

Pacifica Press

PSD Family & Community Newsletter March 13, 2026

Message from Dr. Carisa J. Bowman, Superintendent

Dear Pacifica School District Community,

As we welcome the first signs of spring, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and excitement for the future of our schools. It is a profound honor to address you today not only as your partner in education but, following the Board of Trustees' announcement, as your permanent Superintendent of Schools. This community's dedication to our students is unmatched, and I am eager to continue our work together to ensure every child in Pacifica feels seen, supported, and challenged.



Innovation in Communication: Stay Connected!

We have officially launched our new district mobile app, and the feedback has been wonderful! This tool is designed to put everything you need—from lunch menus to emergency alerts—right in your pocket.

Download the App Today:

- [Download for iOS \(Apple App Store\)](#).
- [Download for Android \(Google Play Store\)](#).

Beyond the app, please join our growing digital community to see daily highlights of the incredible work our students and teachers are doing:

- Official Website: www.pacificasd.org – Your hub for district news, board meeting agendas, and enrollment.
- Facebook: [Pacifica School District](#) – Follow us for community stories and event photos.

- Instagram: [@PacificaSchoolDistrict](#) – See "The Pacifica Way" in action through our student spotlights.

Looking Ahead

As we look toward the 2026-2027 school year, please remember that **TK and Kindergarten registration** is now underway. If you have a little one ready to begin their journey with us, or know a neighbor who does, please visit our website to start the enrollment process.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your feedback, and your shared commitment I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming board meetings and school events this month.

With appreciation and District pride,



Fiscal Stability Plan

Ensuring Our Future: Fiscal Stability Planning

At Pacifica School District, our primary mission is to provide an exceptional educational experience for every student. To ensure we can continue this mission for years to come, we are taking immediate and proactive steps to strengthen the District's financial foundation.

We are currently navigating a "Lack of Going Concern" determination—a technical financial status that serves as a call to action for long-term planning. I want to reassure our families that we are meeting this challenge head-on with transparency and a focus on protecting the classroom experience. Our Fiscal Stability Plan is designed to stabilize our budget while preserving the essential services our students rely on daily.

Where to Find Information: For a deep dive into our financial reports, budget presentations, and the specific steps we are taking to ensure the district's health, please visit the Budget Updates page on our website:

- <https://www.pacificasd.org/departments/business/pacifica-school-district-stabilityplan>

Workforce Housing - Photos

Measure O Project Update

PHOTOS - What's been happening at your school?

✨ Spotlight on Students ✨

Vallemar fourth and fifth-grade Student Leadership Team

This month we spotlight our exceptional fourth and fifth-grade Student Leadership Team! They've taken the lead with running our morning school announcements, managing the Star Stallion store, and helping with all of the fun games at Math Night. Family Math night had a great turn out and it could not have happened without the dedication of our Leadership Team! Thank you!



Board of Education Meeting

2025-2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES:



**Lynda Brocchini,
President**



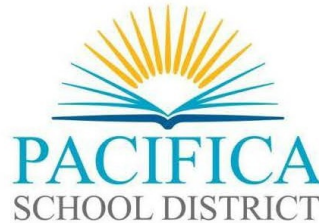
**Kai Doggett, Board
Member**



**Elizabeth Bredall, Board
Member**



**Laverne Villalobos, Vice
President**



Bridget Hardt, Clerk

Highlights of the February 25, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Presentations:

- Dr. Torres presented the mid-year LCAP update sharing outcomes, including: attendance and academic connection; student engagement; staff well-being; and next steps.
- Ms. Ladd presented a Special Education report which included: students served; changes to programs; recruiting/hiring focus and caseload management; increased expenses; and compliance monitoring.
- Ms. Ladd presented this update which included: suspension data; disruptive behavior prevention, including Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support; wellness report; and upcoming family engagement.
- Ms. Ladd presented the non-tactical Comprehensive School Safety Plans for all sites.

Highlighted Board Actions:

The board approved the following:

- Employment contract for Carisa J. Bowman as Superintendent commencing March 1, 2026.
- Project Labor Agreement for Workforce Housing
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) Between Pacifica School District and Laguna regarding stipends for masters and doctoral degrees
- The adoption of a resolution recognizing February as Black History Month
- The hiring of Robin Pang-Maganaris as the Principal of Cabrillo School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Highlights of the March 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting

Highlighted Board Actions:

The board adopted the following resolutions:

- Resolution of Intention to Terminate Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services & Determination of Tie-Breaking Criteria
- Resolution of Intention to Reduce or Eliminate Classified Services for the 2026-2027 School Year * Adopted with the Hybrid Administrative Assistant position removed from the resolution.
- Resolution of Notice of Intention to Non-Reelect Probationary Certificated Employees and to Release Temporary and Probationary 0 Certificated Employees

Highlights of the March 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Presentations:

- Leadership students of Cabrillo Elementary School presented information about Cabrillo's all-grade First Friday Assemblies, including video of students stating how they demonstrate ORCA Values (Outstanding, Responsible, Courteous and good Attitude) while at school, and the cereal box domino challenge which were later donated to the Pacifica Resource Center.
- Ortega's PTO presented its annual financial presentation
- Ms. Meng presented updates of the Measure O and Measure G Bond projects

Highlighted Board Actions:

The board approved the following:

- The issuance and sale of General Obligation bonds under Measure G
- The issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding bonds under Measure O
- The Second Interim Report with a Qualified certification
- The adoption of resolutions recognizing March as Women's History Month and as Irish-American Heritage Month
- The adoption of a resolution recognizing March 31st as César Chávez Day
- Appointment of new members to the Bond Oversight Committee
- Renewal of current members of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee
- A resolution of Intention to Terminate Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services & Determination of Tie Breaking Criteria

Recognitions

Amber Porter was recognized for her service and contributions to Cabrillo students and staff. Thank you for all you do!

NOTE: All presentations and supporting documents to the items/actions noted in these highlights and the full agenda 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

Calendars of Interest

Cultural Calendar: April 2026

April 1–30 Arab American Heritage Month [Explore Arab American History & Culture](#)

April 1–30 Autism Acceptance Month [Support Resources via Golden Gate Regional Center](#)

April 5 Easter Sunday [Pacifica City Event Calendar](#)

April 13 Vaisakhi [Learn about Sikh Heritage in the Bay Area](#)

April 19 Orthodox Easter (Pascha) [Community Observances & Traditions](#)

April 22 Earth Day Local Action: [Pacifica Beach Coalition Cleanups](#)

April 24 Arbor Day [Tree Appreciation at Sheldance Gardens](#)

April 27 School Bus Drivers' Day *Send a "Thank You" to our Transportation Team!*

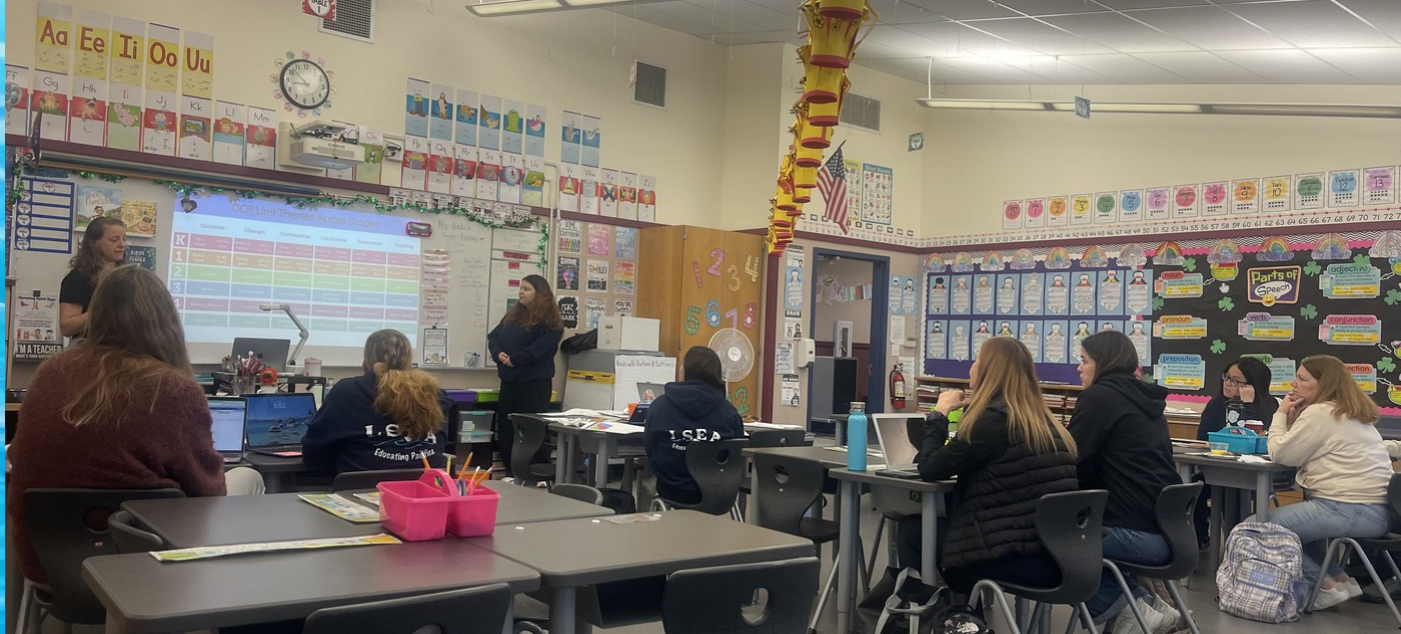


Education Support Services News

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Professional Development Leaders

Today, March 13, our schools were buzzing with a different kind of energy. While students enjoyed a day off, our dedicated educators and staff were hard at work during our Districtwide Professional Development Day.

We want to extend a massive "thank you" to the many PSD staff members who contributed to the planning and presentation of today's sessions. From sharing innovative classroom strategies to facilitating deep dives into our new curriculum standards, your expertise is what keeps our district at the forefront of educational excellence. Our staff's commitment to "never stop learning" directly impacts the quality of education our students receive every day. We are so proud of the collaborative spirit displayed across all our sites!



Diving Into Partnership with the Pacifica Beach Coalition

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Educational Support Services (ESS) team met with Patrick Cavanaugh, Director of the Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC), to establish a partnership focused on environmental advocacy, education, and community building.

Dedicated to preserving our coastal habitats and ending litter, the PBC offers our schools dynamic "Bring Your Classroom to the Beach" teacher toolkits. These resources cover local wildlife—from Pelicans and Whales to Sea Otters and Bees—along with engaging 30-minute school assemblies led by naturalists that align with the annual "Earth Honoree" marine animal.

To further integrate these resources into our instructional framework, we are working with our Project-Based Learning (PBL) Liaisons to align toolkits with district-wide hands-on learning goals. Beyond the classroom, we are exploring opportunities for students and staff to take direct action as Site Captains for monthly beach cleanups to remove hazardous debris like ghost fishing gear and cigarette butts.

Get Involved: Visit www.pacificbeachcoalition.org to learn more about their mission.

Investing in Our Planet: Celebrating Earth Day 2026 in Pacifica

As the hills of Pacifica turn a vibrant green this April, our district is proud to join the global movement for Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

What began in 1970 with 20 million people across the United States has grown into the world's largest secular holiday, with over 150,000 partners in 192 countries working to protect our shared home. Here in the Pacifica School District, we are committed to helping our students become environmentally literate leaders who can drive positive action for our planet.



Resources for Our Classrooms and Families

To help our students dive deeper into sustainability, we are highlighting several resources curated by the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE). Whether in the classroom or at home, there are many ways to get involved:

- **Grade-Level Lesson Ideas:** SMCOE provides specific Earth Day lesson ideas organized by subject area and grade level, ensuring that environmental education is accessible for everyone

from Transitional Kindergarten through Middle School.

- Student-Led Impact Projects: April is "Earth Month," the perfect time for our students to launch or complete community impact projects that address local environmental issues.
- Safe Routes to School: Our Earth Day Safe Routes to School Toolkit offers great ideas for families to reduce their carbon footprint. Consider walking, biking, or scooting to school this week to promote traffic safety and clean air!
- Creative Expression: Students can explore sustainability through special ELA and Art activities designed to help them process and express their connection to the natural world.

Beyond April 22: Global Awareness

Earth Day is just one part of a year-long commitment to our environment. We also encourage our Pacifica families to learn about:

- Earth Hour: A global "lights out" event held annually at the end of March to show support for nature.
- Earth Overshoot Day: A vital concept that marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year. In recent years, this date has moved earlier and earlier into the summer—a powerful reminder of why our conservation efforts matter.
- World Environment Day: Celebrated on June 5th, this "People's Day" focuses on global issues like marine pollution and sustainable consumption.

How You Can Participate in Pacifica

This April, we invite every student, teacher, and staff member to take one "Green Action." Whether it's participating in a beach cleanup, starting a school garden project, or simply opting for a reusable water bottle, every effort counts.

Let's work together to ensure that the natural beauty of our coastline is preserved for generations of Pacifica students to come.

Happy Earth Day, PSD!

Healthy Kids, Green Communities, and Safe Journeys

The San Mateo County Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is a partnership between the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) and the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE). Our goal is to encourage and enable children to walk, bicycle, carpool, and utilize transit to get to school safely, thereby decreasing traffic congestion and improving the well-being of our student participants.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Crossing Guard Appreciation Week (March 23–27): Join us in showing gratitude for the heroes who keep our crosswalks safe! Sign a thank-you card, offer a cup of coffee, or have your student create some artwork for your favorite guard.
- E-Bike Collaborative: We are working with law enforcement and local government to improve safety and education regarding the proliferation of e-bikes. If you are interested in joining this cross-sector team, please email srts@smcoe.org.
- Go Card Program: Qualifying residents (at or below 60% of Area Median Income) can receive a \$200 prepaid card for public transit, toll bridges, and bike/scooter rentals. Visit the [C/CAG website](#) to apply.



The Heart of Our Schools: Celebrating Administrative Professionals Week



As we move through the busy spring season, it's time to pause and shine a spotlight on the individuals who keep the Pacifica School District running smoothly. From April 19–25, 2026, we celebrate Administrative Professionals Week, with a special focus on Wednesday, April 22—Administrative Professionals Day.

Whether they are the first smiling face you see in the front office, the voice on the other end of a frantic morning phone call, or the wizards behind the scenes managing complex schedules and student records, our administrative staff are the true backbone of our educational community.

Why We Celebrate

Originally established in 1952 as "National Secretaries Day," the name was updated to reflect the evolving, multifaceted roles these professionals hold today. In the Pacifica School District, our administrative team wears many hats to ensure our students succeed:

- Logistics Experts: Coordinating student arrivals, departures, and the vital schedules for our transportation vans.
- Communication Hubs: Bridging the gap between teachers, parents, and the district office.
- Student Support: Providing a safe, welcoming space and a helping hand for students every single day.
- Operational Experts: Managing the essential paperwork, enrollment, and logistics that keep our classrooms functioning.

How You Can Show Your Appreciation

Our school secretaries, receptionists, and support staff don't do it for the glory, but a little recognition goes a long way! If you'd like to honor the administrative professionals at your school site or the district office, here are a few ideas inspired by the California Teachers Association:

- Heartfelt Gestures
- Flowers or Plants
- A handwritten thank-you card from students or staff
- Gift Certificates
- A "shout-out" during the morning announcements
- Coffee or Treats
- A catered team lunch to give them a well-deserved break
- Candy or Chocolates
- A personalized note of appreciation for a specific job well done

Reflecting on Heritage, Leadership, and Justice

On March 11, the PSD Board of Trustees passed three significant resolutions to honor the diverse history and contributions of our community:

- Women's History Month: We celebrate the 2026 national theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," highlighting the vital role women play in environmental advocacy, scientific innovation, and building resilient communities.

- Irish-American Heritage Month: We recognize the resilience of the millions of Irish Americans who helped build our nation's infrastructure and schools, honoring a legacy of leadership in labor movements and public service.
 - César Chávez Day (March 31): We honor the legacy of César Chávez and the United Farm Workers. His motto, "Sí, Se Puede" (Yes, It Can Be Done), continues to serve as a powerful reminder of the impact of collective action and the pursuit of social justice.
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A Guide to Spring Assessments

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, students will participate in several key assessments designed to measure their growth and help us refine our instruction. Here is a breakdown of what to expect and how the results are used:

Upcoming Assessment Schedule

- CAASPP (Smarter Balanced): Grades 3–8 will participate in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics testing between April 20 and May 15.
- CAST (California Science Test): Students in grades 5 and 8 will take the science assessment between April 20 and May 15.
- Physical Fitness Testing (PFT): Students in grades 5 and 7 will complete fitness evaluations between April 1 and May 1.
- **End-of-Year Screeners (i-Ready & ESGI):** Students in K–8 will complete final diagnostic checks in Reading and Math between **May 11 and May 29**.

Why These Tests Matter

- Smarter Balanced (SBAC): These state-required tests evaluate how well students are meeting California's academic standards in ELA and Math. Results help the district identify areas where we can provide more support or advanced opportunities.
- Science (CAST): This assesses a student's ability to think scientifically and apply knowledge to real-world problems.
- **i-Ready/ESGI Diagnostics:** These provide teachers with immediate data to celebrate how much your student has learned since the fall and to ensure they are prepared for the next grade level.

How to Encourage Your Student Standardized testing can sometimes feel a bit daunting, but with the right support, students can feel confident and ready:

1. Focus on Growth, Not Just Scores: Remind your student that these tests are simply a "snapshot" of what they know right now and an opportunity to show off their hard work.
2. The Basics Matter: Ensure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a balanced breakfast on testing days.
3. Stay Positive: A simple "I'm proud of how hard you've been working" can go a long way in reducing test anxiety.
4. Use the Tools: Encourage students to take their time and use the digital tools provided within the testing platform (like the digital notepad or highlighters).

By working together, we can ensure our students feel empowered to do their best!

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Ways to Connect and Make an Impact in Pacifica Schools

Whether you have five minutes a month or five hours a week, your perspective as a parent is a vital part of our schools. There are many ways to stay informed, share your voice, and support our students.

To help navigate these opportunities, we use the [PSD Impact Quadrant](#). This framework organizes involvement into four "buckets" based on your interests and where you want to see your impact:

Influence District Policy & Budget (System Impact)

If you want to help set long-term goals and oversee how funding is prioritized for all students, consider these district-wide roles:

- Board of Trustees Meetings: Stay informed on district happenings by attending in person or viewing past meetings on our [YouTube channel](#).
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): Advise on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and help decide how resources are used for student success.
- District Multilingual Learner Advisory (DMLAC): Support and celebrate students learning English.
- SEPAC: Join the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee to support diverse learners.

Support Your Local School (Site Level)

Help shape the culture and community of your child's specific school:

- School Site Council (SSC): Work with the principal on the school budget and site-specific goals.
- PTO/PTA: Join the community-building and fundraising efforts that provide extra resources for our kids.
- ELAC: Provide site-level support for English learners.

Work Directly with Students (Direct Impact)

Best for parents who want to be "on the ground" and interact with students and staff during the school day:

- Room Parent: Coordinate class parties and teacher appreciation efforts.
- Program Volunteer: Assist in the Library, as an Art Parent, or with Science units.
- Field Trip Chaperone: Provide essential supervision that allows students to learn outside the classroom walls.



Join Our Support Organizations (Community Impact)

These specialized non-profits bridge the gap between community resources and student needs:

- Pacifica Education Foundation (PEF): Help fund essential programs like Elementary Music, Middle School Band, and "Science from Scientists." Visit www.pacificaef.org.
- Pacifica School Volunteers (PSV): Get trained to provide one-on-one or small-group academic support in Reading and Math. Visit pacificaschoolvolunteers.org.

Ready to jump in? Email the Educational Support Services team at [ESS Department](mailto:ess.departement@pacificasd.org) ess.departement@pacificasd.org to find out when these committees next meet. Your involvement makes our district stronger!

The PSD Impact Quadrant: How to Get Involved

Find Your Fit: Partnering for Our Students

1. SYSTEM IMPACT: Influence District Policy • Best for: Parents who want to help set long-term goals and oversee how funding is prioritized for all students. • Board of Trustees Meetings: Attend in person or via livestream to stay informed on district resolutions and projects. See board meeting dates. • Public Record: View past meetings on the PSD YouTube channel to see how decisions are made. • PAC (Parent Advisory Committee): Advise on the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) and help prioritize district-wide spending. Email: ess.department@pacificasd.org. • DMLAC: Support and celebrate programs for students learning English. Email: ess.department@pacificasd.org. • SEPAC: Join the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee to support diverse learners. See Special Education Department Web Page. • Measure EE: Parcel Tax and Bond oversight.	3. DIRECT IMPACT: Work Directly with Kids • Best for: Parents who want to be "on the ground" and interact with students and staff during the school day. Contact your school for more information: https://www.pacificasd.org/our-schools. • Room Parent: Coordinate with the teacher to organize volunteers, class parties, and appreciation efforts. • Program Volunteer: Provide hands-on help in the Library, as an Art Parent, or with Science units.
2. SITE IMPACT: Support Your Local School • Best for: Parents who want to help shape the culture and budget of their child's specific school site. • SSC (School Site Council): Work directly with the principal on the school's specific budget and safety goals. • PTO/PTA: Join the community-building and fundraising efforts that provide "extras" for our kids. • ELAC: Provide site-level support and feedback for English learners.	4. COMMUNITY IMPACT: Support Organizations • Best for: Parents looking to join specialized non-profits that bridge the gap between community resources and student needs. • PEF (Pacifica Education Foundation): Help fund essential programs like Elementary Music and "Science from Scientists." Visit www.pacificaef.org. • PSV (Pacifica School Volunteers): Get trained to provide one-on-one academic support in Reading and Math. Visit pacificaschoolvolunteers.org.

Ready to jump in? Email us at ess.department@pacificasd.org

Your Voice Matters: Stay Connected with PSD

The Pacifica School District Board of Trustees is the primary governing body responsible for setting district policy and overseeing our progress toward our LCAP goals. Staying informed about Board decisions is one of the best ways to understand the "how" and "why" behind your student's educational experience.

Remaining 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

While we have had a productive first half of the year, there are several key meetings remaining. We encourage all community members to mark their calendars and join us for the following dates:

- April 29, 2026
- May 20, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- June 24, 2026

How to Participate

- **Attend in Person:** Meetings are held at the District Office. Your presence during public comments and presentations helps the Board understand the unique needs of our families.
- **Watch the Livestream:** If you cannot attend in person, you can watch future meetings live or catch up on any you missed (including those from the first half of the school year) via our [YouTube Channel](#).
- **Review Agendas:** Stay ahead of the discussion by reviewing detailed agendas and minutes on [Simbli](#).

By engaging with our Board of Trustees, you help ensure our schools remain safe, inclusive, and focused on the success of every learner.

San Mateo County Library Flyers

Spring Break: Rest, Recharge, and Rediscover! - School Closed April 6 to April 10

We hope our families take this time to unplug and enjoy the season. Here are some local, safe ways to spend the break: Visit Our Pacifica Libraries Pacifica is home to wonderful library resources to keep students reading and engaged:

- Sanchez Library Outpost: Located at 1111 Terra Nova Boulevard, this is an automated library vending hub open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can browse over 300 books or pick up holds.
- Sharp Park Library: View upcoming events and workshops [here](#).
- Sanchez Library: Explore additional activities and programs [here](#).



Other "Staycation" Ideas:

- Beach Cleanup: Join the Pacifica Beach Coalition for a family day at Linda Mar or Rockaway.
- Home Science: Use the break to start a small backyard garden or a nature journal.
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We look forward to seeing everyone back on campus on **Monday, April 13!**

The Big Lift

Early Literacy & Learning

We're excited to share a few updates about how Pacifica School District is supporting young readers and families this spring!

The Reading Wave – March Edition

Our March issue of The Reading Wave highlights helpful literacy resources for families, including reading milestones and strategies for supporting vocabulary development at home. Families can explore the newsletter for book recommendations, literacy tips, and local library connections that support joyful reading.

Big Lift Inspiring Summers (BLIS) – Summer 2026 Update

BLIS is now fully enrolled for Summer 2026. Families should have received notification letting them know whether their child is enrolled or waitlisted. Movement often occurs before the program begins, so we will continue communicating with families as decisions become more finalized. About BLIS:

BLIS is a free, full-day summer learning program for students entering kindergarten through third grade that strengthens literacy through engaging and joyful learning.

- 📅 Dates: June 15–July 10, 2026 (no program June 19 or July 3)
- 📍 Location: Vallemar School
- 🕒 Hours: 8:00 AM–3:30 PM
- 🍽️ Breakfast and lunch provided daily
- 🎓 Enrollment priority based on student literacy and kindergarten readiness data

🔗 Library & Community Literacy Connections

San Mateo County Libraries continue offering free programs and events for families, including storytimes, reading events, and creative activities at Pacifica's libraries. These community resources provide wonderful opportunities for children to practice language and literacy skills outside of school.

♥ Thank you for being such an important part of your child's learning journey. We're grateful for our Pacifica families and community partners as we continue working together to support strong readers and joyful learners.

Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELOP)

Spindrift School of Performing Arts EST. 1994 ~ PACIFICA, CALIFORNIA

SPRING BREAK CAMPS FOR ELOP FAMILIES! Disney Musical Showcase



Inspired by Disney on Broadway!
Step into a world of fun and adventure featuring your favorite Disney characters and songs! Young performers will sing, dance and act in a fun and supportive environment. Reading & math supported!

**April 6-10, 2026
9AM-Noon**

Ages 4-7 Cost: Free for ELOP Families

Minecraft Musical The Sequel

The fun continues! Inspired by the hit movie, dive into a blocky world of adventure in our brand-new Minecraft Musical Series, where kids get to sing, dance, create and act their way through epic quests and creative challenges. Reading & math supported!



**9AM-3PM
April 6-10, 2026**

Ages 8-12 Cost: Free for ELOP Families

ELOP Enrollment



Extended Care Available at No Cost
8am-9am & 12pm-6pm (Not available on Friday 4/10)

Location: Spindrift School of Performing Arts
1053 Crespi Dr., Pacifica CA 94044
REGISTER using the QR Code
or call 650-738-8648



**AUDITION FOR THE
SPRING 2026 PLAY!**

IMPORTANT DATES!
Rehearsals Begin:
March 17th
(Tue & Fri 4-6PM, Wed 3-5PM)
Tech Rehearsals:
May 1st & 12th
Dress Rehearsal:
May 13th
Performance:
May 15th

**AN
ABSOLUTELY
TRUE
STORY**
(AS TOLD BY A
BUNCH OF LYING LIARS)
BY IAN MOWETHY

Auditions are open to 6th, 7th, & 8th graders!
Monologues will be provided.
When: Tuesday, March 10th & Wednesday, March 11th
10 minute time slots between 3-6PM
Where: Cabrillo Elementary School Multipurpose Room
Cost: \$100 (once casted)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION SLOT!
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL NEEDED.

 **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL SARAHJOY
(THEATRE DIRECTOR) AT SWILLIAMS@THECLUBS.ORG

AN ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY (AS TOLD BY A BUNCH OF LYING LIARS) IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT
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Student Services News

2026-2027 Enrollment Update

Online enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will open later this month. New families enrolling students will need to create their PSD ParentVUE account before beginning the enrollment process. Currently enrolled families should already have an active PSD ParentVUE account.



Please make sure to wait until the 2026-2027 enrollment portal is active before entering any enrollment information. Entries submitted in the 2025–2026 portal will not be valid for the upcoming school year and would need to be re-entered once the correct portal opens.

While you wait for the 2026–2027 online enrollment portal to open, families can begin gathering the required documents needed to complete enrollment.

Please have the following items ready:

- Student's original birth certificate or passport

- Student's immunization record showing all [state-required vaccinations for school entry](#)
- Parent/guardian government-issued driver's license or ID
- Proof of residence
 - Two current documents (dated within the past 30 days) if your current address is listed on your government-issued ID
 - Three current documents (dated within the past 30 days) if your current address is not listed on your ID
- Any applicable legal documents or court orders (such as custody paperwork)
- The most current IEP or 504 Plan, if applicable

Having these documents ready will help ensure a smooth and timely enrollment process once the portal opens. If you have any questions, please call (650) 738-6606 or email Nicole Ortega at nortega@pacificasd.org

2026–2027 PSD Waitlist/Transfer Forms

Beginning Monday, March 9, 2026, the 2026–2027 PSD Waitlist/Transfer Form will be available for families who reside within district boundaries.

Families may access the form:

- Online on the district website at www.pacificasd.org under the Student Services Department, or
- In person as a hard copy at the District Office (411 Oceana Blvd.)

Waitlist placements are processed in accordance with district procedures.

TK Enrollment Information Night



MTSS/PBIS Corner

From Training to Action

Following a successful district-wide professional development day on February 24th, our school PBIS teams are now busy putting their new strategies into practice. As a reminder, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is our proactive approach to teaching and celebrating the behaviors that make our schools great places to learn.

The Next Step: April Learning Walks

To ensure our PBIS systems are working effectively for every student, our teams are preparing for Learning Walks this April. These are collaborative, brief visits to classrooms and common areas to observe our positive culture in real-time.

These walks allow our staff to celebrate our successes and identify where we can continue to grow. This process is a vital part of our journey as we work toward achieving high standards for supporting students' social, emotional, and behavioral growth.

How PBIS Helps Our Students:

- Clear Expectations: We use a common language across the whole school—from the yard to the classroom—so every student knows exactly what success looks like.
- Encouragement First: We prioritize highlighting positive choices, which builds confidence and encourages others to follow suit.
- Focus on Growth: When mistakes happen, we treat them as moments to reteach skills, ensuring students feel supported rather than discouraged.

By focusing on these positive habits, we continue to create more time for learning and a kinder, safer, and more predictable environment for all our TK-8 students.

Mental Health Resources for the TK-8 Journey

As students progress from transitional kindergarten through 8th grade, their mental and emotional needs evolve rapidly. Navigating these developmental stages requires a consistent "toolbox" of strategies to foster resilience and maintain strong family connections.

Kingdom Love offers specialized trainings designed to bridge the gap between recognizing a need and taking meaningful action. These resources provide focused instruction on mental health, relationship dynamics, and emotional wellness for those looking to lead and support their families with greater intention.

- Available Resources: Practical workshops and mental health training modules.
- Focus Areas: Emotional intelligence, personal growth, and healthy communication.

[View Available Trainings and Resources](#)

Local Wellness Policy

Every three years the Wellness Policy is reviewed and updated. This is the year to review and update. The different groups to have voice are the Nutrition Department, Physical Education and Health teachers, Counselors, and is overseen by Student Services. We also open the plan to the public for feedback as well.

If you would like to read through the plan and provide general feedback for the committee to review as they update the plan, please respond in the space below. We value your input. The feedback has been broken down by section but does not require you to respond to each section.

[Wellness Policy can be found here](#)

[Provide Feedback!](#)

Instructional Technology Department News

Exploring New Classroom Technology to Support Student Engagement

As part of our long-term plan to bring modern technology into our classrooms and increase student engagement, Pacifica School District is currently piloting several interactive displays at Ocean Shore/Sunset Ridge Elementary School.

During this pilot program, selected teachers will use the new classroom technology for approximately one month. This allows teachers to explore how these devices support instruction, collaboration, and student learning. In addition, other teachers will be invited to visit the classrooms, observe the technology in use, and share feedback as we evaluate whether these devices are a good fit for our classrooms and which features best support student engagement.

The district is currently testing interactive displays from several manufacturers, including:

- Cleartouch
- Sharp
- SMART
- BenQ
- Newline

Additional displays from Samsung and ViewSonic will arrive in the next few days and will also be placed in classrooms for evaluation. This pilot program will help the district gather feedback from teachers and staff so we can make informed decisions about future classroom technology investments that best support our students and learning environments.

We look forward to sharing updates as we continue exploring innovative tools to enhance teaching and learning in the Pacifica School District.

Child Nutrition Department

Links to Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Pacifica School District's Child Nutrition Department operates 5 student cafeterias, one in each school where we provide a daily breakfast and lunch. Our school kitchens have a team of highly trained staff, with food safety and customer service as the highest priority. The Child Nutrition Services team works together to develop healthy and appetizing meals for the students. These meals are analyzed, and the recipes are adjusted to ensure they meet USDA nutrition guidelines for each age group for calories, sodium, saturated fat, and whole wheat flour.

Community News

Prom Night: An 80s PEF Fundraising Gala



PEF News and Updates

Email from Pacifica Education Foundation PEF Gala, Volunteer Opps and More! News & Updates - March 2026 Announcing the Date and Theme of This Year's PEF Gala! 🎉🎊 Get ready to go back to prom

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Family Resource Center of San Mateo County

Greetings from the FRC of San Mateo County

Happy Spring ! March is all about growth and new beginnings — and so are we!

We're very excited to share several key upcoming trainings for families and providers. Topics include **children's communication needs, oral health, and transitions to special education**. We greatly appreciate your help in sharing this information with families and your networks!

FINAL CALL!!!

Bridge School: Understanding AAC: Assessments, Roles and Funding / Comprendiendo la CAA: evaluaciones, roles y financiamiento

March 24, 2026 | 6:00-7:30 PM | Zoom

Language: English & Español

An informative Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) training covering assessments, system selection, funding, and advocacy for children's communication needs.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/JUJm3sZJQSqrmMMLjxk5IA>

FRC/FEC: My Child's Early Intervention Ends at Age 3 — What's Next?

March 26, 2026 | 6:00–7:30 PM | Zoom

Language: English

Guidance for families transitioning from Early Start services to school-based and community support options at age three.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/5Xckj02jTg2KjxUGNzjQFA>

APRIL TRAININGS:

Sonrisas Dental Health: Oral Health Care for Children and Youth of All Abilities / Cuidado de la Salud Bucal para Niños, Niñas y Jóvenes de Todas las Habilidades

5:00–6:30 PM | ZOOM

Learn strategies for healthy teeth, positive dental visits, and supporting children with sensory sensitivities.

Register:

English (April 06, 2026): https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6M-AsS_mQbeBH3sLUA855A

Español (09 de abril, 2026): <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/loJnfr9ZTPizZXb-5gqLNw>

FRC/FEC: My Child's Early Intervention Ends at Age 3 – What's Next? (La intervención temprana de mi hijo termina a los 3 años – ¿Qué sigue?)

April 23, 2026 | 6:00–7:30 PM | Zoom

Language: Español

Guidance for families transitioning from Early Start services to school-based and community support options at age three.

Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/hyloNIMLT00i92m72YkNvg>

The Family Resource Center offers parent-to-parent support, outreach, information, and referrals for families of children and youth with developmental disabilities or who are neurodiverse, as well as for the professionals who support them. Our team consists of parents or family members who understand the journey and are dedicated to connecting families with resources, trainings, support groups, and guidance as they navigate educational and developmental systems.

Questions?

Phone: 650-259-0189

Email: info@smcfrc.org

Best regards,

Family Resource Center of San Mateo County

San Mateo County Office Of Education News

California State Parks Adventure Pass (Fourth Grade Students)

All fourth graders in California can now get a free California State Parks Adventure Pass that will give them the opportunity to explore 19 select state parks free for a year. This Pass is valid for the one year during which the child is a 4th grader or 4th-grade equivalent, until August 31, 2026. [Learn more.](#)



Public Health Resources

Unsure what to do when a student is showing signs of illness? Use this useful table from the California Department of Public Health to determine when students should be sent home. [Learn more.](#)

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](#))
- 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](#)).

Boogie Down Brisbane (Students, Families, Educators, Community Members) New!

March 21, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community members of all ages are invited to attend the first annual Boogie Down Brisbane, a family-friendly hip hop benefit concert. The fundraiser will bring together music, art, and community in support of three local nonprofits: Kapwa Kultural Center, Lyrical Opposition, and Rock The School Bells. [Learn more](#). [Volunteer](#).

Sustainable San Mateo County Sustainability Awards Celebration (Students, Families, Educators, Community Members) Updated Date and Time

March 25, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Join [Sustainable San Mateo County](#) for an unforgettable evening as we shine a spotlight on local changemakers whose local actions are creating the ripples necessary for broad, lasting impact. The celebration has been redesigned to be more student-friendly, with lower ticket prices, more networking time, and a fast-paced awards program. About 20 students will also showcase sustainability projects in a Youth Innovation Gallery while attendees connect with local government, business, and community leaders. [Learn more](#).

Food Resources

[The County of San Mateo provides resources for families facing food insecurity.](#) [Learn more](#).



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