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Jennifer Rodriguez
coordinator,
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Playing it Safe on the Playground

Miller Children's & Women's Hospital offers tips to help keep children safe on the playground.

Visiting the playground is more than fun. It's an opportunity for children to develop physically, mentally, and socially through unstructured play. However, in the United States, approximately 200,000 children seek medical attention in emergency departments each year for injuries related to playground equipment.

At Miller Children's & Women's Hospital, the Injury Prevention Program is dedicated to providing safety education to children and families in our community.

Playground safety tips:

- Supervision isn't negotiable; it's imperative
- Ensure playground equipment is suitable for your child's age
- Check for hazards such as broken equipment, sharp edges or protruding screws
- Teach children how to use equipment properly and avoid risky behaviors like pushing or shoving

"Even on safe, age-appropriate playgrounds, adult supervision is the best way to prevent injuries," says Jennifer Rodriguez, injury prevention coordinator, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital. "Nearly half of all playground injuries could be avoided with proper supervision. It's crucial to maintain a visual line of sight with children at all times and be ready to intervene at any moment."

Avoid playgrounds with concrete footings, rocks or tree stumps. The safest surfaces around playground equipment are wood chips, mulch, sand, or mats made of safety-tested rubber.

"Concussions are a common injury on playgrounds," says Rodriguez. "I urge parents to learn the symptoms, and if you think your child has a concussion, seek medical attention right away."

Additionally, encourage children to drink water regularly, especially on hot days. Sunscreen and hats should be used to protect against ultraviolet rays, even if it is an overcast day. Avoid clothing with drawstrings or accessories like necklaces that could pose a safety risk.

Finally, having a first aid kit handy is paramount; scrapes and bruises are bound to happen on the playground, but being prepared can help address minor injuries and prevent infection – keeping playtime on track.

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Dr. Julianne Hoefer
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District Partnerships Cultivate Student Opportunity

Local school districts in the Huntington Beach and surrounding areas are working together to create meaningful, connected learning experiences that benefit students from their earliest years through high school graduation. This collaboration was recently on display when Huntington Beach Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Carolee Ogata welcomed Fountain Valley School District Superintendent Dr. Katherine Stopp, Huntington Beach City School District Superintendent Dr. Leisa Winston, Ocean View School District Superintendent Dr. Julianne Hoefer, and Westminster School District Superintendent Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen for a visit to Westminster High School, one of seven HBUHSD campuses that serve students matriculating from these feeder elementary districts.



The visit highlighted how strong partnerships across districts can build a seamless educational pathway for students. Student leaders from Westminster High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) program led the tour, showcasing the school's robust agriculture, horticulture, and animal science programs. Guests explored hands-on learning environments, including pollination gardens, beehives, orchards, gardens, and a livestock area, each demonstrating how students gain real-world skills that prepare them for future careers.



This experience also underscored the strength of a vertically aligned farm-to-table pathway that begins well before high school. In Ocean View School District, Golden View Elementary School, recognized as a California Green Ribbon School, lays the groundwork for this journey. Its 2.5-acre farm provides students with daily opportunities to engage in agriculture by tending animals and growing produce in gardens and greenhouses. These early experiences spark curiosity, build environmental awareness, and instill a sense of responsibility.

As students advance to Mesa View and Vista View middle schools, they can deepen their learning through gardening electives, continuing to build knowledge and skills that naturally connect to high school programs like Westminster's FFA. By the time they reach high school, students are not only familiar with agricultural concepts but are ready to lead, innovate, and explore career pathways.



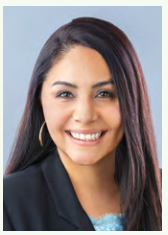
The visit concluded with a hands-on activity that brought the learning full circle with superintendents harvesting fresh strawberries and enjoying student-grown products. This moment captured the essence of the partnership and a shared commitment to preparing students for the future.

Together, these districts are cultivating a powerful educational continuum, that that grows opportunities, strengthens connections, and nurtures student success at all ages.

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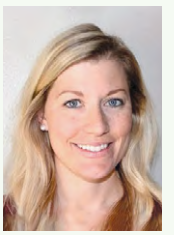
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OVSD Staff Shine Bright During Week of the Employee

By Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President

This month, the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees had the privilege of honoring its employees during the District's Week of the Employee, held May 11-15. This celebration provided an opportunity to recognize what truly makes our District special, the staff. Every day, employees across OVSD work together to support students, families, and one another through their dedication, professionalism, and hard work.

Whether in the classroom, on a school bus, in the cafeteria, in childcare, or behind the scenes in departments such as maintenance, technology, human resources, and fiscal services, every employee plays an important role in the success of our District. The work may look different from one position to another, but the shared commitment to students and service connects us all.

This year's theme, "OVSD Staff Shines Bright," was fitting. Across the District, employees continue to demonstrate dedication, collaboration, and dependability in their everyday work supporting students and schools. They create welcoming learning environments, keep our campus safe and running smoothly, support daily operations, and help students succeed academically and personally. Their efforts often happen quietly, but their impact is felt throughout the District every single day.

The Board of Trustees is proud to recognize and thank all OVSD employees for their work on behalf of our students and community. Your contributions matter, and they do not go unnoticed. Thank you for everything you do to make Ocean View School District a special place to learn and work!

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A Moment to Reflect – and a Look Ahead



Dr. Stefan Bean
Superintendent

As the room began to fill for the Orange County State of Education event on March 13, I paused for a moment to take it all in. Educators, school leaders, elected officials and community partners were all coming together, each bringing a unique perspective and area of focus.

What stood out wasn't our different roles. It was what brought us together — the collective belief in our students and in what is possible for them.

That sense of shared purpose stayed with me throughout the day, especially as we heard from our guest speaker, Adán Correa. A Santa Ana High School graduate, Cal State Fullerton alum and advocate for the neurodivergent community, Adán is known to many from the Netflix series "Love on the Spectrum." He shared his journey with humor, honesty and a genuine sense of joy.

Adán is a remarkable young man and the perfect speaker for our event, not just because of who he is, but because of how he got there. In his own words, he is where he is today because of the steady presence of people who believed in him and supported him, including teachers, coaches, counselors and family. It's a reminder of something we all know and the recurring theme of my address: No one gets there alone.

That idea feels especially important right now. We are seeing real progress in Orange County's schools — higher-than-ever graduation rates, improving attendance and expanded opportunities through career pathways and innovation.

At the same time, our work is becoming more complex. Student needs are growing, expectations continue to evolve, and schools are being asked to do more, often with fewer resources. The question, then, isn't only how we respond to challenges. It's how we continue building on what's working.

For me, that means staying grounded in what matters most, like continuing to center belonging and connection so our students feel seen and supported, while staying aligned in our efforts so the work happening across classrooms, schools and districts adds up to something greater.

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It also means being intentional about how we support the adults doing this work by protecting their time, reducing unnecessary burdens and keeping the focus on students. Just as important is continuing to listen, because the most meaningful insights often come directly from the students and communities we serve.

When I look across Orange County, I'm proud to say I see these efforts in action every day. I see educators showing up for students in ways that often go unseen. I see leaders making thoughtful and sometimes difficult decisions in service of their communities. I see partnerships forming that strengthen this work.

That is what progress looks like.

As we look ahead, I keep coming back to a simple question that I posed on March 13: Where can we better align our efforts so that no student walks alone?

It's a question we will continue to answer together, not necessarily through high-level decisions but in more subtle ways like how we as educators collaborate, how we prioritize our work, and how we support students, communities and one another. Because in the end, what defines us is the consistency of how we show up for each other and for our students.

The 2026 State of Education is in the books. But the state of education? It continues to grow stronger, thanks to the collective efforts of educators, families, students and community partners. I'm grateful to be part of this work with you.

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Julie Ernst
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TEAM Kids!

Our Eagles are taking the lead and making a difference!

An inspiring group of 4th and 5th grade students joined TEAM Kids and voted to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, turning compassion into meaningful action.

Team Kids is a nonprofit organization with a big mission to empower kids to change the world. The program is committed to shifting how young people see themselves as capable, powerful changemakers, and how adults view youth as valued community partners. Through youth leadership opportunities, students build empathy, self-efficacy, and meaningful connections with peers, schools, and community mentors.

Over seven weeks, students collaborated with Team Kids Coach Belle, Huntington Beach police officers, and local firefighters to bring their vision to life. Along the way, they received weekly lessons in entrepreneurship, inclusivity, and philanthropy, building not only knowledge but purpose. Students developed confidence, teamwork, and a deep sense of pride, knowing their efforts would positively impact others. TEAM Kids proved that even young students can create powerful change.



The highlight came in April, when students hosted a completely student-run school carnival to raise funds for St. Jude. Working in teams, they designed and built their own carnival games, gathered supplies, organized prizes, and managed tickets. Every Eagle from TK through 5th grade participated, with older students guiding and supporting their younger peers.

The event was a true celebration of community. Police officers and firefighters joined in the fun, emergency vehicles were on campus, and even a flyover added excitement to the day. It was a powerful example of collaboration, inclusivity, and community connection. Thanks to their hard work, over $1,000 was donated to St. Jude.

This first-ever, fully student-organized carnival showcased leadership, creativity, and heart. Our Eagles are learning that giving back builds not only stronger communities, but stronger leaders.















Allen Mendrin
Principal

College View Fifth Graders Experience Adventure and Growth on Unforgettable Overnight Trip

College View Elementary's fifth grade overnight trip was truly an unforgettable experience for students, filled with adventure, learning, and meaningful connection. Over the course of two nights and three days, College View's fifth graders experienced pure excitement through a wide variety of engaging activities that combined fun with hands-on learning and collaboration.

From the moment the trip began, students were immersed in opportunities that challenged them to step outside their comfort zones and work together. Activities such as ziplining and obstacle courses encouraged courage, teamwork, and perseverance, while also giving students a chance to build confidence in a supportive environment.





In addition to the outdoor adventures, students participated in interactive STEM experiences that sparked curiosity and creativity. These hands-on learning opportunities allowed students to think critically, problem-solve, and collaborate with their peers in new and exciting ways. A visit to the zoo added another layer of discovery, giving students the chance to explore wildlife and connect their learning to the natural world.

The Irvine Ranch setting provided the perfect backdrop for these outdoor experiences, offering space for exploration, reflection, and fun. Whether hiking, participating in group challenges, or simply enjoying time together, students created memories that will last a lifetime.

More than just a trip, this experience strengthened friendships, built independence, and reinforced the importance of collaboration and community. College View's fifth grade overnight trip stands as a powerful reminder of how meaningful, hands-on experiences can inspire students and leave a lasting impact.





Golden View *Environmental Science School*

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Venus Moeller
Principal

A Model Campus

Golden View Elementary is shining as it has been recognized as an Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) IMPACT School this 2025-2026 school year, highlighting our campus as a model for innovation, collaboration, and student-centered practices.

Golden View was identified as a diverse group of campuses across the county demonstrating meaningful impact, with its' innovative environmental science program, which provides students with hands-on, real-world learning experiences that deepen their understanding of sustainability and stewardship. This work is complemented by a strong focus on social-emotional learning and inclusive practices that actively connect families to the educational experience.

The OCDE Impact Schools initiative serves as a professional exchange. Throughout the year, teams from OCDE's Educational Services have visited Golden View multiple times, observing classroom practices, engaging with educators, and learning from the school's work—particularly its efforts to reimagine parent engagement and as a means to support MTSS, and Tier 1 interventions.

At the center of the recognition is Golden View's commitment to transforming parent engagement—moving beyond traditional involvement to foster authentic partnerships that support student success. These efforts have helped build a school culture grounded in belonging, collaboration, and shared responsibility.

This recognition builds on an already exceptional prior year for Golden View having been honored with a Golden Bell Award in 2024-2025, further underscoring the strength and impact of its programs. Together, these distinctions serve as a clear testament to the intentional, forward-thinking work happening across the campus and the measurable difference it is making for students and families.

"Orange County Impact Schools represent what's possible when educators lead with creativity, collaboration and heart," said Orange County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stefan Bean. "These campuses are showing how innovative practices can transform student learning and lift entire communities."

Golden View will continue to collaborate with OCDE to share effective strategies and help expand practices that are making a measurable difference for students and families alike.





Jenifer de Lachica
Principal

Bringing History to Life

Harbour View Elementary School has been filled with exciting, hands-on learning experiences this spring, bringing history to life for students in meaningful and memorable ways.

Recently our third-grade students stepped back in time during their much-anticipated Pioneer Day. As a culminating activity for their unit on westward expansion, students arrived dressed in bonnets, boots, and pioneer-style clothing, ready to experience a day in the life of a pioneer child. Throughout the day, students rotated through a variety of interactive stations where they made butter, rolled out biscuits, practiced shaving, cleaned laundry using washboards, created dolls, tried needlepoint, and designed paper garlands. Laughter and excitement filled the air as students also enjoyed old-fashioned games like Jacob's Ladder and competed in potato sack races. Pioneer Day provided a fun and engaging way for students to deepen their understanding of early American life through hands-on learning.

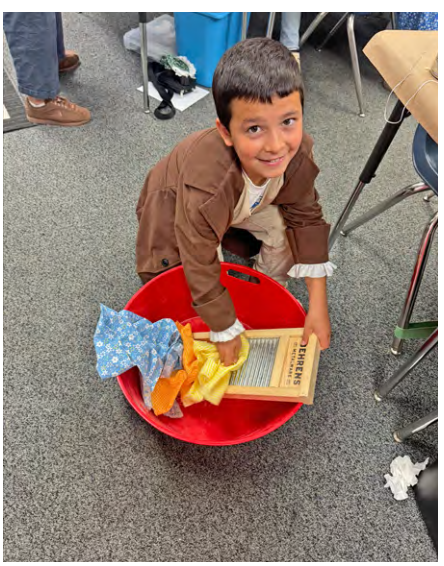
Then our fourth-grade students continued the tradition of immersive learning by participating in Walk through California. During these interactive assemblies, students dressed up and took on important historical roles, becoming part of California's rich history. Together students taught audiences with a presenter from California Weekly Explorer. Families were invited to attend, giving parents and guardians the opportunity to see their children actively engaged in storytelling and performance while demonstrating their learning.







These special events would not be possible without the support of Harbour View's PTA and our dedicated teachers. Their commitment to enriching student experiences help create lasting memories. At Harbour View, opportunities like these continue to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning in all students.







Hope View *Elementary (K–5)*

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Christina Luckey
Principal

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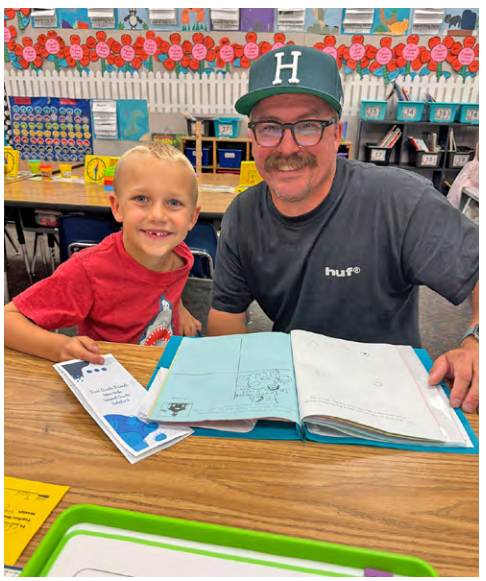
At Hope View Elementary School, our mission is to cultivate exceptional scholars and leaders while creating lasting, joyful school experiences for every student. Open House was a beautiful reflection of that mission in action as families, students, and staff came together to celebrate learning and community across our campus.

Throughout the evening, families visited classrooms filled with student projects, academic showcases, and examples of the meaningful learning taking place each day. Students proudly shared their hard work and accomplishments, while teachers created welcoming spaces that highlighted both growth and creativity.

What made Open House especially memorable was the sense of connection felt throughout the campus. The energy from the night was contagious, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who attended. From classroom visits to conversations with families and celebrations of student achievement, the evening was a powerful reminder of the strong partnerships that make Hope View such a special place.

At Hope View, we know that while academic growth is essential, it's the meaningful experiences, joyful celebrations, and lasting relationships that make education truly transformative. By blending rigorous learning with opportunities to connect as a community, we are nurturing curious minds, compassionate hearts, and a school culture where everyone belongs. Pictured here are Hope View families enjoying the night together.

Hope View is the place to be!















Jill Van Der Linden
Principal

Dino Birthday Bash

Kindergarten and first grade students at Lake View STEAM school recently participated in an exciting "Dino Birthday Bash" lesson using LEGO® Education kits. Working in groups of four, students collaborated to plan, build, and operate motorized dinosaur-themed creations. The activity encouraged students to practice collaborative conversations by sharing ideas, listening to teammates, and working together to solve problems.

As students explored the motorized kits, they learned important engineering and critical thinking skills. Teams tested their designs, made adjustments, and discovered how different parts worked together to create movement. The hands-on lesson also introduced students to basic coding and engineering concepts in a fun and engaging way.

At Lake View, teamwork and communication are just as important as academic learning. Activities like the Dino Birthday Bash help students build confidence while learning how to cooperate with others in a positive team setting. Through creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration, students gained valuable skills that will support them both inside and outside the classroom.













Sara Schaible
Principal

A Busy Month

Last month brought tremendous excitement to the Marine View campus as we celebrated our Open House and Spring Fling events. The evening began with families gathering to enjoy a variety of food trucks and live musical entertainment from our 6th grade music students. Following dinner, families enjoyed our Open House, where hallways and classrooms were filled with families eager to see the incredible learning taking place throughout the year. Students proudly showcased projects, lessons, and accomplishments, while families also enjoyed our Art Walk featuring a vibrant display of student artwork.

As Open House concluded, the energy shifted to the gymnasium for our VAPA program's "British Invasion" Spring Fling performance. With a packed house in attendance, more than 300 students took the stage for an unforgettable evening of entertainment and talent. Families enjoyed performances from our music classes, beginning band, intermediate band, advanced band, beginning chorus, chorus, jazz ensemble, and dance team.

The evening concluded with a powerful finale featuring all performers joining together to sing "Lights," accompanied by a dazzling light show. It was truly a memorable night and a wonderful celebration of the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our students.













Isis Ortiz
Principal

Mesa View's Multicultural Night Celebrates Culture, Community, and Connection

Passports were not required–just curiosity and an appetite for learning!

Mesa View's Second Annual Multicultural Night, proudly sponsored by our PTSO, was an exciting celebration of culture, community, and connection. Families came together to host respective country booths, share traditional foods, tell stories, and celebrate the customs and traditions that make our Mesa View community so special.

This year, countries represented included Cambodia, Jamaica, the United States, Japan, Denmark, Mexico, Taiwan, Korea, and Israel. Guests had the opportunity to travel the world right here on campus as they explored colorful displays, learned from our families, and enjoyed delicious foods including tacos, enchiladas, pineapple cake, jerk chicken, and sushi rolls—all made with love by our Mesa View families.

Multicultural Night is one of the many ways Mesa View brings learning to life. Students, staff, and families experienced hands-on learning in the most meaningful way: by tasting, exploring, asking questions, and celebrating the diversity that strengthens our school.

This year was also especially exciting as Mesa View welcomed our first 6th grade Spanish Dual Language Immersion classes. Next year, we are thrilled to expand the program to 7th grade. Students in our Spanish Dual Language Immersion program attend four classes in English—English Language Arts, Math, PE, and Science—and take two classes taught in Spanish: History and a Spanish Culture elective. This pathway helps prepare students to continue their Spanish language development in high school, with the goal of being ready to test into Spanish 3 as freshmen.

At Mesa View, we are proud to create learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. As our Dual Language Immersion program continues to grow, we are intentionally weaving culture, language, and global awareness into the Mesa View experience. Events like Multicultural Night show what makes our school such a vibrant and welcoming place for students and families.

Thank you to our incredible PTSO and all of the families who helped make this special evening possible. We are already looking forward to planning next year's Multicultural Night—and we invite even more families to join us as we continue celebrating the rich cultures, talents, and traditions of our Mesa View community!











Dr. Araceli Osborn
Principal

Oak View Celebrates Culture, Community, and Connection at Cinco de Mayo Festival

At Oak View Elementary, culture, community, and celebration came together in an unforgettable way during our Cinco de Mayo Festival on Saturday, May 2nd. Families, students, staff, and community members filled our campus for an incredible evening centered on tradition, joy, and connection.

One of the highlights of the event was the energetic Chinelos performance accompanied by a live banda, which brought excitement and movement to the celebration. The vibrant traditional dance captivated the crowd and honored the rich cultural traditions that make our community so special. Guests also enjoyed the beautiful sounds of mariachi music throughout the evening, creating a festive atmosphere that brought generations together through music and celebration.

Families explored a wide variety of traditional foods and local vendors that showcased culture, creativity, and community pride. From delicious authentic dishes to handcrafted items and student-friendly activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Community resource organizations were also present, providing families with valuable information and support services while strengthening connections beyond the school day.

Most importantly, this event was made possible through the dedication and generosity of our incredible volunteers. Parents, staff members, students, and community partners worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organize, decorate, serve, and create a welcoming environment for all. Their commitment and teamwork transformed our campus into a vibrant celebration of culture and belonging.

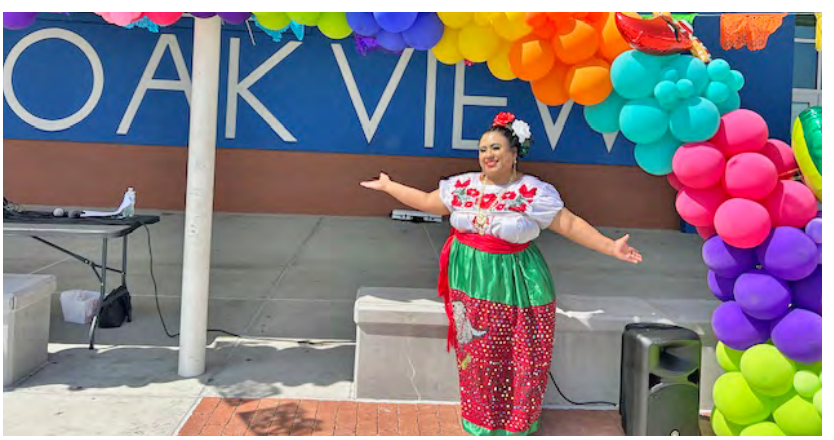
At Oak View Elementary, we believe events like these create meaningful opportunities for students and families to celebrate identity, build connections, and strengthen our school community. Our Cinco de Mayo Festival was more than just a celebration; it was a reflection of the pride, heart, and unity that make Oak View Elementary such a special place.













Jeanne Bentley
Principal

A Reflection Story

Our campus buzzed with learning and laughter this year. Our students' voices tell the story best.

Mitchell loved Skate Night, where friends and families rolled the dice on the rink, while Ellis felt proud to be at a GATE school, where project-based learning let him invent boats and bridges with big ideas. Our 4th-grade boys count down the minutes until PE, especially for Yoshi, where strategy and teamwork rule the blacktop.

Our youngest learners discovered what makes play powerful. Major's favorite part of school was zipping around on bikes at playtime, while Yasmin preferred stacking blocks into gravity-defying towers. Second graders dove into the Mesozoic Era, bringing dinosaurs to life with clay and imagination. Gavin stretched his thinking with JiJi the penguin, tackling visual puzzles at his own pace.

STEM continued to shine. Elise says that building collaborative robots and sending them into action is the best way to learn, and Kallie loves stepping into the STEM lab for Project Lead the Way. She says coding and design make her feel like she's training for her future career.

Tyler discovered that history comes alive through performing arts, as a Bostonian in an American Revolution play. Students across campus loved cheering on and starring in the many shows each class performed.





Beyond the classroom, our PTO's successful library fundraiser raised thousands of dollars to support teacher units with nonfiction books. First graders helped Star View soar past one million reading minutes, sending Mrs. Bentley up to the roof to read down to students. And Caleb, a new student, shared that the kindness of teachers and classmates helped him grow and make good friends.

And that's a wrap on a remarkable, joy-filled year at Star View.











Shannon Mudry
Principal

Courage in Motion

Village View Run Club members crossed the finish line on Saturday, May 2, completing the final mile of the Kids Run the OC Marathon at the OC Fair & Event Center! Adding to the excitement, Village View's mascot, Splash, joined runners on the course, thanks to parent volunteer Wes Agee, bringing extra energy and school spirit to the event.

Since March, more than 60 students have been logging miles during weekly practices, working toward the goal of completing a full marathon distance of 26.2 miles. The culminating event brought together students, families and volunteers to celebrate months of dedication, perseverance, and healthy habits.

This season's Run Club also closely aligned with Village View's character focus on courage. Students demonstrated courage each week as they pushed past physical challenges, built endurance and stayed committed to their goals. Crossing the final finish line was a powerful example of their willingness to try something difficult and see it through to the end.



The program was led by Head Coaches Christina Vasquez and Valerie Harelson, whose commitment helped guide students through engaging workouts while emphasizing the importance of fitness, nutrition and goal-setting. Their leadership, along with the support of a dedicated team of weekly volunteers, made the program possible.

Special thanks to Katie Deck, Julieta Ortiz, Annette Agee, Lisa Calderone, Tina Castro, Mary Allison, Julie Schmitz and Camille Williams for their time and encouragement throughout the season.

The Run Club's successful finish highlights not only the students' physical accomplishments but also their teamwork, determination, and courage in action. The Village View community is so proud of our Run Club Dolphins!











Manny Quezada
Principal

Vista View Mariachi: A New Tradition Begins

Vista View Middle School is celebrating an exciting new addition to its elective offerings: Mariachi. This vibrant program reflects both the school's commitment to the arts and its dedication to culturally responsive teaching.

The idea for the Mariachi class was developed by music teacher Mr. Gael Zambrano, who worked closely with the administration to bring his vision to life. His goal was to create a program that honors the cultural heritage of the community while giving students a meaningful and engaging musical experience. In a short time, that vision has become a source of pride for the entire school.

In just eight months, students in the Mariachi class have shown impressive growth and dedication. Learning mariachi music requires not only musical skill, but also an understanding of style, tradition, and performance. These students have embraced the challenge, investing time and effort to produce authentic mariachi music. Their commitment is evident in every rehearsal and performance.

The program also highlights the diversity of Vista View. Students from a wide range of backgrounds have come together as members of the Mariachi group, united by a shared passion for music. As pioneers of this new class, they are helping to build something special that will continue for years to come.

Families have expressed deep gratitude for the creation of the Mariachi program, sharing how meaningful it is to see culture celebrated on campus. The group has already impressed audiences at multiple performances, especially considering they have only been playing together for a short time.

Vista View's Mariachi class is a powerful example of student dedication, cultural pride, and the impact of innovative teaching.













Diana Bianco
Principal

Westmont Rocks the Bubble Run!

Westmont Elementary turned up the volume with this year's Bubble Run, and it was a total hit! Students, staff, and families came together for a high-energy event full of bubbles, music, and school spirit. Sponsored by our PTO, the event raised over $25,000—an amazing encore for our school community.

Because of this rockstar effort, students are already reaping the rewards. Part of the funds brought a STEAM Museum experience to campus, where students got hands-on with interactive activities that sparked creativity and curiosity.

The hits keep coming, as additional funds are supporting programs like Mystery Science and helping make field trips possible for all grade levels, giving students real-world learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Our PTO continues to be the backbone of these awesome opportunities, also supporting our student store, student academic incentives, and providing Scholastic News for classrooms—not to mention funding our Rock and Roll Reader culminating activity, a family rock concert.

A huge shoutout to our PTO, families, and community—thank you for helping Westmont shine on stage and making opportunities like these possible for our students. Westmont truly does ROCK!











