

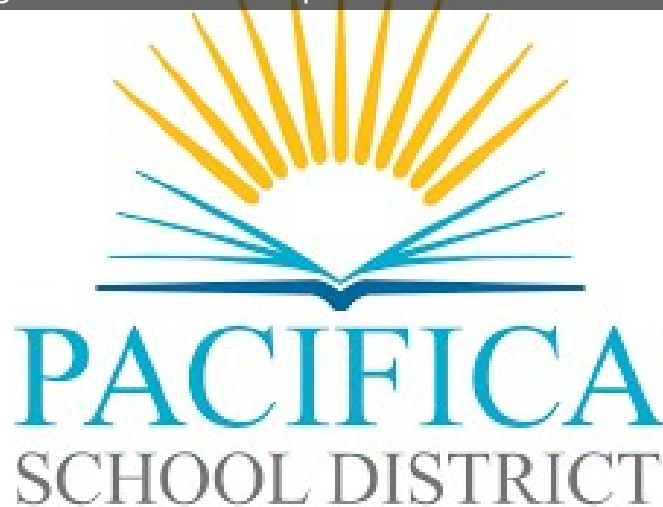
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PSD Family & Community Newsletter Oct. 24, 2025

Message from Dr. Carisa J. Bowman, Interim
Superintendent

Video Message from Interim Superintendent Dr. Carisa Bowman

October 2025 Message from Interim Superintendent Dr. Carisa Bowman



Together, we create waves of success.

We are writing to you regarding recent reports of increased federal immigration enforcement activity in the San Francisco Bay Area. We understand this news may cause concern for some of our families. Please know that our schools remain safe and welcoming places for all students. Our commitment to protecting every child's safety and right to a public education is unwavering, regardless of immigration status.

Your Child's Protections at School

We want to reassure you that the Pacifica School District has clear legal protocols in place to safeguard your children and their privacy:

No Access Without a Judicial Warrant:

If federal immigration officials (such as ICE) were to come to one of our schools, staff will not grant access to students, classrooms, or educational records unless they present a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge.

Legal Counsel Standing By:

Any documents presented will be reviewed immediately by district leadership and legal counsel before any action is taken. We are fully committed to upholding every legal right available to protect our students and their personal information.

Important Guidance for Families

We ask that you take two important steps to help us keep your children safe:

1. **Update Emergency Contacts:** Please ensure your child's emergency contact information is current with your school office. This allows us to reach authorized caregivers quickly if needed.
2. **Know Your Rights:** We encourage all families to learn more about their rights from trusted legal service providers and community organizations.

Additional Resources

Red "Know Your Rights" cards have been placed at every school site as a resource for families. These cards provide important information about your rights if approached by immigration officials. A copy of the red card and a list of community resources are also part of this message.

We stand together as a community, committed to maintaining safe, supportive, and inclusive schools for every student in the Pacifica School District.

Sincerely,
Dr. Bowman

2025-2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES:

2025: November 19, 2025 | December 17, 2025

2026: January 21, 2026 | February 11, 2026 | March 11, 2026 | April 1, 2026 | April 29, 2026 | May 20, 2026 | June 10, 2026



Elizabeth Bredall, Clerk



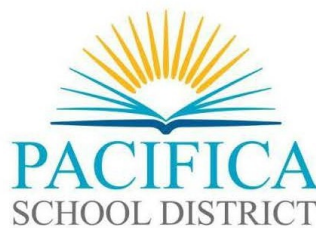
Kai Doggett, Vice Clerk



Lynda Brocchini, Member



**Laverne Villalobos,
President**



**Bridget Hardt, Board
Member**

Highlights of the October 22nd 2025 Regular Board Meeting:

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Presentations:

1. Pacifica Education Foundation (PEF) presented information regarding the foundation, district programs funded by PEF, November fundraising drive, and upcoming Spring Gala
2. Dusty Nevatt, District Financial Consultant, presented the public report on developer fees



Highlighted Board actions:

1. Adopted a resolution recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage Month and honoring indigenous people and tribal communities
2. Approved the hiring of Shannon Lane as Coordinator of Student Services for 2025-2026
3. Approved an updated job description for Network Analyst

Oceans of Potential, Waves of Hope Art and Essay Contest

The winner of the Essay Contest, Lillian Speidel, and the winners of the art contests, Ella Ng, Lydia Jayne Bond and Esther Maria Bond, were congratulated and thanked for their artistic and

creative submissions.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025 📅

Meeting Broadcast *(These meetings are broadcast for public engagement; however, in the event of technological failure, the meetings will still continue in person):*

- [Pacific Coast Television](#)
- [Link to Zoom recordings of Meetings](#)
- [YouTube Live Stream](#)
- Roku
- Apple TV
- AT&T U-Verse (Channel 99)
- Xfinity (Channel 26)

Agenda:

- [Link to Agendas](#)

Calendars of Interest

Cultural Calendar: November 2025

11/01-02: Day of the Dead/ Día de los Muertos
11/11: Veterans Day
11/13: World Kindness Day
11/13-11/19: Transgender Awareness Week
11/14: World Diabetes Day
11/20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
11/27: National Family Health History Day
11/27: Thanksgiving

Academic Calendar: November 2025

ALL MONTH--DIBELS (literacy) Progress monitoring grades K-5
11/3-**Panorama Survey (Staff, Student, Community) sent to ALL!**
11/7-Last Day of Trimester 1
11/10-11/11-NO SCHOOL (Staff Day, 11/10)
11/12-First Day of Trimester 2
11/14-Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day @ Ortega
11/17-Board Meeting
11/24-11/28-NO SCHOOL (FALL BREAK)

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



Know Your Rights (Spanish)

Get Involved!

Make an Impact: Parent Engagement Opportunities

Your contributions are so important! Pacifica School District offers a variety of parent engagement opportunities, including training and support. We invite you to consider joining one or more of the following committees and teams. Visit form [here](#) for all parent opportunities.

Links below explain different committee information:

1. [Differentiated Assistance Team](#)
2. [Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\)](#)
3. [Parent Engagement Committee](#)
4. [District English Language Advisory Committee \(DELAC\)](#)





VOLUNTEER OPPOTUNITIES!!!!

Uniting efforts and volunteering are vital for the future of every community. The **Pacifica School Volunteers (PSV)** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting teachers and students

across the district.

Get involved:

- Teachers can [request a volunteer here](#)
- High school students can [sign up here](#)
- Community members can [fill out this form](#)

PSV will cover the cost of your background check and guide you through the TB risk assessment.

So far this year, we've placed volunteers in over 20 classrooms and 70 people signed up to volunteer!

Here's another opportunity to support schools! The [Pacifica Education Foundation](#) (PEF) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that aims to protect and advance quality education for the children in our district. PEF's mission is to ensure all the children in Pacifica receive a high-quality education in music, the arts, and science, equitably across the district.

Pacifica School Volunteers

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Recognition

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Framework is a core component of the whole child domain of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. Last school year, our schools energetically participated in professional development, coaching and learning walks to reinvigorate their PBIS work to foster a positive school culture that supports all students, reduces disciplinary incidences and increases positive outcomes for students and staff. The work our school teams embarked on last year resulted in state recognition of Silver and Bronze awards.



Sunset Ridge and Cabrillo Elementary received Bronze recognition. The school community successfully implemented the core components of the PBIS framework, focusing on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors for all students to create a safe and positive learning environment.

Ingrid B. Lacy, Ortega and Vallemar received Silver recognition. To receive Silver recognition school communities demonstrate a high level of fidelity to the core features of the PBIS framework and are using data to monitor effectiveness of PBIS framework and to make informed decisions to

improve student and staff outcomes. Additionally these schools have developed a continuum of support for students.

[Want to learn more? Click here! "WHAT IS PBIS?"](#)



Indigenous People's Day and Native American Heritage Month

At the October 22, 2025 Board Meeting, the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees adopted a resolution recognizing the **second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day** and the **month of November as Native American Heritage Month**.

This resolution honors the **past, present, and future contributions of Native peoples**, acknowledges the enduring legacy of colonialism, and affirms the District’s commitment to **accurate, inclusive, and culturally sustaining education**. Pacifica stands on the ancestral homelands of the **Ramaytush Ohlone**, and today our community includes Native peoples from many nations—including Arapaho, Choctaw, Yankton, Cherokee, San Carlos Apache, Ponca, Omaha, and others—who live, work, and learn here.

The concept of Indigenous Peoples’ Day was introduced in 1977 by Native nations at a UN-sponsored conference, and in 1990 the U.S. formally recognized **Native American Heritage Month**, celebrating the languages, traditions, and leadership of Indigenous peoples. California has since advanced the study of Native American history and culture through ethnic studies initiatives and curriculum development, ensuring TK–12 students receive accurate and inclusive instruction.

The resolution affirms Pacifica School District’s commitment to **teaching authentic Indigenous histories, centering contemporary Native voices**, and supporting **Native students’ social-emotional well-being** through culturally sustaining practices and positive school climates.

LEARN WITH YOUR FAMILY!

If you are looking for ways to explore Indigenous and Native American art and culture, please feel free to check out the following opportunities with your family:

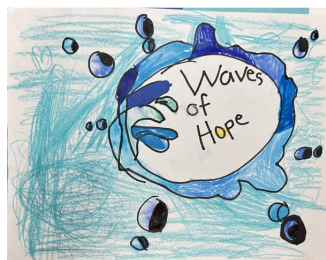
- [Arts of Indigenous America at deYoung Art Museum, San Fransico](#)
- [Museum of the American Indian, Novato](#)
- ["Good Fire: Tending Native Lands", Oakland Museum of California](#)
- [American Indian Cultural District Events: Click for more Info](#) (Supports Native-led organizations and the American Indian Cultural District of San Francisco)



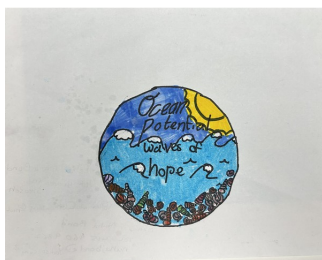
Fog Fest Recap

Winners of Our Logo Design and Essay Contest!

Our students are so talented! We are excited to share the winners of our 2025-2026 PSD Theme Contest: Oceans of Potential, Waves of Hope. The winners of our logo design and essay competition were announced during the Fog Festival. Congratulations! Thank you all for participating in this contest and for sharing the inspiration behind your incredible creations!



Lydia Jayne Bond, 1st Grade



Esther Maria Bond, 4th Grade



Ella Ng, 8th Grade

Waves of Hope, by Lillian Speidel, 8th Grade--Essay

Imagine an arid waste land, the dirt hard and dry. Rocks scattered throughout the desert-like place. Not a happy face in sight. Now, imagine you see in the distance a large wave of hope and joy coming your way. The crystal blue water shimmering in the afternoon sun. It washes over you, cooling you, relieving you of stress and disorder. Then, the wave passes, the crisp water slowly soaks into the ground. Afterwards the dirt is richer and more full of joy. That is what waves of hope means to me.

The picture I just painted is not just a pleasing visual. It symbolizes one of the most important properties of life: waves of hope. I took this statement quite literally with the dead barren waste land characterizing all the hardships in life. Everyone has faced adversity, no matter who they are, or how old they are. Everyone's waste land is different, just like how everyone's struggle is different. The wave on the other hand represents the little points of love, happiness and hope throughout a tough time. These waves may come in many sizes. Some are so small you might not even realize they are there, but don't worry, they are there.

As I said, everyone has experienced this sensation more or less, including me. Recently, in school, a grade in one of my classes began to slip. I was nervous and stressed. Overall, not in a good head space. This was my waste land. So, I got up and went to my dad. I tried to keep it together, but I ended up cracking. All the stress and sadness in school and life just began to pour out. My dad, the kind soul he is, wrapped me up in a warm hug. He was my wave. The warmth of his hug and the softness of his voice soothed me. He had me take a breath and told me as long as I am trying hard, grades don't matter. After that I was still stressed, but I never forgot his words. Thank you for being my wave Dad.

This concept in life is so very important. I know friends who have been in or are still in the waste land. The thought that something better might be approaching has the capability to make it a little

better. We can develop ourselves and attitude, and maybe even improve our situation, if we know what we're looking for. While writing this piece, it has opened my eyes to the light throughout the tunnel, not just at the end. I hope reading it has helped you realize that too.

In this final paragraph, I reflect on the importance and meaning of "waves of hope." It's been such a pleasure writing this piece. I truly believe knowing something more is coming can help someone persevere through hard times. I know I will keep this idea in mind next time I feel down. I hope you will too. So will you stay sad in the waste land, or go swimming in crystal clear water of love? The choice is yours.

CTE-Pacifica Pipeline Project (P3)

We have introduced a brand-new Career Technical Education (CTE) program that provides students with hands-on, real-world experiences designed to prepare them for future college opportunities and career pathways. Students have the chance to work with new technologies like 3D printers, CAD software used for design and engineering, Raspberry Pi computers, robotics kits, and coding platforms, enhancing their skills for the modern workforce.

Do you work in technology, medical, or the environmental industries? Perhaps you have a job that is really cool that kids might like! Come share and be a guest speaker! Reach out to smanning@pacificasd.org to arrange a time to speak to a class.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

Pacifica School District would like to thank [Attendance Works](#) for sharing research, resources and best practices.

What Is School Attendance? | Fact Snacks



FACT SNACKS

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

District Office Relocation Complete: 411 Oceana Blvd, Pacifica

The Pacifica School District's **District Office has officially relocated to 411 Oceana Blvd., Pacifica.** All District Office staff began working from the new site on **Monday, October 13, 2025.** We are incredibly **grateful to all staff who supported the relocation efforts**—your teamwork made the move a success. District Office personnel are now settling into their new space, and we look forward to continuing to serve you from our new location.

Facilities and Construction Updates

Cabrillo School

The outdoor improvement project at Cabrillo is progressing well. The final concrete pour inside the campus was completed on Monday. Both interior courtyards are nearing completion. Work has now shifted to the school's front yard, where the contractor will install new fence panels. This phase of construction, located outside the campus, is expected to take approximately 30 days, weather permitting.

Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School

Construction to replace the portable classroom is currently underway. The new portable was delivered on October 4. Contractors are now connecting utilities, fire alarm systems, signage, patch paving, and site lighting. Demobilization is anticipated by mid-November.

Additional Project Updates

- **Vallemar School:** The D Wing intercom system has been successfully repaired and is now fully functional.
- **Sunset Ridge School:** Window shade installation in the library is complete.
- **Linda Mar Educational Center:** The roof replacement project has entered the bidding phase, with construction scheduled to begin in April 2026.
- **Electronic Marquees:** We've received proposals for new electronic marquee signs at Sunset Ridge and Ocean Shore Schools and are currently reviewing them.
- **Play Structures:** We are developing a plan of action to address closed play structures at three school sites.
- **Ongoing Planning & Design:** Several other improvement projects are currently in the planning or design stages.

Workforce Housing Project

The Pacifica School District Workforce Housing project is in the re-bidding phase and continues to move forward. The project continues to move on schedule, as all hazardous materials have now been removed from the site. Our next step is working with Coast Ridge Ecology for biological reconnaissance by mitigation measures. Be on the lookout for fencing—it's how you know construction has started! You can learn more about this initiative [here](#).

Work Here at PSD!

The **Human Resources** team is focused on supporting our schools and committed to serving our students, staff, and community of Pacifica School District.

Interested in working at PSD? Learn about our job openings, and consider joining an amazing and talented team! For more information you can email the Human Resources team at hr@pacificasd.org.

Apply Online!

Technology Update!

PSD is excited to announce a new website and social media planned for a November launch!

Look for these changes coming soon. Thank you to our IT department for working in the background to our beautiful unveil coming to a screen near you soon...



Internet Access Program for Families

Click Here to Apply!

The [Project 10Million](#) is an initiative aimed at delivering internet connectivity to millions of student households facing financial challenges. For eligible students, the program offers free Internet and free mobile hotspots. Students K-12 could be eligible for a free hotspot & more. Learn if you can apply for your child!



Smore Templates

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