jeans.

Wednesday marked the 100th day of school with a playful twist as students and staff dressed up as their 100-year-old selves for the theme ‘Kindness never gets OLD!’ This day was a highlight, showcasing the creative spirit of Mesa View’s students and their humorous takes on aging.

Thursday’s spirit day, centered around the theme ‘Black Out Bullying,’ was another dynamic and engaging highlight of the week. Students wore black to signify unity and take a strong stand against bullying, a core focus of the week’s message.

The week wrapped up on Valentine’s Day, where the school bloomed in red and pink as everyone was encouraged to ‘Spread the love’ by wearing Valentine’s colors. This day aimed to fill the school with a festive and loving atmosphere, reinforcing the week’s overarching message of fostering kindness.

Due to Southern California rain, our spirit assembly was moved to the following week. The rescheduled assembly, centered around the theme ‘DUDE BE NICE,’ was an engaging event. Students and staff participated in games like human hungry hippo, team relay races, and various interactive

activities that fostered teamwork and school spirit. The assembly also included a special spotlight on the volleyball and basketball teams, celebrating their achievements and promoting school pride. Participants wore colors to signify their grade level teams. A special thank you to our ASB class and their teacher advisor for putting on an awesome spirit activity for our Eagles.

‘DUDE BE NICE’ week not only provided fun and engaging activities but also strengthened the ties within the school community, making kindness a celebrated aspect of daily life at Mesa View. The Mesa View Staff was thrilled to see the creativity and enthusiasm of their students as they came together to celebrate and spread kindness throughout the week.”



Oak View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Araceli Osborn
Principal

Oak View Elementary: Weaving Tales, Strengthening Ties

At Oak View Elementary, we believe in the power of stories to connect families and ignite a love for reading. Our family literacy lab program is designed to bring families together through the magic of storytelling, fostering stronger bonds and a lifelong appreciation for literature.

Central to this initiative is our dedicated Family Engagement Committee, a collaborative team composed of teachers, support staff, and parents. This committee works tirelessly to create engaging events and workshops that empower parents to become active participants in their children's literacy journey.

This year, we're focusing on interactive storytelling sessions where families can share their favorite tales, create new ones, and explore the rich tapestry of cultures and experiences within our community. These sessions not only enhance literacy skills but also provide a platform for families to connect on a deeper level, sharing laughter, memories, and traditions.

We understand that every family's journey is unique, which is why our program offers a variety of resources and support tailored to meet individual needs. From book clubs to workshops on effective reading strategies, we strive to equip parents and our staff with the tools they need to nurture a love for reading at home.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and opportunities to get involved! Together, we can create a community of readers, storytellers, and lifelong learners at Oak View Elementary.



Star View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Jeanne Bentley
Principal

Celebrating Literacy with “Literacy Lunch”

On February 11th, Star View School hosted a delightful “Literacy Lunch,” bringing parents and children together to celebrate reading and family engagement. The event began in the school library and aimed to equip parents with practical tips to foster a love of reading in their children and create meaningful literary experiences at home.

The day began with a mini-lesson for parents on reading comprehension strategies. They learned techniques such as the “Think Aloud” method, verbalizing their thought processes while reading to model how to engage with the text. They also discussed asking thought-provoking questions to encourage critical thinking and personal connections. These strategies empower parents to actively participate in their children’s literacy journey, turning reading time into an interactive and enriching experience.

Following the lesson, families gathered outside with blankets, books, and lunches, ready to put their newfound knowledge into practice. Parents and children snuggled up together, sharing stories and laughter. Parents practiced the tips they learned, asking questions and sparking lively conversations. Literacy Lunch highlighted the importance of reading together as a family. It creates quality time for meaningful interactions and discussions. Shared reading helps to build fluency and comprehension, exposing children to new vocabulary. Discussing a good book together is interactive and encourages curiosity and understanding, developing critical thinking skills.

Star View is committed to fostering a strong reading culture and promoting family involvement in education. By equipping parents with the tools and knowledge to support their children’s literacy development, the school is helping to create a community of lifelong learners.



Village View *Elementary* (K-5)

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Shannon Mudry
Principal

Ocean of Talent

On Friday, February 7th, Village View's community gathered to celebrate creativity, courage, and fun at our annual talent show, "An Ocean of Talent." Organized by our dedicated PTO team, the event was a fantastic showcase of the many talents our students have to offer — and a wonderful reminder of the joy that comes from gathering as a school family.

The stage lit up with excitement as students stepped into the spotlight to share their unique talents. From dazzling magic tricks and graceful dance routines to beautiful singing performances, the variety of acts kept the audience entertained all night long. Laughter filled the room thanks to some budding stand-up comedians, and the crowd was wowed by impressive unicycle and pogo stick skills that had everyone on the edge of their seats.

The talent show wasn't just about performances — it was about building confidence, celebrating creativity, and making memories together. Families enjoyed tasty snacks while cheering on every act, filling the room with applause and support for each brave performer. The smiles onstage were matched by the proud smiles in the audience, showing just how special this night was for both students and their families.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Village View's incredible PTO team for organizing such a fun-filled evening, and to all the students who worked hard to share their talents with our school community. "An Ocean of Talent" truly showed that when we come together to support and celebrate one another, amazing things happen. We look forward to seeing even more talent shine next year!



Vista View Middle School (6–8)

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Manny Quezada
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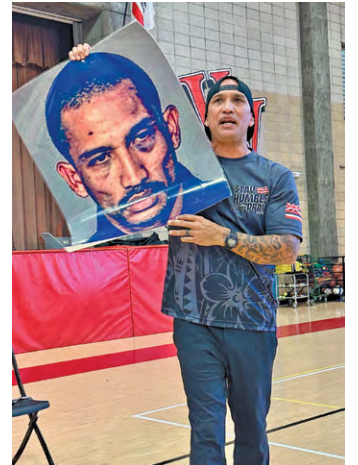
Guest Speaker Kyle Quilausing Delivers a Powerful Message on Choices

Vista View Middle School recently welcomed Kyle Quilausing, a motivational speaker with a compelling message about the power of choices. His story of perseverance and transformation captivated students and staff alike, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.

Kyle shared his journey from a promising young golfer—once competing alongside Tiger Woods—to facing life-changing challenges that tested his character and resilience. He spoke candidly about the consequences of arrogance, peer pressure, and losing sight of what truly matters, emphasizing how every decision shapes the future.

Through humor, honesty, and energy, Kyle connected with students in a way that made his message unforgettable: The choices you make today will determine the person you become tomorrow. His engaging personality and relatable storytelling inspired students to think critically about their actions, their goals, and the paths they choose to follow.

Vista View students walked away empowered, reminded that their potential is limitless when they commit to making positive choices. Kyle's visit was a powerful reminder that each of us has the ability to create our own success.



Westmont Elementary (K-5)

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Diana Bianco
Principal

Westmont Strengthens Family Engagement with 'Love of Learning' Event

Westmont Elementary School recently hosted a heartwarming family engagement event, "A Love of Learning," on February 27th. The evening brought students, parents, and staff together to celebrate the joys of reading, math, and art with their loved ones.

The event, designed to foster a love for learning beyond the classroom and expand on school to home connections, invited families to participate in interactive activities that combined education and fun. Attendees engaged in hands-on art, math and literacy projects, while students had a chance to participate in a book exchange. To make the night even more enjoyable, the school provided free pizza and music in the MPR creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.

With family engagement playing a crucial role in student success, Westmont Elementary's "Love of Learning" night demonstrated the school's commitment to strengthening the bond between families and education. Events like these serve as a reminder of the power of collaborative learning and the joy that comes from discovering knowledge together.

Westmont continues to prioritize family participation in education, ensuring that students feel supported both at school and at home. With such successful events, the school is paving the way for a more connected and engaged learning community.

