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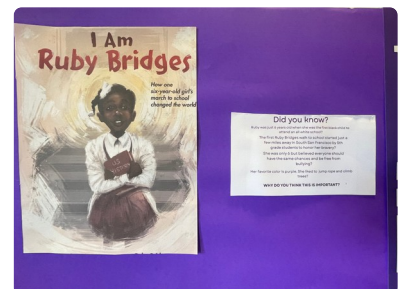
PSD Family & Community Newsletter November 21, 2025

Message from Dr. Carisa J. Bowman, Interim Superintendent

Celebrating Community & Commemorating History

Dear Pacifica School District Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members,

I am writing to share my sincere appreciation and excitement regarding the recent Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day event on Thursday, November 14th. This important day provided a powerful opportunity for our community to come together to honor the courage and legacy of Ruby Bridges, who, at just six years old, became a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement.



Community Participation and Partnership

It was a truly inspiring sight to see our students and staff joined by key local leaders who demonstrated their commitment to our students and the values of equity and inclusion.

- **City Leadership:** We appreciate the presence of Mayor Sue Beckmeyer, Vice Mayor Christine Boles, Council Member Mary Bier, Council Member Mayra Espinosa, and Council Member



Greg Wright, underscores the strong partnership between the City of Pacifica and the Pacifica School District.

- Pacifica Police Department: The invaluable support and presence of the Pacifica Police Department helped ensure the safety of our students and amplified the event's positive impact. We specifically noted and appreciated the following highlights of their participation:
 - Positive Interaction: The officers generously gave out high fives and positive encouragement to the students along the route. This simple gesture reinforced the importance of their courageous walk and helped create lasting, positive memories.
 - Building Community: The opportunity for our students and participating adults to interact directly with the officers in a supportive and celebratory setting was highly beneficial. This type of community engagement is vital for building trust and fostering strong relationships between our schools and the Police Department.

Your department's support in making the day safe and inspiring truly amplified the event's educational and community impact.

A Special Note of Thanks to Our School Teams

I would like to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to our principals, teachers, and all dedicated school staff across the Pacifica School District. The success of the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, and the deeply meaningful experience it provided for our students and families, is a direct result of your exceptional effort and dedication. Your meticulous planning, organization, and enthusiasm ensured that the event ran smoothly, and served as a powerful, positive learning experience for every child. Thank you for creating a truly great event that celebrates both history and community!

The Significance of the Walk

[The Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day](#) is an important observance for the District, teaching students about courage, equality, and the Civil Rights Movement. It encourages us to reflect on the historical struggle for equality and to carry forward the torch of courage, kindness, and inclusion in our schools every day. By walking together, we reinforce the message that every child belongs, and we are all responsible for creating a welcoming environment where diversity is celebrated.

I extend my gratitude to all who organized, participated in, and supported this meaningful event. It is through these shared experiences that we strengthen the bonds of our Pacifica community and educate our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Dr. B



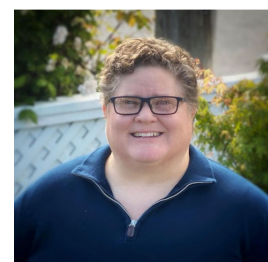
PHOTOS - Halloween, Fire Truck Visit, Police Visit, Ruby Bridges Events

Board of Education Meeting

2025-2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES:

2025: November 19, 2025 | December 16, 2025

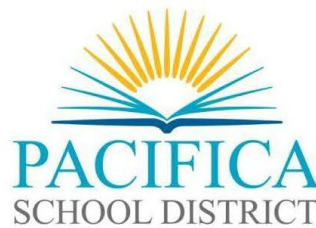
2026: January 21, 2026 | February 11, 2026 | March 11, 2026 | April 1, 2026 | April 29, 2026 | May 20, 2026 | June 10, 2026



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Highlights of the November 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:

Presentations:

- Pacifica School Volunteers presented information about their organization and the volunteer services they provide to our schools and students
- Lev Weisbach of Brookwood Group, presented updates on the status of the district's workforce housing project.
- The 6th-8th grade leadership students from IBL shared their project on Pacifica Beach Safety. You can learn more about their project in the school news section of this newsletter.

Highlighted Board Actions:

Please Note: The board scheduled its Annual Organization meeting for TUESDAY, December 16, 2025, changing the previously posted board meeting date of December 17th.

The board approved the following:

- A contract for demolition services for the Workforce Housing project. Fencing and construction scheduled to begin on November 25th and 26th.
- The district moving forward for a plan regarding repair/replacement of playground structures
- The district's Injury and Illness Prevention Program
- The district's Comprehensive School Safety Plan – for the District Office
- A contract to assess the condition of District Office Facilities at 375 Reina del Mar
- Position Descriptions for the following positions:
 - Superintendent
 - Coordinator – Student Services
 - Coordinator – Special Education
 - Coordinator – Instructional Technology
 - Coordinator – Pacifica Pipeline Project
 - TK-8 School Principal
 - Assistant Principal
 - TK-5 Principal
 - Middle School Principal
 - Confidential Executive Assistant (Human Resources)

- The following salary schedules:
 - Confidential Salary Schedule 2025-2026 (addition of Executive Assistant – Human Resources position)
 - Cabinet Management Salary Schedule 2025-2026 (to add Director of Finance position)

Additionally, the board adopted Resolution 2025-11-19-A Proclaiming November 14th of each year as "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day"

In Gratitude

Astrid Lozado, was honored and thanked for her service to students at Ingrid B. Lacy



Next Meeting: December 16, 2025 📅

Next Board Meeting: **TUESDAY**, December 16th, 2025 (**Changed from December 17th.**)

NOTE: All presentations and supporting documents to the items/actions noted are available on our agenda platform by clicking on the "Link to Agendas" below, selecting the meeting (listed by date) you wish to view, and then clicking on the individual agenda item.

[Link to Agendas](#) [Link to view Zoom recordings of Board Meetings](#)

District Office Department Updates

Education Support Services News

Project Based Learning (PBL)

This summer, a dedicated Pacifica School District team attended a Project Based Learning (PBL) conference hosted by the Buck Institute. PBL is an instructional approach that engages students in hands-on, real-world projects that boost motivation, deepen learning, and promote equitable outcomes by making learning more meaningful and relevant.

Our PBL team includes:

- Denise Gonzalez – Cabrillo School
- Jason Miranda-Mauricio – Ortega School
- Kelly Edelhart – Vallemar School
- Stephanie Trelogan – Sunset Ridge/Ocean Shore Schools

- Jessica Parque – Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School
- Carla Chavez Torres – Director of ESS

The group will continue their collaboration and planning when they meet again on December 4th.

New TK–5 Standards-Based Report Cards

We're excited to share that the 2025–2026 school year marks the first year of PSD's updated TK–5 Standards-Based Report Card. This redesigned report card was created by a dedicated team of teachers, principals, and district staff to provide a clearer, more consistent way to communicate each child's progress toward grade-level standards.

What's New:

- Simple two-page format highlighting academics, social-emotional learning, and learning behaviors.
- Standards-based indicators aligned with California State Standards and the Preschool/TK Learning Foundations.
- A 1–4 scoring scale with clear definitions so families can understand how their child is progressing.
- Comment section for personalized feedback about your child's growth.

How Scores Are Determined:

Teachers use multiple sources of evidence, including classwork, discussions, and assessments such as DIBELS, Brigance, i-Ready, Open Court, and Bridges Math.

Looking Ahead:

Because this is our first year using the updated report card, we will gather feedback from teachers and families throughout the year. The Report Card Committee will meet again after Trimester 1 to review input and make any needed adjustments. We appreciate your partnership as we continue to strengthen how we communicate student learning and growth.

- [Report Cards 2025-2026 Folder](#)
- [Report Card Letter to Parents](#)

Understanding the New Universal Reading Screener (SB 114)

California's new law, Senate Bill 114, ensures that all K–2 students are screened for risk of reading difficulties using an approved, research-based tool. Pacifica School District fulfills this requirement through mCLASS/DIBELS.

[SB114 Letter to Parents](#)

[SB114 Opt-Out Form](#)

SB 114 Caregiver Information Night

Recording: [SB114 Parent Information Meeting](#)



Slides: [SB114 Caregiver Education Night](#)

Resources: [K-2 Reading Difficulties Risk Screener Resources](#)

Family Meeting for Multilingual Learners

📅 Family Information Night: Wednesday, November 12 | 6:45–7:30 PM | PSD Board Room

Families learned what SB 114 requires, how results will be shared, and the supports available for students identified as “at risk.”

Recording: [MLL Parent Information Night](#)

Slides: [Understanding Reclassification: Helping Multilingual Learners Become Fluent English Proficient - Entendiendo la Reclassificación: Apoyando a Nuestros Estudiantes Multilingües a Alcanzar la Fluidez en Inglés](#)

Resources: [PSD Multilingual Learners Resources](#)



The Big Lift: TK–3 Literacy & Early Learning Updates

📚 Professional Learning in Action

Big Lift Fall Knowledge Network Convening

PSD team members joined San Mateo County educators for a day focused on equity, early literacy, and whole-child education. Topics included trauma-informed teaching, somatic regulation, and supporting boys of color.



MLL Cohort with Dr. Elsa Cárdenas Hagan

Our MLL cohort continued their work on structured literacy and multilingual learners. Dr. Hagan will visit classrooms to model lessons and provide feedback.

👥 Join the District Literacy Implementation Team (DLIT)

We're expanding our District Literacy Implementation Team, a collaborative group helping to shape PSD's comprehensive TK–3 literacy action plan. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3 | 3:30–4:30 PM | District Office. Interested? Please reach out to Kate Snyder at ksnyder@pacificasd.org

📰 The Reading Wave Family Newsletter

The November edition of The Reading Wave is now live on ParentSquare! This month's issue features books of the month, local library events, and simple at-home literacy tips for families.

Pacifica Pipeline Project

Ingrid B. Lacy

Engineering at IBL has officially begun! Mr. Edwards and Mr. Manning kicked off the trimester with a super fun **soft launch**, making sure they are getting to know all the amazing students **by name and by need**. First up? The legendary **Marshmallow Challenge**, which had everyone laughing and working hard in teams—seriously, nothing reveals problem-solving skills faster than trying to balance a fluffy treat on spaghetti! The energy was high, and now that we've set the stage for the team thing, we're shifting gears to tackle a real-world project based learning activity: brainstorming awesome ideas for how we can turn those local **vacant lots** into something incredible that truly serves our community. Join us as we focus on communication, collaboration, character, creativity, and critical thinking.

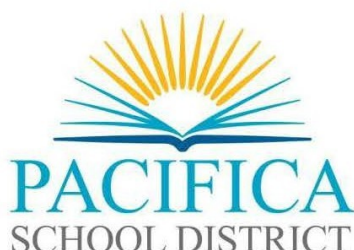
Cabrillo

During the **first trimester**, under Mr. Uribe's expertise engineering students have been *busy building, testing, and creating!* The class explored **teamwork challenges**, engineered **mousetrap cars**, experimented with **pulleys**, and even investigated the genius behind **Archimedes' screw**. Students combined creativity with problem-solving, and the classroom was full of energy, ideas, and moving parts—literally!

Excited for what's next in engineering!

Human Resources News

[Apply Online!](#)



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!](#)

Special Education News

Professional Development

Our Education Specialists participated in a comprehensive 3 day training series designed to deepen their instructional skills and expand their teaching repertoire in Open Court and Sunday Systems.

At Home Learning Tips

Easy activities that can support skills at home without it feeling like homework:

- Fine motor practice using household items such as playdough, stringing beads, using clothespins and picking up items with tongs
- Reading a story and asking a "why" question after
- Listening and Following Directions through a "Treasure Hunt" Game-- Parents hide 3-5 small items and give 1-2 step directions to find the object.

Student Services News

New Student Services Coordinator

Hello Pacifica School District families! I am honored to serve the PSD community as your Coordinator of Student Services, where my priority is supporting the safety, well-being, and success of every child. The best way to reach me if you have questions or need assistance is at slane@pacificasd.org. I look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

Mental Health Resource

Families: First 5 San Mateo is here to help! It is a site for young children and families seeking mental health and behavioral support. For more information please go to <https://first5sanmateo.org/big-feelings/>



2026-2027 PSD Lottery Information

If your child will be a 2026-2027 TK, Kinder or 6th Grade student, please see the lottery information below:

2026-2027 TK/Kinder Lottery

2026-2027 TK and Kindergarten Lottery Packets are available to Pacifica residents residing within our District's boundaries at the Pacifica School District Office located at 411 Oceana Boulevard and at the following school sites:

Cabrillo School - 601 Crespi Drive

Ocean Shore School - 340 Inverness Drive

Ortega School - 1283 Terra Nova Boulevard

Sunset Ridge School - 340 Inverness Drive

You must be a Pacifica resident residing within PSD boundaries or a PSD employee (Minimum FTE: Classified: .625 FTE and Certificated: .75 FTE only) to enter your child in the TK/Kinder Lottery. Sibling/Priority lottery cards are due at the Pacifica School District Office no later than 12 noon on February 2, 2026. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Transitional Kindergarten and New Enrollment lottery cards are due at the Pacifica School District Office no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The 2026-2027 TK/Kindergarten Lottery will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026. Lottery results will be posted on our website and near the front entrance of the District Office by 6pm on February 6, 2026. Placement confirmation letters will be mailed to the home of lottery participants by the end of February 2026. New Student Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in March 2026.

Please note that current 2024-2025 TK students will automatically rollover to kindergarten at the school they are enrolled in without having to go into the 26-27 lottery. If those parents can place their students in the lottery if they want to place their child in the lottery to attend kindergarten at a different school for the 2026-2027 school year.

2026-2027 6th Grade Lottery

2026-2027 6th Grade Request to Transfer Packets will be mailed home for all currently enrolled 5th grade students that reside within our district's boundaries by the end of this month, November 2025.

Current 5th graders attending Cabrillo School that reside within our district's boundaries are guaranteed a spot in 6th grade at Cabrillo School for the 2026-2027 school year. Current 5th graders attending Ocean Shore School, Ortega School, Sunset Ridge School and Valleymar School that reside within our district's boundaries are guaranteed a spot in 6th grade at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School for the 2026-2027 school year. You only need to return your 5th graders request to transfer form if you are seeking a change in placement.

You must be a Pacifica resident residing within PSD boundaries or a PSD employee (Minimum FTE: Classified: .625 FTE and Certificated: .75 FTE only) to enter your child in the 2026-2027 6th grade lottery. 2026-2027 6th Grade Request to Transfer Forms must be submitted to the District Office no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The 2026-2027 6th Grade Lottery will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026. Lottery results will be posted on our website and near the front entrance of the District Office by 6pm on January 23, 2026. Placement confirmation letters will be mailed to the home of lottery participants in February 2026. New Student Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in March 2026.

Business Department News

Business services is wrapping up the end of the 1st Interim. Look for our presentation at December's Board Meeting to hear the state of our finances. We are moving forward with some

exciting momentum in WorkForce Housing, and you should see fencing going up as we start the demo process.



Facilities

Cabrillo School

The Cabrillo outdoor improvement project is nearing completion for the current phase. Asphalt patch paving on campus has been completed. The remaining work includes turf installation and placement of outdoor picnic tables. We anticipate opening the courtyard between A Wing and B Wing on Wednesday, November 19. After that, the contractor will spend approximately one week completing turf installation in the courtyard between B Wing and C Wing.

The fence contractor will begin installing fence panels along the front of the school on Monday, November 17. Front yard work is ongoing. The storm drain tie-in to the main line has been completed, and the new retaining wall footing has been poured. The contractor is currently forming the walls. Remaining work includes the installation of drainage pipes, backfilling, grading, and turf installation. The targeted completion date is the end of November, weather permitting.

The remaining scope of the project will begin in summer 2026. During the storm season, we continue to monitor and review safety measures with the contractor.

Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School

Construction for the portable classroom replacement at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School is nearly complete. Fire alarm testing and the punch walk are scheduled for November 19. The contractor will demobilize on-site afterward. The District team will test all utilities, internet, and other systems, as well as schedule any necessary punch list repair work to prepare for occupancy.

Linda Mar Educational Center

The roof replacement project for the Linda Mar Educational Center is currently in the bidding phase, with construction scheduled to begin in April 2026. A pre-bid walk was held on November 12 with strong bidder turnout.

Sunset Ridge and Ocean Shore Schools

To attract additional proposals, a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued for the new electronic marquee signs at Sunset Ridge and Ocean Shore Schools.

For the library reading corner guardrail modification, the contractor has completed field measurements, and the solution is currently in production.

Regarding the prefabricated building aluminum canopy—where the fabricator failed to follow proper inspection procedures during manufacturing—material identification and testing have been completed. The final test report returned negative results. We are now working with the project team to determine next steps.

Vallemar School

Repairs to the intercom systems in the entire D Wing and E Wing have been completed and are fully functional. We are evaluating suitable materials for the Art/Science Room floor replacement, scheduled for summer 2026.

Upcoming work includes bidding for the playground asphalt replacement at the D Wing basketball court, also planned for summer 2026.

Ortega School

For the Ortega outdoor improvements and new sports field project, all closeout documents have been successfully submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA), and the project has received final certification.

Upcoming work includes bidding for the playground asphalt replacement at the upper yard, scheduled for summer 2026.

District Office

We received three proposals for the District Office Facilities Condition Assessment. One proposal has been recommended for Board approval.

411 Oceana Site

The most recently completed construction project at this site is in the closeout phase with DSA. The project team is preparing the required closeout documentation.

Play Structures

Plans to address the closed play structures at three district sites will be discussed during the November 19 Board Meeting.

[Playground Update](#)



District-Wide Updates

Design work for the repainting project is ongoing. The bond team is collaborating with the architect to review various paint schemes. Rusted vent panels at all sites will also be surveyed and documented for replacement as part of this project.

Additionally, we are working with a furniture dealer to produce a sample kindergarten desk to support the decision-making process.

The Pacifica School District Workforce Housing Project is currently in the re-bidding phase and continues to move forward.

Instructional Technology Department News

New School District & School Websites Launching Soon

A Better Website for Our Community



We are excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned Pacifica School District website, built to better serve our families, students, staff, and community members.

Our new platform is:

- More user-friendly
- Easy to navigate
- Responsive on all devices
- Streamlined for faster access

Why We Made the Change

In the past, PSD used multiple vendors for website management and communication tools. This created challenges with consistency and efficiency.

After months of research and meetings with over seven vendors, we decided to move toward a solution that:

- Improves website design and communication
- Consolidates tools into one platform
- Saves money
- Improves access for all families
- Easy sharing of updated documents, with older documents kept for reference and family access.

Website Launch Details

Our new district website will go live on:

📅 November 26th — the day before Thanksgiving

Our team has worked tirelessly to make this happen before the holiday, so families can explore and enjoy the new design during their break.

Fully Translated for Our Community

The new website supports full translation in the top six languages spoken by PSD families:

- Русский (Russian)
- Português (Portuguese)
- 粵語 (Cantonese)
- Tagalog
- Español (Spanish)
- English

Families can access all website content in their preferred language with one click.

What's Coming Next: AI Search

We are working to integrate an AI-powered search tool that will allow families to:

- Ask questions in any of the supported languages
- Receive instant answers
- Quickly find district information

Coming in 2026: The PSD App

In 2026, Pacifica School District will launch a mobile app available in the:

- Apple App Store
- Google Play Store

The app will allow:

- Families to receive district updates
- Easy communication between parents and teachers
- Quick access to school resources

Our Commitment

We believe in building strong connections between our district and our community. We are committed to improvement, innovation, and creating tools that make life easier for our families and staff.

School News

Flyers

Safe Routes to School Grant

😊Great news: The City of Pacifica has been awarded **\$436,500** through the SMCTA 2025, Cycle 3, Transportation Demand Management Program for the **Pedestrian Access and Crossing Enhancements for Students (PACES)** project.



The project includes the construction of high-visibility crosswalks, raised crosswalks in some locations, curb extensions, yield lines, and red curb painting near **Cabrillo School** and **Ocean Shore Sunset Ridge Elementary School**. These safety enhancements are designed to slow vehicle speeds, improve driver awareness and visibility, and provide safer, more visible crossing points for students and families. By creating a more pedestrian- and bike-friendly environment, the project aims to reduce collisions and encourage active, sustainable transportation to and from school.

Some of the planned locations for improvements include:

- Crespi Drive and Roberts Rd
- Crespi Drive and Ladera Way
- Crespi Drive and De Solo Drive

If all goes well, the City would like to begin construction in Summer 2026. We'll keep you posted.

Special thanks to the City of Pacifica for their continued efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and accessibility for Pacifica School District students!

Thanks also goes to the Cabrillo PTO for submitting the Grant Application😊

Ortega News

This past fall, we have had some amazing and informative assemblies. Our Pacifica Fire Department came to our campus and shared the importance of fire safety.

As we enter into this very busy part of our year, and move ever so rapidly into the new year, I hope our upcoming break finds you in a space where you are able to take a moment in gratitude. I would

like to extend to the Ortega Community my personal thanks for the warm welcome I have received since I started here this year, and wish all of you a safe and healthy break.



Important Dates:

November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving Week Break - No School

December 19, 2025: Minimum Day

December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026: Winter Break

January 5, 2026: School Resumes

Vallemar News

Our TK students had an exciting visit from the Pacifica Police Department on 11/4! Officers brought along two of their amazing K9 partners to show how police dogs help keep our community safe. Students learned about listening, following directions, and helping others—just like our STAR Stallions!



Our Vallemar Leadership Team is having a Pantry Food Drive to support the Pacifica Resource Center.

4th/5th In house assembly 11/18: Marine Science Institute's Inland Voyage-Rocky Intertidal Habitat curriculum is a 50-min, hands-on program that educates students and teachers about human impact on climate change. It focuses on influences of tides on the rocky shore, and the animals that survive in the harsh conditions of the tide pool habitat. Students will learn about positive and negative human interactions and discuss both natural and human-created influences on the ecosystem; and be encouraged to use more active modes of transportation to mitigate human impact on the environment.

We had some very special guests on 11/6! Leadership students from Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School visited our 2nd and 3rd-grade students to teach them about beach safety in Pacifica. Our students learned how to stay safe near the ocean, what to do in emergencies, and how to enjoy our beautiful coastline responsibly. A huge thank you to the IBL students and their teacher, Mrs. Sosnowski, for sharing their knowledge and leadership.

Cabrillo News

****First Friday Assemblies at Cabrillo****

Each month, Cabrillo students from TK through 8th grade come together for our First Friday Assembly, a joyful schoolwide student led tradition that builds community and celebrates our shared values. Every assembly highlights a different school value — such as kindness, respect, or gratitude—and ends with a fun, schoolwide



game that brings everyone together.

This month's focus was on being thankful, and students had a blast playing Musical Dots, a playful twist on musical chairs that filled the room with laughter and connection.

Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School

Ocean Safety Project

Thank you to the wonderful Leadership teachers for the incredible dedication, creativity, and teamwork you poured into designing the Ocean Project. Your hard work has not only brought learning to life, but has also inspired curiosity, collaboration, and a deeper appreciation for our oceans.

Your passion and commitment make a lasting impact on your students and the entire school community. We are truly grateful for the time, care, and energy you give every day.

Thank you for everything!



Ocean safety project launched in Pacifica

The Bay Area's Local News Station

[kron4.com](https://www.kron4.com)

Ocean Shore/Sunset Ridge News

Sunset Ridge and Ocean Shore proudly celebrated Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day!

We kicked off the morning with a community walk from Fairmont Park to campus, bringing

students, families, and staff together to honor Ruby's courage and legacy. Throughout the day,

students learned about Ruby Bridges' historic role in school integration and the importance of kindness, bravery, and inclusion.

As part of our Book of the Month, we also read *Through My Eyes* to all of our students, giving them a powerful look at Ruby's story in her own words.

It was a meaningful and inspiring day, proof that even the smallest steps can lead to big change.



Calendars of Interest

Cultural Calendar: December 2025

- **1 Dec** – World AIDS Day
- **1 Dec** – Rosa Parks Day (US)
- **3 Dec** – International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **5 Dec** – International Volunteer Day
- **10 Dec** – Human Rights Day
- **15 Dec** – Hanukkah begins
- **18 Dec** – Arabic Language Day
- **21 Dec** – Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
- **24–25 Dec** – Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
- **26 Dec–1 Jan** – Kwanzaa
- **31 Dec** – New Year's Eve

Academic Calendar: December 2025

- Dec. 1-5 - mCLASS/DIBELS Progress Monitoring K-5th
- Dec. 3 - DELAC Meeting @ SSR/OSS
- Dec. 8-19 - mCLASS/DIBELS Middle of Year (MOY) Benchmark K-5th
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 - Winter Recess, No School



Boys & Girls Clubs Fall Production: What Happened After Once Upon A Time...

Join us for the first-ever Fall Play from the Boys & Girls Clubs of North San Mateo County Theatre Program!

[Tickets Available Here!](#)

A substitute narrator is called in at the last minute to present stories from a collection of fairy tale books. But just as each tale begins its familiar “once upon a time,” the main characters interrupt to correct the narrator’s version of their story! With their peculiar personalities and unexpected twists, chaos quickly unfolds. The narrator begins to lose control—and it’s up to the characters themselves to explain what really happened after “once upon a time...”

Directed By: Sarahjoy Williams

Production Assistant: Camryn Daniels

Performers: IBL Middle School Youth

Event Details:

- Shows Available: Thursday 11/20 and Friday 11/21. [Tickets Available Here!](#)



- IBL Middle School Multipurpose Room. Address: 1427 Palmetto Ave, Pacifica, CA 9044
- Doors Open: 6:00 PM
- Show Starts: 6:30 PM (promptly!)
- Concessions: Arrive early to enjoy our wonderful concession stand full of treats and snacks!

We look forward to seeing you there!

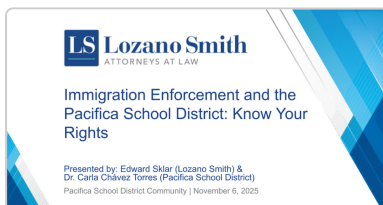
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Family Notice: Understanding ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Protocols

Please take a moment to review the information in the slides below, which outline our district's procedures in the event that ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) comes to a school site. Our goal is to ensure that all students and families feel safe, supported, and protected while on campus.

These guidelines help our staff understand the appropriate steps to follow so that we can uphold the rights and well-being of every member of our school community.

Thank you for staying informed and for partnering with us to keep our schools safe and welcoming for all families.



Immigration Resources - Know Your Rights - Pacifica Community/ Recursos sobre inmigración - Conozca sus derechos - Comunidad de Pacifica

Immigration Enforcement and the Pacifica School District: Know Your Rights Presented by: Edward Sklar (Lozano Smith) & Dr. Carla Chávez Torres (Pacifica School District) Pacifica School District Community | November 6, 2025 Click to add Title, Presented by, Location and Date 1

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[Know Your Rights! Conozca sus derechos](#)

[Know Your Rights! \(English\)](#)

- I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.
- I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.
- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.
- NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está afuera de su casa, pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

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👏 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!! 👏

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 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.

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



San Mateo County Office Of Education News

The Power of Sleep for Student Resilience, Health, and Well-Being (TK-12 Grade Educators, Students, Families, Community Members) New!

November 19, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Journalist and sleep expert Lisa L. Lewis, author of [The Sleep Deprived Teen](#), will provide parents with a roadmap to more (and better) sleep for their children and adolescents – and perhaps even for themselves. [Learn more.](#)

San Mateo County Health Vaccine Guidance:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provides guidance on when to get COVID-19 vaccines and boosters in their Vaccine Timing Guide ([English](#) | [Spanish](#)).

San Mateo County Health COVID-19 and Other Health Information:

- [SMC Mobile Clinic Schedule](#)
- Health Coverage Enrollment Assistance for Low- to Mid-income Residents or San Mateo Medical Center Patients (in [English and Spanish](#))

Safety Tips for Students

SamTrans prides itself on its record of passenger safety. We put together some commonsense tips to stay safe on SamTrans. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Holiday Breaks

The Holiday Season is upon us. As a reminder there is no school next week, November 24-28 with school resuming on December 1 and then again no school December 22-January 2 with school resuming January 5. We wish everyone a festive holiday season.



What content would you like to see in the newsletter?

☐ Upcoming school events

☐ Student achievements & highlights

☐ Important dates & announcements

 Shorter, quick-read news blurbs

 More Photos

 Voting ends in 14 days

 Votes are anonymous and results are private



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