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The Benefits of Technology in Education

By Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent

Technology in itself is neither good nor bad. However, technology can be a powerful amplifier and accelerator of human action and capacity. A teacher or parent can help to inspire or instill interest in a topic for a student. He or she provides context and meaning for why something is important. However, a student who becomes interested in something such as music, science, or writing because of that interaction with a teacher, parent, mentor or even other student can continue to pursue that interest beyond the limits of that interaction.

Students can access content on the internet, or connect with a network of other practitioners, or even publish their own work on YouTube. While the human interaction is so important, a student can accelerate their learning by taking initiative to learn things beyond even what the parent or teacher knows or can share. Additionally, that same student who continues to grow and learn on their own using technology can create their own content and cultural artifacts to share with the community. In creating and sharing student work



via technology, the voice of the student is amplified. Instead of a student having influence over just a couple friends and family, now a student using technology can have their photograph, video, or product influence an audience of thousands. In accessing powerful technological tools, the voice of student is amplified and has the capacity to change the world.

Wishing the students a great year!

Junior High School Students Pass AP Exams

By Dr. Robert Pletka, Superintendent

For the first time ever, 70 students from the Fullerton School District took the AP Computer Science Exam at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

This exam is usually not provided for students until at least 10th grade, yet Fullerton School District serves students in grades K – 8th. Not only did 70 students take the AP Exam, four students scored high enough to earn college credit!

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and the guidance provided by our instructional leaders. At a typical high school, the average pass rate of students who have completed a Computer Science course and



AP students from Nicolas

take the AP Exam is 10-15%. The pass rate of our junior high school students rivals the rate of high students. Fullerton School District is looking to further strengthen our Computer Science offerings and anticipates increasing numbers of students passing the AP Computer Science Exam. Additionally, in our continued commitment to providing a top tier education, Fullerton School District has incorporated additional AP classes offered to junior high school students.

Hands-Down Parent Volunteers!

By Laurie Bruneau, Risk Manager

The Fullerton School District appreciates all of the individuals who have volunteered every day in our classrooms, offices, parking lots, and playgrounds across 20 different school sites. During the 2017–2018 school year we will have more than 200 parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles making a difference every day when they help to support their children's principals and teachers!

Some of our families participate by assisting with special projects in the classroom. They also perform safety patrol during our drop-offs and pick-ups, or support playground safety activities. Others get involved in the various school site organizations.

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The beginning of a school year is always exciting. By now the students have settled into a routine focused on their academic goals. This is an exciting time to be a student, which is evident in the articles in this issue.

This is our fifth year publishing the excellence from the Fullerton School District. Thank you for continuing to include *School News* among your reading choices.

Our next issue is February 14, 2018. Until then have a fun Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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Liz Leon
Principal

We are so proud of our increase in student achievement! Our CAASPP scores clearly demonstrate our collective commitment to academic excellence. Here is the breakdown of the 2016-17 results:

CAASPP Results	ELA: met or exceeded	Math: met or exceeded
State	49%	38%
Orange County	57%	48%
Fullerton S D	55%	49%
Acacia School	82%	81%

Through hard work, perseverance, and grit our students met or exceeded standard performance levels for three consecutive years. Recognizing the rigor and difficulty of state tests, making performance gains is a monumental success worthy of a celebration! Acacia students cheered in sheer delight while treated to a BMX Bike show in recognition of their efforts!



Beechwood

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Julie Graham
Principal

Nothing eclipses learning at Beechwood School!

Experiential learning is an important part of making rigorous learning relevant. On August 21st, Beechwood students enjoyed an experience that has not happened in the past 128 years, a total solar eclipse. Although California was not in the path of totality, our bobcats were totally engaged in watching and discussing this phenomenon. Students across all grade levels conducted experiments. Teachers tied in science, math, and language arts as they learned about solar eclipses. They learned specialized

vocabulary and used these astronomy terms to document their observations. Students made “pin-hole” viewers and utilized approved viewing glasses to track the path of the moon as it blocked out the rays of the sun. Our current kindergarten students will be 35 years old in 2045, the next time California will experience a solar eclipse. We hope they’ll remember what they learned here at Beechwood School!



Commonwealth *Elementary*

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Anita Lomeli
Principal

Preparing for Another Tiger-riffic Year!

The school year kicked-off with a family movie night and backpack give away to ensure our students were ready to begin their academic journey with the right tools in hand. We are always so grateful for the love and support our community bestows upon our students!

Students, however, aren't the only ones who prepare for an awesome year.

Our teachers have been busy too! Dedicated time each week for our teachers to work together to prepare and plan engaging, rigorous, and relevant lessons for students is a system that contributes greatly to our upward achievement gains. Crafting lessons that capture student interests, identifying and teaching important academic skills, and providing additional support is critical. Undeniably, the work that must accompany our commitment to students and families is always strengthened through collaboration with colleagues. It's like a brain trust for teachers! Helen Keller said it best. “Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”



Fern Drive *Elementary*

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Dr. Julie Brandon
Principal

Design Thinking

What do the perfect chair for Goldilocks, toys, car design, purses, backpacks and interviews all have in common? Design Thinking!! Falcons, from TK – 6th grade learn about, and engage in the Design Thinking process! Design Thinking is a current, innovative method used by designers in the work force that is used to solve real-world problems. What is unique to the DT method is that it employs divergent thinking as a method to harness many possible solutions to a problem. DT is also rooted in empathy – which gives it a very human, realistic approach to problem solving. Students conduct interviews, or learn about a topic. At Fern Drive we derive our real-world problems that are rooted in our NGSS standards. Students define the issue, and begin to ideate and create prototypes. They present their ideas to peers and test their products. Finally, they fine-tune to ensure all needs are met!



Robert C. Fisler

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Julienne Lee
Principal

Patriot's Day

September 11th will be remembered for the tragedy that ended so many lives, however, what we can remember proudly is how the United States came together in the aftermath to support the families who lost loved ones. On September 11, 2017 at 8:00am, Fisler School joined hands with Team Kids in the 7th annual Patriot's Day assembly to remember America's fallen heroes from 9/11 as well as to launch LemonAID week. This year, all lemonade stand proceeds are donated to relief efforts in Texas.

Thank you to our local heroes, the Fullerton Police Department and the Fullerton Fire Department who participated in our assembly! Although 9/11 was a day in history that occurred before our students were born, we keep the memories alive at Fisler School. At the assembly, we remembered what it means to be a patriot!



Golden Hill *Elementary*

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Jaime Ann Hopton
Principal

Full Size Outdoor Musical Instruments

The tinkling of chimes and the rat-a-tat-tat of drums float on the breeze across the playground at Golden Hill. Thanks to a generous grant from the Wilson W. Phelps Foundation, and installation by the Golden Hill Education Foundation and Fullerton School District, students have the opportunity to play on full-size outdoor musical equipment on the playground. The Rhapsody Outdoor Musical Instruments™ include a set of chimes, two metallophones, and three drums. Before school started in August, music therapist and All the Arts musician Chelsea Davis in-serviced teachers on the appropriate use of and scale of each instrument, and led teachers in activities that helped them to feel confident in creating music together on the new playground equipment. Teachers then taught students, and now students create harmonies and play collaboratively at every opportunity. Making music everyday is another step toward achieving our vision of becoming a school of the Arts.

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Hermosa Drive *Elementary*

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Danielle Ramirez
Principal

Role Model Relationships

In partnership with California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), Hermosa Drive is excited to offer after-school sports clinics to our students in 3rd-6th grades starting this school year! We are so fortunate to be able to build this partnership with our students and the CSUF athletes.

We will be hosting 5 different sports (baseball/softball, track & field, soccer, volleyball, and basketball) clinics on campus after school this year. Each clinic will be led by CSUF athletes and coaches in conjunction with Hermosa Drive staff. Students will learn the basics of the sports and will be given opportunities for skill development, fundamental drills, and play scrimmages.



Our partnership goals for this program are teaching students about the importance of sportsmanship, exposing students to several different types of sports, promoting physical fitness and health, building role model relationships between college athletes and students, and having tons of fun!

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Randa Schmalfeld
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Exemplary School of the Arts

Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts is proud to be nationally recognized as an Exemplary School of the Arts! This recognition validates the many outstanding programs and practices in place at Ladera Vista. In addition to excellent academic offerings, Ladera Vista offers 35 amazing arts-based electives.

Students have the opportunity to explore a variety of Arts Pathways in the areas of Visual, Performing, and Digital Arts, and students may also participate in Ladera Vista's Triple Threat Program, in which they study Dance, Choir, and Theatre. The Fall Production of "A Grand Night For Singing" featuring the Ladera Vista Productions Class (pictured here) highlights the amazing work of Rodgers and Hammerstein and opens on November 8th and the Spring Production of "Spamalot" in March is sure to be great fun for all. Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts is a warm, welcoming and highly creative school community!



Laguna Road *Elementary*

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Dr. Ryan Weiss-Wright
Principal

Explore, Discover and Create

Laguna Road is hard at work finding ways for students to explore, discover, and create in our STEM and Innovation program. In 6th grade, students were challenged to build a system that demonstrated energy transfer between multiple systems. These students constructed vehicles to transfer their own energy into the vehicle to propel it forward. Students love engaging in activities and experiments like this where they are challenged to create something to solve a problem. The STEM and Innovation space at Laguna Road provides students with the room they need to practice, explore, and make real world connections.



Nicolas *Junior High School*

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Robyn Clemente
Principal

Parent Center comes to Nicolas

Thanks to the hard work of our Social Services Assistant, Jessica Olivares, Nicolas Junior High School has a new Parent Center. The Parent Center, located in room 16, offers a place where parents can hold meetings, have access to computers and the internet, and the opportunity to meet one on one with Mrs. Olivares. Parents were also able to complete PowerSchool registration. In addition to parents having computer and internet access, the

Parent Center is a safe place to help parents who are in need. As a Social Services Assistant, Mrs. Olivares is a community liaison, who can help assist parents in finding the resources that they need. Students and parents who are in need of necessities, can shop at "Jessica's Closet." Once inside Jessica's Closet, students and parents are given a shopping bag to fill with donated gently worn and new clothes for all ages, school supplies, toiletries, and blankets. Donations for Jessica's Closet are always welcome. We would like to thank our dance teacher, Ms. Kim for her substantial donation of clothing to expand Jessica's Closet. Please drop off donations at the Nicolas Junior High School Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Orangethorpe *Elementary*

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Dr. Erlinda Soltero-Ruiz
Principal

Scanning Students for Success

Imagine a learning environment where students are able to be recognized and acknowledged for their positive student behavior by all staff members within a few seconds. This is what Orangethorpe Elementary has adopted and implemented school wide in order to recognize student behavior in a fun and innovative way; this is PBIS rewards.

PBIS Rewards is an automated electronic school wide PBIS management system where adults can scan student bar codes giving points to students. Once students have accumulated a certain amount of points then they have various opportunities to

gain special privileges, activities or even visit the Orca Emporium student store. With PBIS Rewards teachers can individually monitor their student points, administrators can clearly see how teachers are utilizing PBIS and improving our school culture. Orangethorpe is committed to supporting our students achieve and meeting the needs of the whole child. Our students are motivated to follow "The Orca Way" and aim for success.



Maple *Elementary*

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Anthony Abney
Principal

Morning Mustangs Sports Program

Maple School initiated its before-school sports program, "Morning Mustangs," on August 28, 2017.

Principal Anthony Abney, in collaboration with Teacher Mike Martinez and Instructional Assistant, Cheyenne Renteria, started the program to help meet the needs of the Maple Community. "Parents came to me in July asking for access to more before- and after-school programs. Parents in our community need safe, engaging, and enriching programs for their students beyond normal school hours," stated Mr. Abney.

Benefits of the program include the following:

- Increasing students' overall health and wellness
- Increasing students' mental capacity for the regular school day (brains are extra turned-on after cardiovascular exercise)
- Increasing students' levels of commitment and resilience



- Offering Maple families more options for early morning child care (Maple would open at 6:45 AM)

Examples of pre-7:00AM activities last week included Kickball, Human Battleship, Basketball, and Field Hockey.

Pacific Drive *Elementary*

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Dr. Kelly Castillo
Principal

Computer Science Innovation School

Pacific Drive is proud to be a Computer Science Innovation School. Thanks to support from the Fullerton School District, the Fullerton Education Foundation, a Phelps grant, and a partnership with Code.Ed, Pacific Drive students engage with coding projects throughout the school year. The Pacific Drive Computer Science and Innovation program provides thematic computer science opportunities and collaborative experiences embedded at all grade levels for all students. This program fosters critical, creative, and computational thinking skills to support students academically, vocationally, and, most important, personally. Classroom teachers work alongside college students studying computer science to provide an integrated and unique curriculum for our students.



Pacific Drive teachers spend their first days preparing for the school year by sampling the many different computer science projects their students will be working on this year.

Upon completion of the Computer Science Pathways, Pacific Drive students will find opportunities to pursue Advanced Placement coursework and innovative careers. Further, students will develop problem solving skills that will serve them well as they discover and pursue their passions.

Parks *Junior High School*

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Laura Makely
Principal

Students Shine

Parks Junior High has kicked off the 2017-18 school year with energy and excitement. Staff and students are thrilled to be back inside our main building and are enjoying the beautifully updated space.

On August 21, over 900 students and teachers gathered on the athletic field to witness the solar eclipse. Science teachers spent the days leading up to the event providing lessons on safe viewing and the entire student body had access to eclipse viewing devices or glasses. Students in seventh grade started their iPersonalize unit, PRiSM (Passion-required iPersonalize Secret Missions) with a kick-off event on September 8. Student teams assisted by parent volunteers used their best problem solving skills to open break-out boxes by using clues and their own ingenuity. Anticipation is building with the start of the after school sports program, including volleyball tryouts that attracted over 80 students. These athletes are busy preparing for an exciting season that will show once again that Parks Panthers play with grit, passion, and pride.

Parent engagement is a major focus at Parks this year. PTSA and ELAC meetings drew high numbers of Parks parents eager to learn about how they can remain involved in their children's education throughout the junior high years. At Parks Junior High, parents are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard. At Parks Junior High, students, parents, and staff make the school a unique learning environment that serves the whole child. From academics to sports, from the arts to extra-curricular opportunities, students shine at Parks. #parksbest2years.

Raymond *Elementary*

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Yolanda McComb
Principal

Parent Engagement = Student Success!

We all know that Parent Involvement is the foundation of student success. Raymond is proud to report that our engagement of parents is off to a

noteworthy start. Parents were ready the first day of school soliciting volunteers through a newly designed online app in English and Spanish. Parents came out in force to our first PTA meeting with a room filled with parents. Our first Dual Language Academy monthly parent meeting had close to 100 parents in attendance. Also, our first English Learner Advisory Committee was a huge hit with a room bursting with parents attending the first session of the year. The research is overwhelmingly clear: when parents play an active role in their children's education, students do better in school, and academic achievement improves! Raymond School is proud to share that we are off to a great year.



Richman *Elementary*

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Kristen Holm
Principal

Calling All D.O.G.S.

Richman Elementary is excited to announce a new program focusing on the positive influence of fathers and father-figures called Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students). The goal is to have men spend at least one day a year at the school to get a glimpse of students' everyday world, gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on the students' lives (academics, self-esteem, social behavior) and, in return, receive smiles and high fives in the hallways. Today more than 6,450 schools participate in Watch D.O.G.S. and now Richman Elementary will be added to the list.

Who are the Watch D.O.G.S.? Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers and father figures such as grandfathers, uncles, and other male adults who are asked to spend at least one day a year volunteering at school.

What do Watch D.O.G.S. do? Watch D.O.G.S. can help with a variety of tasks during school hours by reading in classrooms, helping with homework, shooting hoops during lunch time, and serving as sports referees.

Why should I become a Watch D.O.G.? Almost 18 million students in grades 1-12 live in a home without a father figure. Committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in students' lives makes a difference! Research tells us that kids develop more fully when they have a positive male role model that is actively engaged. If you can donate one day a school year, one day a month or one day a week, your child will be happy to see that you care about their school.

How do I join Watch D.O.G.S.? The Watch D.O.G.S Kickoff Night will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Richman MPR. We look forward to an amazing year with our Richman D.O.G.S.

Go Racers!

Rolling Hills *Elementary*

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Juleen Faur
Principal

Community Service Tradition

Community Service has been a long-standing tradition at Rolling Hills. Our students are provided with opportunities to help others through the gardens, Jump Rope for Heart, Love Fullerton and our Team Kids partnership. Our students learn that by helping others they become more empowered to take an active role in their community and their future. This past year a small group of determined young girl scouts took on a campus beautification project. They wanted to leave something behind at Rolling Hills that would leave a long lasting impression. These young women developed a plan, presented the plan to our school principal and set out to raise funds and find a mentor teacher to guide their vision. This dedication has resulted in a wonderful new mural at Rolling Hills that was created with the help of every 6th grade student and the faculty at Rolling Hills. The mural was then installed and completed during our Love Fullerton event in April. These young ladies went on to receive their Silver Girl Scout award in recognition for their dedication. This wonderful Mural will forever remind us what a small group of dedicated young people can accomplish and we thank them for their contribution to our school!



Sunset Lane *Elementary*

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Dr. Tracy Gyurina
Principal

Let Learning Grow

Sunset Lane is looking forward to a fantastic 2017-2018 school year, as we focus on our motto to let learning grow. This year we are excited to announce that school-wide, from transitional kindergarten to sixth grade, art journals are being integrated into all Sunset Lane classrooms as means to facilitate student creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

Art journals are providing our students with the opportunity to make artistic connections across content areas, while also giving them the creative freedom to tell stories, make observations,

take notes, and so much more! We know that the best way to help our students develop creativity is to model it and show them how, so our entire teaching staff is engaged in art journaling alongside our students. We can't wait to see how art journaling encourages Sunset Lane students and teachers to play with ideas, be inspired, and dream big.



Valencia Park *Elementary*

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Dr. Cindy Bak
Principal

Engaged and Inspired Students

At Valencia Park Elementary School, students are engaged and inspired through real-life learning experiences. On August 21st, 2017, Valencia Park Lions experienced science in action by participating in the Great American Solar Eclipse. Teachers designed thematic units aligned to our science standards to build background knowledge and generate questions and interest on the solar eclipse. Upon reviewing safety procedures, students put on their NASA-approved safety glasses and made real life scientific observations of the partial solar eclipse. As students observed this unique phenomenon, their faces lit up in awe and wonder.



One third grader exclaimed, "Wow! I think I've been waiting for this moment my whole life!" Through this unforgettable encounter, our students experienced a day in the life of a scientist and ignited their passion for science. To learn more about our students' experiences at Valencia Park School, please visit us on our school website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Woodcrest *Elementary*

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Rochelle Wolf
Principal

The Mobile Pantry

Woodcrest is proud to announce our monthly mobile pantry! In an attempt to ensure all of our students are well fed and healthy, we have partnered with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County to provide a wide variety of food options for free of charge. Families can choose from different types of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as some dry pantry items. All the food is healthy and delicious.

According to our PTA President Gabby Coronado, "The parents are happy with the distribution and are thrilled to receive the healthy food." This wonderful service is not limited to our school families, but open to anyone in the community. During September, the mobile pantry served over 140 families. We are hoping that the community will spread the word, so we can provide nutritious, delicious food to even more members of our Woodcrest community.



Risk Management

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Laurie Bruneau
Risk Manager

If you are interested in becoming an FSD volunteer you can learn more by accessing our district website. You can also speak directly with your school principal to learn about any specific areas of need.

Getting involved in your child's school is an excellent way to support their educational goals. It also encourages community stewardship, and provides a chance to meet other like-minded families. Start today by learning how you can give the gift of your time to any of our amazing schools.



These Happy Golden Years



Christina J.

These Happy Golden Years is the 8th book of the series. The story is based on the diaries of Laura Ingalls Wilder. It tells the story of Laura transitioning from a teenager to a young bright lady and having the responsibility of being a teacher. However, the school she must teach at is very far from her house so she has to stay with Mr. Brewster, a settler. When Laura arrives to the Brewster's house she feels unwelcomed because their family is so drastically different from her own. Mrs. Brewster is a very unhappy woman who deeply resents having to live in that area.

Mrs. Brewster dislikes that Laura has to stay with them and is so unpleasant to her that Laura counts the days she has left until the school is over and she can leave. Laura is having a hard time adjusting at school too, feeling that her students don't respect her because they see her as too lenient. Laura feels very lonely and insecure. But little by little Laura starts making friends, feeling warm inside in the freezing cold. Eventually Laura begins having a courtship with a young man that she likes, having little pleasant daily routines like horse buggy riding and such to enjoy together. Things start to look better for Laura. If you want to know what happens next, you must read the book.

I liked this book, even though it was a little sad at the beginning, when Laura, despite being miserable and unhappy, continues doing what she is doing in order to earn enough money to allow her blind sister Mary to stay in college for the visually impaired. I was glad to read that Laura's persistence paid off in the end. I give this book 4 out of 5 stars, with 5 being the best.

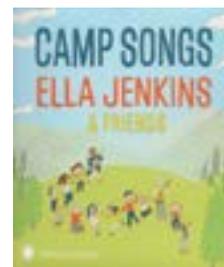
Christina J. is an 8th grader. Christina is a hard-working student who did a community service project "Quilts for the cold" last school year. She is an avid reader, who enjoys some peace and quiet with a good book about some great adventure. Christina is a young author herself. In 5th grade she wrote a book *Melody's Stories: I Am a Spy Now*, published by Studenttreasures Publishing (PIN #3582798).

Camp Songs



Kate Karp

Camp songs are very dear to Ella Jenkins, the national children's-singalong treasure who at 93 is still performing. She cherished songs that her brother brought home from Boy Scouts and had always wanted to record a camp-song CD.



For this project, Jenkins assembled a literal band of brothers and sisters who have veritable campground DNA: Kate and Tony Seeger, nephew and niece of the legendary Pete Seeger, and Judy Seeger, the late folk singer's wife. A team of musicians, children, parents and teachers rounds out the rounds, spirituals, campfire singalongs, protest songs and just plain silliness.

Camp Songs opens with Jenkins's harmonica and the round of all rounds, "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Following are 24 more familiar and yet-unheard numbers: "This Little Light of Mine," "Down in the Valley"; "Sipping Cider Through a Straw," and the hilarious but complicated round "One Bottle of Pop." On "The Hill Was Steep and Tall," Jenkins relates how she reluctantly signed up for a hike with some campers and then got hopelessly lost.

You may know that Woody Guthrie had written "This Land Is Your Land" as a protest song and might have wondered about it. One of the two sociopolitical verses not sung at school is included here—good fodder for a social studies lesson.

Our school districts provide numerous school-year camping opportunities and field trips, and there are scout gatherings and youth groups who are going to love these songs. Sing out!

Kate Karp is an editor for *School News Roll Call* and a freelance writer and editor.

Novelist Word Search Contest

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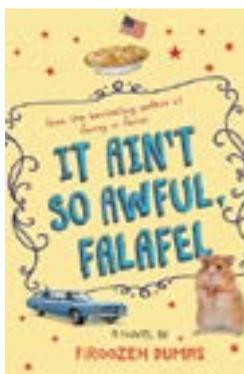
Katie's Review

A Heartwarming Story



Katie C.

Author: Firoozeh Dumas
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel is a book about an Iranian girl named Cindy (who lives in the U.S) who goes through a turmoil of thoughts, challenges, and problems--big ones. In Iran, there are political problems that the U.S is now involved with. The Iran government takes hostages from the U.S, making Americans hostile to Iranians. As if things can't get any worse, Cindy's dad loses his job. Cindy's parents give Cindy heartbreaking news to her: they must move back to Iran. Cindy is torn. She does not want to leave the city where she has just started to find new friends. Just as the family is about to leave, good news comes. Her father is offered a job in the U.S! Cindy can stay! Cindy is overjoyed at the news. With humor and relatable scenarios, this heartwarming story is sure to win your heart. I give this book a five out of five stars.



Katie is a 8th grader that loves to read and write. Fictional books are her favorite. Besides writing and reading, she loves soccer, acting, dancing, and playing the violin. She hopes to publish her own book someday.

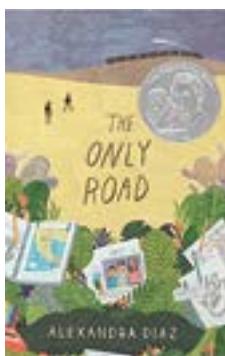
Lucy's Book Review

The Only Road



Lucy Davis

Author: Alexandra Diaz
 Life in Jaime's small Guatemalan village is pretty peaceful, excluding one group: the Alphas. Drug dealers that ask for 'favors' and new recruits. If you refuse, you die. So when Jaime's beloved cousin, Miguel, is murdered for that very reason, the whole family is devastated. And the death comes with something else: a request for Jamie and Miguel's sister Angela to join them.



The only way Angela and Jamie can escape is to leave Guatemala, and that might be harder than it seems. Train hopping, refugee churches, immigration officials, and lost dogs are all part of their journey, and hopefully they can make it to the other side. The U.S. is promising safety, but the road to get there isn't.

I really enjoyed this book. It talks about serious topics while still keeping the mood as light as possible. Five of five stars are well earned in this wonderful story.

Lucy is a 6th grade student. When she isn't immersed in a book, she loves musical theater, ballet, and singing. She enjoys stretching her imagination by writing short stories of her own. Lucy will rate the books 1 to 5 bookworms with 5 being the best.

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