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Superintendent Dr. Natasha Baker with secondary students from La Mirada schools after a community input session.

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By Narcis Brasov, President, NLMUSD Board of Education / Presidente, de la Junta de Educación del NLMUSD

At Norwalk-La Mirada, we are a wonderfully diverse yet unified school district.

We boast sixteen elementary schools, five middle schools, and five high schools, including Southeast Academy, the only public military and law enforcement high school academy in the state of California. In addition to our innovative mathematics, language arts, and social studies instruction, we have programs ranging from robotics to drama, music to engineering, teaching to culinary arts, autoshop to art, and so much more, where all students can find their passion and reach their potential.

Our top-notch early education (preschool) and adult school programs provide opportunities for young children and adults alike, because it's never too early or too late to learn.

The early education program nurtures a love of learning and sets for foundation for a successful education. Students learn critical skills and families establish strong connections.

At the Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School (NLMAS), adult students can achieve a high school diploma, learn English, gain essential computer skills, and receive effective career training as a pharmacy technician, a dental assistant, a medical assistant, and in welding, early childhood and real estate. Our students' stories of resilience and overcoming are truly inspiring.

None of this is possible without our united commitment. We have families of every background and languages from every continent. Yet our parents, teachers, staff, and administration and community, however, all have one goal: empowering every student to succeed.

My challenge to you in 2025 is to shine your light for all to see. Whether through volunteering at your school or supporting the students in your life, you matter, and you make a difference.

To a Bright Future Ahead.

En Norwalk-La Mirada, somos un distrito escolar maravillosamente diverso pero unificado.

Contamos con dieciséis escuelas primarias, cinco escuelas intermedias y cinco secundarias, incluyendo la Academia Southeast, la única academia pública de secundaria para militares y fuerzas del orden en el estado de California. Además de nuestra innovadora instrucción en matemáticas, lengua y literatura y estudios sociales, ofrecemos programas que abarcan desde la robótica hasta el teatro, música e ingeniería, docencia y artes culinarias, talleres mecánicos, arte, y mucho más, donde todos los estudiantes pueden encontrar su pasión y alcanzar su máximo potencial.

Nuestros programas de educación temprana (preescolar) y escuela para adultos de alto nivel brindan oportunidades tanto para niños pequeños como para adultos, porque nunca es demasiado temprano ni demasiado tarde para aprender.

El programa de educación temprana fomenta el amor por el aprendizaje y crea las bases para una educación exitosa. Los estudiantes adquieren habilidades fundamentales y las familias establecen vínculos sólidos.

En la Escuela para Adultos Norwalk-La Mirada (NLMAS), los estudiantes adultos pueden obtener un diploma de secundaria, aprender inglés, adquirir habilidades informáticas esenciales y recibir una formación profesional eficaz como técnico de farmacia, asistente dental, asistente médico, y en soldadura, educación infantil temprana y bienes raíces. Las historias de resiliencia y superación de nuestros estudiantes son verdaderamente inspiradoras.

Nada de esto sería posible sin nuestro compromiso unido. Contamos con familias de todos los orígenes e idiomas, provenientes de cada continente. Sin embargo, nuestros padres, maestros, personal, administradores y comunidad comparten un mismo objetivo: empoderar a cada estudiante para que alcance el éxito.

Mi reto para ti en el 2025 es que tu luz brille para que todos la vean. Ya sea a través del voluntariado en tu escuela o apoyando a los estudiantes en tu vida, eres importante y haces la diferencia.

Por un futuro brillante.

Superintendent

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, and I appreciate the unwavering support from our communities. I commend the Board of Education, labor presidents, parent partners, students, and staff for their leadership, trust, and collaboration.

During my first 90 days, I have focused on listening and learning to build relationships and trust; sustaining excellent teaching, learning, and performance; and planning with partners to foster student and staff well-being. Through community dialogues, school visits, surveys, and discussions with parents and students, it is clear that our District is a school system with dedicated teams, resilient students, parent partners, and community commitments focused on future readiness. To inform a collaborative way forward, the school district communities will receive a summary report about experiences and data findings from my ninety-day entry plan. Together, we will shape a shared vision that reflects our collective priorities.

We have the commitment, capacity, and experience to build on all that has come before and further the ability of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District to ensure bright futures for every student we serve.

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Dr. Natasha Baker Superintendent

Estoy agradecida por la oportunidad de servir como Superintendente del Distrito Escolar Unificado Norwalk-La Mirada, y agradezco el apoyo incondicional de nuestra comunidad. Felicito a la Junta de Educación, a los presidentes laborales, a los padres voluntarios, a los estudiantes y al personal por su liderazgo, confianza y colaboración.

Durante mis primeros 90 días, me he centrado en escuchar y aprender a construir relaciones y confianza; mantener una enseñanza, aprendizaje y rendimiento excelentes; y en planificar con nuestros colaboradores para fomentar el bienestar

de los estudiantes y el personal. A través de diálogos comunitarios, visitas a las escuelas, encuestas y conversaciones con padres y estudiantes, queda claro que nuestro Distrito es un sistema escolar con equipos dedicados, estudiantes resilientes, padres colaboradores y compromisos comunitarios enfocados en la preparación para el futuro. Para informar acerca del camino colaborativo a seguir, las comunidades del distrito escolar recibirán un informe resumido sobre las experiencias y los resultados de mi plan de entrada de noventa días. Juntos, forjaremos una visión compartida que refleje nuestras prioridades colectivas.

Tenemos el compromiso, la capacidad y la experiencia para construir sobre los fundamentos anteriores, y ampliar la capacidad del Distrito Escolar Unificado Norwalk-La Mirada, para garantizar un futuro brillante para cada estudiante al que servimos.





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Leading the Way in Climate Action and Sustainability



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D. Superintendent

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is demonstrating what environmental sustainability and climate resiliency mean in practice for education. Environmental sustainability isn't just about surviving—it's about thriving. LACOE is working toward a regenerative approach that goes beyond minimums, replenishing what is taken from the environment to create better futures for students.

LACOE is developing a comprehensive

5-year Sustainability Action Plan in partnership with the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation. This strategic roadmap will guide efforts to reduce energy consumption and waste in LACOE-operated schools while also supporting local education agencies with their sustainability goals.

The importance of this work is underscored by student perspectives. LACOE's Student Advisory Council consistently ranks climate among their top three priorities. Students have expressed that people cannot defend something they're not intimately familiar with, highlighting why environmental education matters.

On May 1st, LACOE hosted its 4th Green Schools Symposium at the Natural History Museum, designed to be "inspirational, educational, and actionable" for attendees. Participants will leave with practical knowledge about making their schools greener.

LACOE's green initiatives extend beyond planning to action, with programs including outdoor marine field study, Earth Month listening sessions and Clean Air Day pledges.

While some sustainability work happens behind the scenes—like HVAC upgrades, aerator faucets, and energy-efficient building materials—the impact is significant even when not immediately visible.

Environmental sustainability and education share the same goal: helping students thrive in the future. The work LACOE does today creates the conditions for that success tomorrow.

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Pharmacy Technician Program Leads to Success

The Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School's Pharmacy Technician program is setting students up for

Mindy Chung Director

success! Every student completing the program and internship is landing jobs in the field,

thanks to the rigorous training and hands-on preparation they receive.

Our students are highly sought after by their externship sites. We partner with local hospitals in Los Angeles and Orange County for our students to complete their experiential training. In just 36 weeks, plus an externship, students complete four comprehensive modules that equip them with the skills needed to thrive as pharmacy technicians in the healthcare industry. If you're looking for a rewarding career in healthcare, this program is your pathway to success! Learn more by visiting our website at nlmas.org or checking out our brochure today.



Pharmacy Technician students hard at work as they prepare for their final exam.

Ramona Head Start Pre-School

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Art Studio Renovation

I am proud to announce that in a recent comprehensive review by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the NLMUSD Early Education Program was found to be in compliance with all Early Head Start and Head Start regulations. In addition, there

Laurel Parker Director

were several strengths identified: communication, recordkeeping, monitoring, as well as in the service areas of parent engagement and mental health services.

The Art Studio at Ramona is fully renovated and open for business. Children from every Early Education site have been having field trips to Ramona to use the Art Studio. Below is a picture of one class enjoying their visit.

The Program will be transitioning to a new Director as I will be retiring effective May 1st. I thank the community and District staff for their support of the Program. I know that it will continue to thrive. NLMUSD will celebrate 60 years of Head Start on February 14, 2026!



Students enjoying a field trip to the Art Studio at Ramona.

Benton MS Visual & Performing Arts Magnet

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Robin Ridgeway

Principal

Annual Kaleidoscope VAPA Festival

It has been a busy year at Benton Middle School filled with celebrations and awards. During the 24-25 academic year, Benton has been recognized as an *Apple Distinguished School*, Arts Schools Network *Exemplary School*, and a National Forum and California *Schools to Watch*. Benton's motto is Creating a Culture of Creativity, and our slogan is *A Destination for the Arts;* our performances and exhibits so far this year prove that to be true.

All of our arts will be on exhibit at our annual Kaleidoscope VAPA Festival on May 16th from 5:00-7:30pm. Billed as "Like Coachella, but at Benton!", this festival is a celebration of all our student artists and performers. There will be food trucks and multiple stages around campus that feature dancers, actors, musicians, and film, with art on display in our Art Gallery and classrooms. Students are learning, excelling, and discovering their talents in the Arts at Benton.



Corvallis MS STEAM Magnet

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Career Day at Corvallis Middle School Promises Excitement and Inspiration

This spring season, we held our annual Career Day with a full lineup of guest speakers and engaging activities. Counselors reached out to community members, to welcome about eight Corvallis Alumni as speakers, they were able to connect with our current Bulldogs about their futures. Career Day concluded with AVID students hosting a lunch time festival of games and our dance team performing to energize the afternoon. Career Day was a success—sparking curiosity and ambition!

Alejandra Rosales Principal

to present their career journey. We exceeded expectations by securing more

friends and alumni

than the 25 guest speakers that provided our Bulldogs with realworld inspiration. Students explored a variety of professions through engaging sessions led by industry experts. From social work to law, culinary arts to engineering, students had access to hands-on info across diverse career pathways. Additionally, local agencies like the Fire Department and CHP showcased career opportunities in their fields. We were most excited



Veterinarian Dr. Daniel Shapiro talking to 7th graders about the importance of vaccines for pets.

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Arts in the Classroom

This spring, Dolland Elementary is thrilled to launch a new and exciting partnership with an arts program, bringing theatre instruction to all our students for the very first time. Through this enriching program, students from every grade level are participating in engaging, creative lessons designed to strengthen their speaking,

Dr. Lorena Sierra Principal

listening, and expressive language skills. Over the course of 10 weeks, arts program teaching artists guide students through a variety of theatrical activities that encourage collaboration, confidence, and communication. Whether students are acting out short scenes, experimenting with voice and movement, or playing improvisation games, they

are learning how to express themselves in new and meaningful ways. These interactive lessons not only support language development, but also foster social-emotional learning, creativity, and a sense of community in the classroom.

At the end of the 10-week program, students will showcase their learning in a culminating activity, where families and staff will have the opportunity to see the progress and joy their children experienced throughout the program.

The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive, they look forward to PS Arts each week and are fully engaged in the fun, imaginative learning experiences.

We are proud to offer this opportunity and look forward to seeing how theatre continues to enhance student growth at Dolland. A big thank you to the arts program for bringing the joy of performance into our school community! Go Huskies!



Mr. Zavala's Class are celebrating their First Ensemble.

Dulles Elementary School

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Dulles Math Cotsen Grant

Dulles Elementary School has been awarded a Cotsen grant to enhance math instruction. This grant focuses on deepening

teachers' understanding of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) and the new Illustrative Math series, building on our CGI work.

Shanti Gallegos Principal

The initiative includes targeted coaching and professional

development to ensure effective, student-centered math instruction in all elementary grades. Key elements involve:

- **Coaching and Mentoring:** A district math mentor and external consultant guide teachers in implementing the Math State Standards with CGI pedagogy and the Illustrative Math curriculum.
- **Classroom Observations and Lab Days:** Teachers collaborate and observe one another to strengthen math instruction skills.

This initiative is designed to improve teachers' understanding of student mathematical thinking, enhancing instructional practices and preparing students for success in the CA Common Core Mathematics Standards. The result is a positive impact on student learning, with increased engagement and improved math skills.



Students are engaging in a math counting collection lesson.

Eastwood Elementary School

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Korean After School Academy

For the past few years, Eastwood has proudly offered a Korean After School Academy, providing students with a unique opportunity to explore Korean language and culture. In previous years, the program was

available to students in grades

Darryll Ramsey Jr. Principal

first through fifth. This year, we were excited to offer this four-week academy to students in Kindergarten through third grade.

Through engaging activities, students are introduced to various aspects of Korean culture, including traditional games and K-snacks. They also begin to develop foundational skills in the Korean language focusing on speaking, listening, and letter and word formation. A huge shout out to Mrs. Rah and Ms. Kim for leading this rich and authentic learning experience. We look forward to continuing and growing this program in the years to come.



Mrs. Rah and Ms. Kim Leading a Korean Academy Session

Edmondson Elementary School

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Edmondson's Annual AVID Showcase

Edmondson Elementary School recently hosted its annual AVID Showcase on March 12th, 2025, welcoming educators from across Southern California. As the only classrooms and observe firsthand the powerful strategies and teaching methods in action—strategies designed to enhance student outcomes, empower learners, and support Edmondson's mission to prepare all students for college and career success.



Following the AVID Showcase classroom visits, guests participated in a dynamic Q&A panel featuring Edmondson teachers, student ambassadors, and Principal Stewart– offering an opportunity for meaningful dialogue about the impactful practices observed and the exciting initiatives taking place across the campus."

Sharon Stewart Principal

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AVID Showcase school in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District,

Edmondson takes great pride in this distinction and is honored to open its doors in collaboration with the broader educational community embracing the spirit of lifelong learning.

The event began with a warm welcome from Principal Stewart, followed by a brief presentation highlighting key "look fors" in best instructional practices. Attendees then had the opportunity to visit

El Camino High School

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Mark Hunter

Principal

E-Sports @ El Camino

El Camino launched its first E-Sports class to start the Spring Semester of the 24-25 school year. The course is offered during periods 4 and 5. The class is a huge hit with the students. ESports has emerged as a dynamic

avenue through which students can explore various career pathways and develop critical thinking skills. The use of the ESports program provides El Camino students the chance to think outside the box, problem solve in real time, create a safe haven for students while creating comradery. Aside from playing the video games, students take weekly quizzes and view tutorials on strategies and problem solving. El Camino looks forward to offering the

course for years to come.



Escalona Elementary School

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Dr. Nnenna

Okpara *Principal*

Escalona's Spanish Dual Immersion Program is Thriving!

We're so proud of the incredible growth and success of our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program at Escalona. Our students are learning, adapting, and thriving in this enriching bilingual environment. Because of the program's

momentum, we're exploring the exciting possibility of expanding to two kindergarten Dual Immersion classes for the 2025–2026 school year. We're currently building a waitlist, so if you or someone you know is interested in Dual Immersion for kindergarten, we encourage you to contact our front office and complete an interest survey. We also welcome prospective families to visit our campus and see the program in action. We'd love to share what makes our school community—and our Dual Immersion Program—so special. "El que habla dos lenguas, vale por dos." ¡Bienvenidos!



Foster Road Elementary School

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Checking in on Math 2024-2025

Our math journey continues. We are seeing that the newly adopted math program lessons strive to build deeper knowledge and are grounded in real world problems. The teachers and students are responding well with positive feedback. One feature of the new adoption that is well received is the emphasis on using small instructional groups. With the focus

Salvador Villagomez Principal

on math during our weekly PLC meetings, we are really seeing the benefits of being able to respond to the individual needs of students. With the support of professional development days, teachers are getting more comfortable and fluid with the new materials and lessons. Alongside our CGI based instructional lessons and Counting Collection activities, we are stressing creativity, perseverance and confidence in our young math scholars. We are looking forward to seeing the impact our math instruction and the positive growth of our students.

Let's continue to shine bright Foster Road Stars!



A key component to math instruction is the small group instruction.

Gardenhill Elementary School

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American Revolution Re-Enactment

Gardenhill 5th-grade students participated in a dynamic "Walk Through the American Revolution" re-enactment,

bringing history to life. The event allowed students to role-play key historical figures like George Washington,

Sarah Gilbert Principal

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and soldiers from

the Revolutionary War. Beginning with the formation of the first three colonies; students explored the colonies' push for separation from Britain and re-enacted three pivotal battles: Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, and Yorktown. Students earned their team's points based on costume accuracy, memorized speeches, and overall portrayal of their characters. Influential women like Martha Washington and Betsy Ross, along with many other females, were highlighted for their contributions that helped the colonies win the colonies' freedom. The event not only deepened the students' understanding of

the American Revolution but also fostered skills in public speaking, teamwork, and historical research, making history an engaging, interactive learning experience for all. Thank you 5th grade students and teachers!



Mr. Gaglio's 5th Grade Class

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Spotlight on Student Talk

Student talk plays a crucial role in enhancing engagement and promoting academic and social growth. When students engage in discussions, they practice articulating their thoughts, refining ideas, and building confidence in their ability on specific academic concepts, and encouraging students to share their thinking in various formats. Whether with a partner, in small groups, or in the whole class setting, students engage in multiple opportunities to "turn their voices on" across the day. Building these interpersonal skills also supports a positive, engaging school climate and culture. We love seeing terrific progress across the year!

Dr. Susan Newcomb Principal

to express themselves. These verbal exchanges allow students to

explore different perspectives, challenge assumptions, and deepen their understanding of the academic concept. By collaborating with peers, they gather feedback and insights that improve their academic skills as well as their connections with others.

Teachers are supporting this process by providing structured opportunities for discussion, guiding conversations focused



Students engage in focused conversations during Robotics in Glazier Discovery Zone.

John Glenn High School

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Go Eagles!

There's so much to celebrate at John Glenn High School this spring! Aaliah

Enriquez made history as the school's first female wrestler to win two CIF Individual Championships and compete at the CIF

Dr. Jennifer Padilla Principal

and compete at the CIF Masters Meet. Teammates Alondra Juarez and Maya Ramirez also placed in

the top 8, making it the first time three girls qualified for Masters. On the boys' side, AJ Enriquez finished top 8 in his weight class and advanced to the Masters as well. The Boys Soccer team had a standout season, reaching the CIF Division 7 Championship game—a first in school history—powered by unity, grit, and returning talent. Senior student-athlete Carrisa Galvan will attend Albright College in Pennsylvania to play softball. A two-sport athlete in flag football and softball, Carrisa balanced academics and athletics with excellence. Her dedication helped her reach her collegiate dreams, and her father—her coach—is incredibly proud. Go Eagles!



Eagle Scholar Athletes: Alondra Juarez, Maya Ramirez, Aaliah Enriquez

Hutchinson MS Math, Science, Technology Magnet

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Hutchinson Middle School Music Shines!

March was a standout month for Hutchinson's Music Department! 100 students were invited to see the LA Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. That same evening, our Orchestra and Wind Ensemble wowed the crowd at the La Mirada All City Concert. On

Jenny Bae Principal April 1–2, Hutchinson hosted and performed in the District Band & Orchestra Festival, earning the highest honors. Orchestra received Superior ratings in both performance and sight reading. Wind Ensemble and Advanced Band earned Unanimous Superiors in both categories—the top distinction possible. These achievements mark the HIGHEST musical recognition in the district. Congratulations to all our talented students!



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Principal

Counting Collections: Building Number Sense and Growing Mathematicians

DD Johnston Elementary is proud of the math skills that our young scholars are developing through the counting collection strategy. Counting collections help students develop a strong foundation in number sense and counting skills, including one-to-one correspondence, cardinality, and grouping, which are crucial for future mathematical understanding.

Collections can range in size from small collections under 30, to well above 1000. Students must decide how to count and represent their collection, often using groupings of 5, 10, 25 or 100. Teachers extend student thinking by asking probing questions which cause the students to mentally manipulate the quantity of their collection with a question like, "How many would you have if I take away 12." This provides opportunities for students to develop their ability to solve problems using mental calculations. In addition, counting collections develops mathematical thinking critical to proficiency in higher math skills, place value, addition, and subtraction, along with multiplication and division. The counting collections strategy is one that allows Johnston teachers to tailor instruction to meet individualized needs while building a lively, supportive and engaging classroom learning environment. At Johnston, when a teacher says it's time for Counting Collections, kids CHEER!



A young Johnston student works on counting her collection of objects. What groupings do you see starting to emerge in her display vertically? Horizontally?

La Mirada High School

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Ben Webster Principal



La Mirada Matadores have been showing considerable success in the classroom and on the playing fields during the 2024-25 School year. LMHS earned multiple awards from College Board, including the AP Computer Science Female Diversity

Advanced Placement classes. Over 1300 students were

recognized for their GPAs during the Fall Semester and

over 400 students were recognized for Perfect Attendance.

In the gym, on the stage, and out on the fields, LMHS had one of our best Winters ever. Boys Basketball was invited to CIF Open Division and played extremely well against the top teams in the state and country. Our Girls Basketball team won league for the first time in 31 years

Additionally, La Mirada held our first Top 25 Night where we recognized the top students in every grade level. Our Academic Decathlon team performed well at the county

competition by bringing home 13 medals.



and finished as Runner-Up in the CIF Final. Girls Soccer finished as the Runner-Up for CIF, but won the State Championship for Division IV tournament a week later. Our Cheer team won the state championship and later earned a bronze medal at the National Competition. And our Winter Guard has earned multiple awards this competition season and is headed off to championships later this month. Our Spring Sports are off to a great

start with Softball ranked #37 in the country and #4 in California. Baseball is ranked #5 in the nation and #3 in the state. It is quite rare for a public school to be so highly ranked in both softball and baseball. Go Mats!



La Pluma Elementary School

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Science Camp Adventures

During the first week of April, La Pluma's 5th grade students had an unforgettable adventure at Thousand Pines Outdoor Science Camp in Crestline. Surrounded

Maureen Bixby Principal

by the beauty of the San Bernardino Mountains, students explored nature through guided hikes and hands-on science lessons

that brought classroom learning to life. Throughout the week, the students

participated in hikes where they identified local plants and wildlife, deepening their understanding of ecosystems. Engaging science lessons brought classroom concepts to life, sparking curiosity and a love for learning. Beyond academics, students enjoyed exciting activities such as archery, rock wall climbing, gaga ball and team-building activities, all of which promoted perseverance, confidence, and teamwork. Students created entertaining skits while strengthening their

friendships and creating cherished memories. Whether exploring the trails, sharing meals, or bonding in their cabins, students formed lasting connections, making this trip a perfect blend of education, outdoor fun, adventure, and friendship.



La Pluma 5th grade students are making memories at Science Camp.

Lampton Elementary School

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Lampton's Junior Coaches

The Junior Coach Program at the elementary school level empowers students to become leaders through play. Designed to foster social-emotional learning, leadership development, and positive school culture, the program trains selected upper-grade students-typically 4th and 5th graders-to serve as role models during recess and other

Anamaria Ouiroz Principal

school activities. Junior Coaches

receive training from school staff on essential skills such as conflict resolution, teamwork, inclusion, and responsibility. Through this training, they learn how to facilitate games, encourage participation among their peers, and help resolve minor conflicts using simple tools like rock-paperscissors. By leading by example, Junior Coaches help create a safe, inclusive, and fun recess environment for all students.



Junior Coaches with their Coaches Mrs. Flores and Ms. Amy

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Field Trips

One of Los Alisos focus this year was taking students on field trips. Los Alisos wanted to provide students invaluable opportunities to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences, leading to significant academic and personal growth. Research indicates that students who participate in multiple culturally enriching

Tania Magana Principal

field trips demonstrate improved academic performance. A study conducted by Brigham Young

University, Johns Hopkins University, and the Heritage Foundation found that such students had higher test scores and better classroom performance compared to their peers. Additionally, these experiences enhanced students' cultural awareness over time.





The program also builds confidence and communication

skills, providing real opportunities for students to practice

report improved self-esteem and stronger connections with

leadership in a supportive setting. Junior Coaches often

both peers and adults. Teachers and school staff notice a

more positive recess climate, fewer behavioral issues, and

increased student engagement throughout the school day.

The program is rooted core values of respect, healthy play,

and inclusion, the Junior Coach Program is a powerful way

to cultivate a positive school culture from the playground up.

The data collected tied field trips with an increase in student engagement and attendance. The data also showed Lobos who attended multiple field trips had fewer behavioral infractions and higher attendance rates. Lobos having opportunities made learning more dynamic and

> enjoyable, encouraging students to be more involved in their education. Students toured USC Engineering department, Long Beach State, Biola, Dominguez Hills, and Knotts Berry Farm Band Festival were just a few trips taken this year. Los Alisos will continue to foster opportunities to tie learning with world experiences.

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Sensory Day: Promoting Awareness and Belonging

On April 2, 2025, Moffitt Elementary hosted a Sensory Day, organized by parent volunteers and led by our PTO President,

Dr. Gabriela Galvez-Reyna Principal

Gloria Silva. The event aimed to raise awareness about the sensory needs of students with Autism and

promote inclusivity.

During recess, students participated in sensory activities, such as using fidget toys and weighted blankets, to better understand the tools that help peers manage sensory challenges. This event aligns with our PBIS expectations of being Responsible, Respectful, and Safe while fostering a culture of respect for diversity and differences.



Parent volunteers are assisting students as they engage in the different sensory activities.

Morrison Elementary School

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Patrick Lazo

Principal

Excited About the Future

Morrison Elementary celebrated the impressive growth of their students in iReady reading and math with a fun and exciting assembly that everyone enjoyed. Students who showed growth were given the opportunity to step into the Tiger Cash Machine. Inside the machine, they had a chance to

catch flying Tiger Dollars, which they could later use for rewards at our Tiger Store. The assembly was a vibrant display of school spirit and recognition, with students cheering each other on as they collected as many Tiger Dollars as they could. The event was not only a way to celebrate academic achievements but also a great motivator for all students to keep pushing themselves in their learning journeys. Teachers and staff were thrilled with the success of the event, and students left feeling proud of their hard work and excited about the future!



We are proud to create an environment where all students feel valued and included. A big thank you to our parent volunteers and PTO President for making this meaningful day possible. We look forward to continuing to support a community of understanding and belonging. 13432 S. Halcourt Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/210-3770 • newriver.nlmusd.org



Jody Gardner

Principal

Support with a Smile: Mrs. Martin Builds Student Success

At New River Elementary, our Elementary Student Support Specialist (ESSS), Erica Martin, plays a vital role in fostering student

growth and well-being. Erica works closely with students through daily check-ins, small group

social skills lessons, whole-class instruction, and schoolhome communication. Her warm, consistent presence helps students feel safe, valued, and motivated to succeed.

Erica's gift for building strong, trusting relationships creates a foundation where students can thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. She celebrates growth with positivity, rewards, and recognition. Whether it's dressing up for spirit days, handing out goal-reaching prizes, or hosting Fun Fridays, Erica brings joy to students and our campus. A beloved member of our school team, Erica's dedication hasn't gone unnoticed—she was recently named our Classified Employee of the Year. But it's her daily commitment, kindness, and energy that truly make the difference in the lives of our students.



Our ESSS, Erica Martin, participating with students in one of our school spirit days.

Norwalk High School

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E-Sports

Under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Hopson, NHS E-Sports has made quite the impact on our campus and within the E-Sports community. Our Smash Brothers Ultimate team finished the regular season with a decisive 3-0 victory

Dr. David M. Olea Principal

earning themselves the title of Division Champions with a perfect 9-0 Record. Student Donovan Valladolid is in the 11th grade, and he entered a tournament that included over 120 students from CIF schools. Donovan got all the way to the Grand Finals, only losing to a player from El Diamante and finished runner-up. Aside from the league/CIF completions and tournaments, our program offers two A-G (Career Technical Education) classes. E-Sports serves and an (E) elective and Advanced E-Sports earns (F) Fine Arts credit and is the second course in the CTE Design, Visual, and Media Arts Pathway.



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Read Across America

Nuffer Elementary's Read Across America Day was a joyful celebration of literacy and imagination. Students dressed as their favorite book characters, participated in engaging reading activities, and enjoyed guest read-alouds from teachers and community members. The school transformed into a vibrant reading hub,

Makara Sar Principal

inspiring a love of books in every classroom. This event successfully promoted reading in a fun and memorable way, leaving students excited to keep turning

the pages! STEAM Night at Nuffer Elementary was an exciting hands-on experience for students and families alike. Classrooms buzzed with creativity as kids explored science, technology, engineering, art, and math through interactive stations and experiments. From making lava lamps to coding games, every activity sparked curiosity and problem-solving. The event brought the school community together and highlighted the fun in learning. A night of innovation and discovery that left everyone inspired!



Dr. Cvar, Assistant Superintendent -Elementary reading to a third-grade class.

Sanchez Elementary School

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Celebrating Our First Year as a Community School

It is with great honor that we received a 5 year grant to become a Community

School. This is allowing us to further transform our school while enriching the lives of our students,

families and the broader

Alicia Rubio Principal

community. The Community School model allows us to take a holistic approach toward education, addressing the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. By partnering with families, local organizations, and service providers, we are creating a supportive ecosystem that promotes student success. This year, we added several community events including a Trunk or Treat, a Holiday Boutique, an Olympics Family Day, classes for adults and invited various presenters that met the needs of our community.

Now that we have laid the foundation for a collaborative environment that encourages

active participation from all stakeholders, we are well on our journey to becoming a model Community School for the betterment of our students, parents and community members.



Ms. Rubio (principal), Alma Santana (counselor), George Salcedo (Elementary Student Support Specialist), Jennifer Ruiz-Guerrero (Community Specialist) and several of our amazing Dragons

Southeast Academy High School

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Southeast Academy High School - On CBS

On Monday April 7th Award winning journalist Amanda Starrantino from KCAL 9 and her news team visited Southeast Academy High School interviewing students while covering many different topics. Amanda told cadets she enjoys her job because she continues to learn new things every day.

MSgt. Marty Schafer USMC, Director

The KCAL 9 featured Southeast Academy High School during their morning news show. The team was able to capture some unique footage of Southeast Academy cadets performing Morning Colors, Rifle & Drill Team Performances, Promotion Board Process, Homework and Uniform Inspection. It was a full morning of excitement enjoyed by all the full coverage can be viewed on

Southeast Academy High School, Norwalk | Class Act - CBS

LINK <u>https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/video/</u> southeast-academy-high-school-norwalk-class-act/

Waite MS Careers Magnet

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Principal

Waite Students Shine at Fontana MCJROTC Drill Competition!

Waite students have been on a roll, collecting awards and proudly showcasing their talents! Recently, our Boys and Girls Color Guard Teams made school history by competing in the prestigious Fontana MCJROTC Drill Competition—one of the only middle schools to go head-to-head with high school teams! And guess what? They didn't just show up—they showed out! Our incredible Female Color Guard Team took home 2nd place in the JV division! The Boys Color Guard Team earned a strong 3rd place finish! We're so proud of these trailblazers for representing Waite with talent, discipline, and heart. Let's hear it for our champions. WOO-HOO!







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