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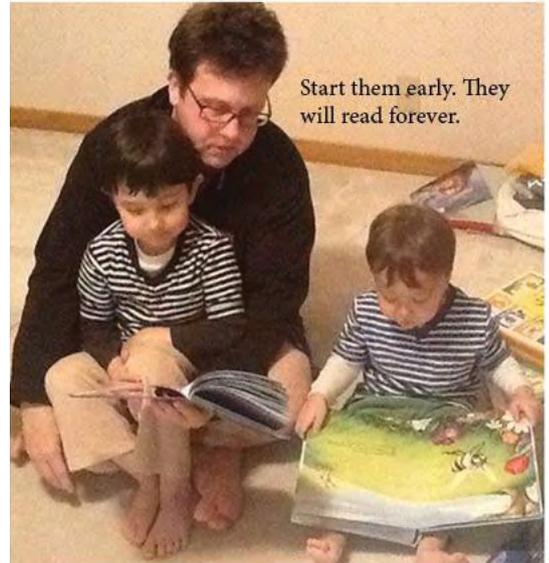


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As this school year comes to a close I'd like to thank you for continuing to include School News among your reading choices.

Be sure to enter our contests on pages 12 & 27. We also included our popular student book reviews on pages 27 & 28.

Our next issue is September 7th. Have a wonderful summer and please remember to include the library among your reading choices.



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## Does Your Child have Allergies... Or is it a Cold? Here's How to Find Out.



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Long Beach

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and it's around the time you start seeing running noses and itchy eyes. But is it a cold or allergies? Here are some tips to figure it out:

- Check the mucus, allergies tend to be thin and clear. Colds tend to be yellow or green and thick.
- Allergies tend to come on suddenly when your child is exposed to a trigger and lasts a while. Cold symptoms often start gradually and are done within two weeks.
- Typically, a fever won't be present in allergies, but colds come with a low-grade fever.
- If your child has watery or itchy eyes, it might be an allergic reaction. Watery and itchy eyes aren't usually a cold symptom.

The symptoms and severity of allergies varies in children. Ranging from minor irritation to anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

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Jodie Lynn

## Activities Away from Technology

**Q.** My 10-year-old son only wants to stay indoors, play video games and eat chips and the like. He doesn't like sports. I'm trying to get him outdoors and moving but he complains about the heat. Any ideas on how to get him away from becoming a couch potato and away from the TV?

**A.** There are plenty of programs that your son might like such as swimming, drawing, painting, camping, making pottery, volunteering at a pet shelter, cooking, graphic design for kids, etc. The whole idea is to get him into a scheduled activity three to five days a week. Some of the facilities where the activities take place have lunch served to the kids. It's usually a pretty healthy one at that. They should give you a weekly copy of them. If not, ask for one. Some programs allow kids to bring their lunch. This means that he will be eating less of the bad things and more of the good. He might even decide that eating fruit is a good break from chips. If your son can find something he likes and can participate in it with a friend, he'll be more willing to stick with it, especially if there's no pressure to be a super star. This will also give him less time to play video games or to watch TV.

## Research Tutor Options

**Q.** My fifth-grader is struggling in math and I'm not sure why. Before the pandemic, he made good grades in math. My sister has two middle school kids who are also having a difficult time in math. We've looked into tutors but they are expensive. What are some other alternatives to getting them help without breaking our budget?

**A.** There are several options to choose. For example, there are some brick and mortar facilities, online companies and even personal tutors that will give a group discount for two or more kids who sign up. Asking the kids' teachers for their input should be a good place to start. Research your choices before making the best one. Unless you know someone who has personally used a company or a one-on-one tutor and can vouch for them, check references. Recommendations from friends, family and professionals are almost always a good way to find just about anything you need. You might also call local colleges, specifically the junior colleges. After the kids start their tutoring, give it a little time to work out before rushing in and thinking that it's a lost cause. Once they connect with the new person, the new regimen will become the normal one and hopefully they'll be able to catch up.

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## Ask Dr. Shari



**Dr. Shari Sweetnam**

### Lessons of POWERFUL Communication

At no time has the ability to communicate effectively been more important. “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all” seems to be an archaic ideal as we watch grown adults spew pointless negativity on a regular basis.

If we want to stop the degradation of society, one of the most important changes we can affect, is to upgrade our standards of interaction. Children desperately need models of good behavior, and constructive communication, more than ever.

Following are 5 skills that every child and adult must learn in order to be powerful communicators:

**Listen:** Even if you do not agree, hear people out, gain an understanding of a person’s values as they speak. People react more calmly, and are more inclined to listen, when they feel they have been heard.

**Ask:** Accept that people have different value systems. If you want to share an opposing view, do so respectfully, acknowledging that you understand and accept that your partner in the conversation might feel differently.

**Avoid Negative Energy:** Proper communication is neither negative nor dramatic. A productive conversation stays respectful at all costs. An agreement to proceed productively, is core to powerful communication. Respectfully end a conversation that seems to be turning negative, and agree to reconvene when the atmosphere is calmer.

**Maintain Integrity:** Don’t falsify or exaggerate. Even one incident of falsification can destroy a person’s credibility.

**Develop Mastery:** Commit to communicating powerfully until it is habitual. Master communicators listen, ask questions, operate with respect, maintain integrity and avoid negativity and drama.

We can make an enormous difference by committing to these simple standards.

Dr. Shari has conducted multiple Communication seminars for businesses all across Orange County, and divisions of OC, including the Sheri’s Department, Health Care Agency and, Social Services, as well as taught Communication at the graduate level

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## It's time to Celebrate in CESD!



**Norma E. Martinez**  
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As we prepare to end the 2021-2022 school year, I want to thank our parent community for your partnership this school year as we continue to focus on doing what is best for our students, with safety in mind and centered on student wellness and academic excellence. This year, we ensured that our mission to serve students focused on the whole child, recognizing the need to strengthen social emotional learning, creativity, and a sense of safety

with students. With local assessments in place, we set on a path in pursuit of excellence, delighted to see our students rise to the expectation of meeting grade level standards, enhanced by developing global competencies and technological knowledge.

As we reflect on the success that 2021-2022 has brought us, it is important to recognize and celebrate the special people who serve our district, our employees. Without a doubt, our teachers, our certificated and classified staff as well as our district administrators, both at the district level and at the site level, have demonstrated incredible heart, work ethic, flexibility, and dedication as we have persevered to meet the needs of our families and students during these pandemic times. I encourage all families to consider a note of appreciation for a staff member who has gone over and beyond in supporting our students this year!

CESD is proud to continue its tradition of excellence in program implementation. We know that great schools promote outstanding communities. CESD is proud to be a value-added asset to our Anaheim, Buena Park, and La Palma communities. Most recently, our district employees of the year as well as our La Palma schools were celebrated during the inaugural La Palma Festival of Nations Parade. CESD students also participated in the City of Buena Park's annual Track Meet. Centralia's commitment to participate in community events reinforces the value that our schools give our communities!

**Centralia Elementary School District is proud to share some of the following success stories with you from this year. Congratulations to all staff, parents and students who contributed to these accomplishments!**

- In lieu of the California Distinguished Schools Award program, California is recognizing districts and elementary and middle and high schools who demonstrated a pivotal practice implemented during the 2020–21 school year when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to all eight of our schools and the district office for being the recipients of the **2022 CDE's Pivotal Practices Award!**
- Congratulations to **Raymond Temple School**, honored as a **2022 Bronze Level California Department of Education Green Ribbon School for excellence in resource efficiency, health and wellness and environmental and sustainability education.**
- Congratulations to the following school for being designated an Award-Winning School by the California PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Coalition for their work to promote positive school culture. It was great to start the school year with this good news! Once again, 100% of our schools were recognized for our efforts to have positive school climates in all schools in the following categories:
  - Buena Terra, Danbrook & Raymond Temple Schools — Platinum Recognition
  - Miller, Los Coyotes & San Marino Schools — Gold Recognition
  - Centralia School — Silver Recognition
  - Dysinger School — Bronze Recognition

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## Buena Terra *Elementary School*

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**Tiffany Dominguez**  
*Principal*

### Eagles are all about community!

Buena Terra is excited for the many activities and celebrations taking place. These events highlight a return to families

on campus and provide an opportunity to appreciate these times together.

On April 8th, BT students

participated in the Buena Park All City Schools Track Meet. It was great to see families and staff cheering students on! Looking ahead, 6th grade students will be attending off-campus field trips and will enjoy a staff vs. student's softball game and ice cream social the last week of school, as well as a promotion ceremony on June 3rd. In addition, BT will be holding student awards assemblies, an "Eagles Eat" event on May 13th,

which will include a talent show, and will participate in the Love Buena Park event on May 14th. We are also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022.



**Mrs. Dominguez and students enjoying time together at the Buena Park All City Schools Track Meet.**

## Centralia *Elementary School*

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**Roy Lopez Jr.**  
*Principal*

### Celebrating Centralia School Students

Centralia School implements a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) program where students familiarize themselves with the expected behaviors while at school: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Scholarly. Students also follow these expectations while in various locations

on campus, from the lunch tables to the library, and the playground. To help support students' understanding of expected behaviors, each month an identified character and scholarly trait is shared and practiced for the month. At the conclusion of each month, individual students are recognized

and celebrated for demonstrating these traits at the monthly PBIS assembly. For the month of March, we welcomed parents back to school as guests at the assembly celebration. Students were recognized for demonstrating cooperation and academic excellence. Centralia was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022. Well done students!



**Students celebrating "twos" day this spring.**

## Danbrook *Elementary School*

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**Erasmo Garcia**  
*Principal*

### **Celebrating a return to student, staff and family connections**

Looking back at the school year, we have a lot to celebrate. As we fully opened our school, we began to heal from the impact of COVID. Our staff made a commitment to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of every student. We implemented regular wellness checks through restorative circles. We engaged students through a robust after school program that included yoga, sports, robotics, piano, and dance as well as reading recovery. We strengthened our PBIS Platinum behavior program, creating an emotionally safe space for students to learn and socialize. We dedicated time and space for relationship building. Our mentor program paired a supporting adult with a student in need. Our teachers connected 1:1 with each family and we held coffee chats with the principal. We held our



**Students sharing a Kindness poem on a recent site visit.**

first in-person family night since the pandemic began. Danbrook was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022. As we look back and celebrate our year, we have our sights on an even brighter future.

## Dysinger *Elementary School*

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**Shawn Stuhlt**  
*Principal*

### **Dragon Dance Party Celebration**

Dysinger held a Family DANCE PARTY Celebration on May 12th to bring awareness to Mental Health through intentional self care. Dysinger's AWESOME PTA, in coordination with DJ Cousin Danny, the American Red Cross, and Dysinger's student Peer Assistance Leaders (PAL), held an evening FAMILY DANCE PARTY celebration featuring fun activities, free food, prize giveaways and family resource vendors. This schoolwide event followed Mental Health Awareness Spirit Week and our Annual Philanthropic charity event, for the second year in a row working with the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge Education Program. Dysinger students have a two-year total of raising over \$17,000 for the American Heart Association. This culminating

Family Event was enjoyed by hundreds of Dysinger family members and was designed to bring our community back together and bring attention to the positive connection between the heart, mind and physical health. Dysinger was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022.



**Dysinger students promote wellness and self care.**

## G.B. Miller *Elementary School*

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**Robyn Yarbrough**  
*Principal*

### Students RACE to Success!

There is much to celebrate at GB Miller School! Our sixth grade students completed and graduated from the Police Interacting with Youth (PIY) program, which is implemented by the La Palma Police Department. This program has been a cornerstone of social-emotional learning (SEL) for our 6th grade students for several years. We are proud to have two entries in the City of La Palma Festival of Nations

Parade; our 6th graders represent the PIY program and are walking with their fellow 6th graders from Los Coyotes School, and our Student Council members are walking with their advisor, Mr. Hunt. Miller School is delighted to invite parents back onto campus for special celebrations like Awards Assemblies and Promotions. In April, we celebrated our first on campus family event in two years – the Miller PTA Mix and Mingle – games, prizes, dancing, food and fun! Miller was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022. At Miller School, we “RACE to Success!”



Students marching in the La Palma Festival of Nations parade with Mr. Hunt.

## Los Coyotes *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Vicki Wong**  
*Principal*

### We are a National Blue Ribbon School!

On May 16, 2022, Los Coyotes will be raising our National Blue-Ribbon School Flag. This flag ceremony will celebrate our recent 2021 National Blue-Ribbon School Award presented to us by the U.S. Department of Education for high academic achievement. This ceremony will honor our

school community; students, teachers, staff, and families, by recognizing our hard work and dedication to academic success over the years. This award truly is a series of small practices that our school community commits to daily. From a growth mindset to the character-building approaches of our school PBIS to the hardy instructional practices, we involve students at every level to build the Habits of

Excellence for academic and future success. The collective efforts of our school community make our school a National Blue-Ribbon School, and this May, we will raise the flag in celebration of our success! Los Coyotes was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022.



Students performing a dance at the National Blue Ribbon Award presentation.

## Raymond Temple *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Estela Salas-Sarmiento**  
*Principal*

### **We are a nationally recognized Green Ribbon School!**

Raymond Temple received wonderful news on Earth day, April 22, 2022. After years of hard work and dedication to Environmental studies and green practices, RT was awarded a Bronze Level Green Ribbon School

award. The U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools recognition award honors schools for excellence in three pillars: resource efficiency, health and wellness, and environmental and sustainability education.

The Green Ribbon application is used as a framework for our Environmental practices and health and wellness initiatives. Each pillar is unique in its focus, and it is important to celebrate all the programs that have earned us this award. For example, in addition to our three outdoor learning labs (our RT gardens), Raymond



**Students tending to their hanging gardens using upcycled materials.**

Temple excels in Pillar two: providing a world-class health and wellness program for our scholars. In addition to this honor, RT was also recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022.

## San Marino *Elementary School*

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**Dr. Omaira Lee**  
*Principal*

### **San Marino Rams are college bound with AVID!**

The 4th Annual San Marino AVID Pep Rally is on May 19, 2022. This educational celebratory rally will promote San Marino's AVID College and Career culture through music, presentations, and speakers.

San Marino is proud to showcase its robust AVID instructional practices. Having AVID as an integral component of the school's culture has assisted San Marino in supporting students' academic and social growth. AVID's College and Career Readiness system is instrumental in developing the school's strong leadership, consistent instruction, systems, and culture. San Marino AVID provides an outstanding learning environment guided by high levels of student engagement, critical thinking, and collaboration for its scholars from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade. This culture has been an integral part in developing the school's



**Students being interviewed as a AVID Showcase site.**

philosophy in closing the achievement gap, preparing all scholars for success as independent thinkers and life-long learners in a global society. San Marino was also honored to be recognized as a California Department of Education 2022 Pivotal Practice Award winner for 2022. This makes us AVID minded, AVID Strong, and College Bound!

- Congratulations to our employees of the year:
  - Teacher of the Year:  
**Mrs. Theresa Ogawa, Danbrook School**
  - Classified Employee of the Year:  
**Mrs. Adrienne Werderman,  
Instructional Assistant, San Marino School**
- Congratulations to **Los Coyotes Elementary School: National Blue Ribbon Award recipient.**  
The National Blue Ribbon Award is one of the most coveted awards, given to schools that exemplify outstanding academic excellence.
- Congratulations to **Los Coyotes Elementary School who just received an Honorable Mention as part of the Civic Learning Awards** from Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye's office.
- We celebrate that **San Marino Elementary School was selected by AVID to be a Case Study school**, using their story to show other elementary schools how they too can develop a college-going school culture in their schools!

All of these accomplishments are the culmination of the great partnerships between staff and community! Thank you.

As we prepare to finalize our plans for the upcoming 2022/23 school year, parents can look forward to:

- **District-wide Music program, with rhythm and sound exploration in grades TK-4 and strings in grades 5-6**
- **Access to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for all students who turn 5 by April 30th. Please register now to reserve a seat in our all-day TK programs!**
- **Dual Language Immersion is coming to CESD! We are proud to open a Spanish-language Dual Language Immersion program at Centralia School for all students in grades K and 1.**

It continues to be an absolute pleasure to serve the community of Centralia Elementary School District. Our Board of Education, Board President Montez, Vice President Hoque, Clerk Flores and Members Charoen and Gonzalez, thank our families and staff for such strong collaboration and partnerships! Centralia Elementary School District — a tradition of excellence since 1875!



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## Every Student Succeeding!



**Anne Silavs**  
*Superintendent*

Each year, we sponsor the Every Student Succeeding program in partnership with local service organizations. Inspired by a statewide program of the same name, we honor students who succeed despite challenges. Students throughout the community were honored in April. Below is a sampling of their accomplishments.

Iris – After several bone fractures, Iris was diagnosed with brittle bone disease.

However, that doesn't stop her. In addition to keeping up with her studies, Iris is writing a novel in her spare time.

Khang – Though smaller than most when he first started school, Khang has proven himself. He worked diligently on his communication skills and today will talk your ear off about his favorite places big and small.

Alexis – Born prematurely, Alexis was not expected to survive, but her zest for life could not be extinguished. She worked hard to develop her motor skills and has progressed to taking steps without the use of her walker.

Joshua – Sometimes learning can feel overwhelming, but not for Joshua. He asks for help when needed and has made wonderful progress. He is also a friend to others, offering encouragement to classmates when needed most.

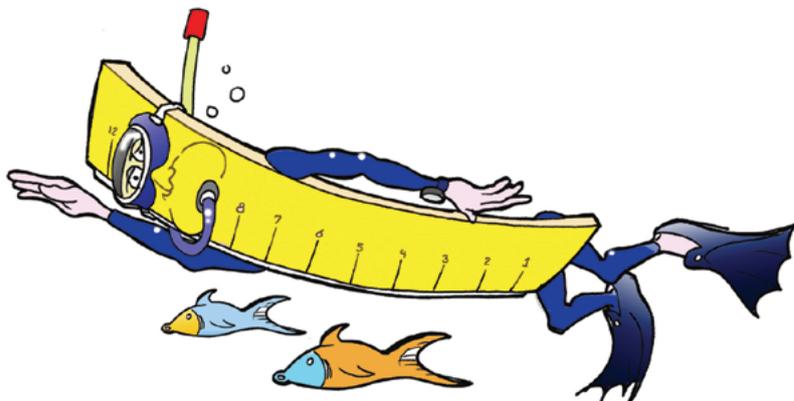
Laila – As a selective mute, Laila struggled making friends. With the support of school staff, she persevered and blossomed. She is now willing to let others see the special person she is inside!

Anastasia – Losing her great-grandmother was hard for Anastasia. They shared a room together, and Anastasia was there when she passed away. Each day, she looks for simple ways to honor her great-grandmother's memory.

Ilana – High school is filled with milestones that students celebrate with family. The loss of her father made this truth bittersweet for Ilana. To make her father proud, she maintains straight A's and is actively involved at school.

Melissa – Creative, hard-working, and caring are adjectives used to describe Melissa. She never hesitates to put in extra time and work to excel in school and is always willing to share her time and talents to help others succeed as well.

Have a fun summer and we'll see you when you come back to school!



## A. E. Arnold *Elementary School*

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**Vanessa DeSantis**  
*Principal*

### The ROAR Store

Arnold is proud of its newly established virtual ROAR store where students are given the opportunity to spend points they earn for displaying positive behaviors. Teachers Tracy Cunanan and Gina Martinez were integral in creating the store, and their hard work and dedication have paid off. Students are excited to earn points so they can visit the store.

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Cunanan's class help operate the ROAR store, which teaches them about the system of economy, supply, and demand and also about balancing their school workload and ROAR store duties. The ROAR store impacts all of Arnold's students by preparing them for a future in which they are more responsible with their daily choices.



**Sixth-grade students help a first-grader check out from the ROAR store**

## Clara J. King *Elementary School*

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**Jacki Teschke**  
*Principal*

### Project Earth Day

To coincide with Earth Day, fourth-grade students in Ms. Cruz' class began a project in March to increase student awareness of social problems and how they can be solved. These students brainstormed ideas for how to improve the school and decided that keeping our school environment clean by disposing of waste properly and reducing the amount of trash generated was something everyone could work on. The students worked in groups to identify unique ways in which everyone could do their part and how to communicate this information to the entire student body. After sharing their ideas with the principal, the students hung posters to remind everyone about the importance of keeping our planet clean and the consequences of our actions when we do not.



**Fourth-graders remind King students about the importance of keeping the environment clean**

# Margaret Landell *Elementary School*

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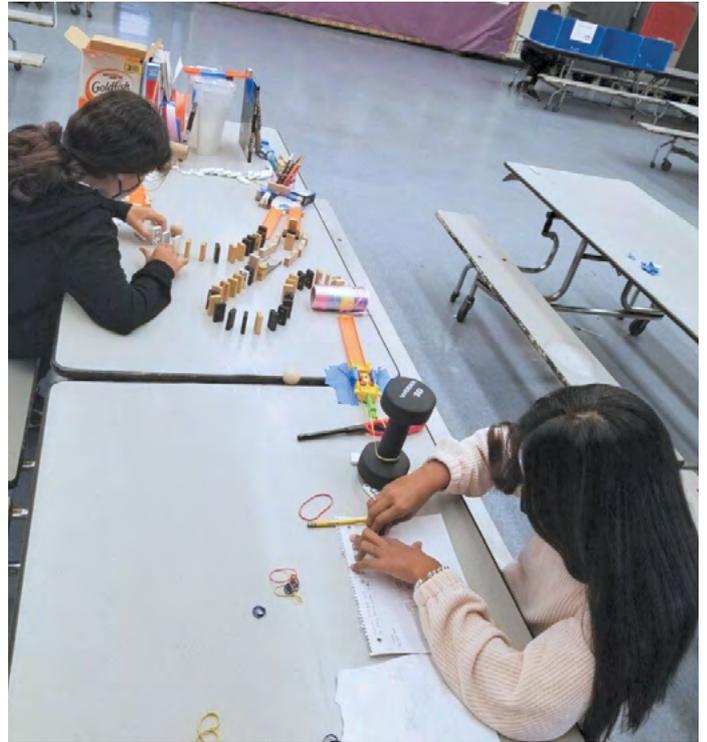


**Emma Connoy**  
*Principal*

## Our Science Olympians

The Science Olympiad is a nationwide competition designed to increase students' interest in STEM fields and provide recognition for outstanding achievement in team events. Students compete in topics including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. It provides our students with the opportunity to collaborate with others and exhibit their mastery of skills.

The SoCal Elementary Science Olympiad Tournament was held on March 4, 2022. This virtual experience replaced the elementary tournaments traditionally hosted by each region. The tournament consisted of a series of online tests and virtual meetings where teams were given the chance to demonstrate their knowledge of science concepts utilizing construction and building skills. In teams of two or three, our Landell Olympians participated in 30-minute trials covering such STEM topics as Aerodynamics, Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, and Experimental Design. Landell's team of 15 students competed with 57 other schools and placed third overall in this year's competition!



**Landell Olympians constructing models and recording data.**

# Steve Luther *Elementary School*

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**Doreen O'Leary**  
*Principal*

## Supporting STEM Learning

At Luther, students in grades TK-6 participate in four STEM modules each year. These hands-on units align with the state's Next Generation Science Standards and support student mastery of disciplinary core ideas within Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth and Space

Science. All of the STEM learning activities reinforce crosscutting concepts such as cause and effect, structure and function, and stability and change. They also provide an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of science and engineering practices, such as asking questions and defining problems, which can be applied across the curriculum. Through the end of the school year, Luther students will complete their final STEM module with topics as varied as the movement of objects in the sky (Grade 1), the impact of the environment on organisms (Grade 3), and the conservation and transfer of energy (Grade 6).



**Luther fourth-graders explored renewable energy in April.**

## Juliet Morris *Elementary School*

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**Helen Lu**  
*Principal*

### Mustang "PRIDE"

Morris launched a new student rewards system in April which makes it easy for staff to identify and reward positive student behavior. Students can earn points throughout the day for doing things such as completing work on time, participating

in class, showing kind gestures toward peers and staff, and adhering to rules in the classroom and on the playground. Focusing on the positive—as opposed to the negative—is a great way to show our students how much we appreciate their efforts and hard work. The rewards system has been shown to be an effective way to improve student behavior, and we are confident that it will help create a more positive and productive learning environment for all students. We also encourage parents and guardians to support our team efforts by providing positive reinforcement at home. Go Mustangs!



**New Mustang "PRIDE" Rewards Program**

## Frank Vessels *Elementary School*

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**Mark Holman**  
*Principal*

### Oratorical Contest

Vessels is excited to once again engage our students in the arts of speech and language through our annual oratorical contest, which was on hiatus during the pandemic. The oratorical contest began 10 years ago as a way to showcase our students' speech

writing and speaking skills in front of an audience. Since then, the contest has become a community favorite with over 30 students vying for oratorical gold. The competition is divided into two categories—one for grades two and three and one for grades four through six. Students are asked to memorize their favorite poem, speech, book excerpt, or original work. They are scored on tone, volume, pace, props, and costumes. The students, staff, and community love to watch and cheer on our contestants as they perform. We look forward to another great contest next school year!



**Oratorical Contest Award Winners**

# Magnolia School District

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## Summer School Program



**Dr. Frank Donovan**  
*Superintendent*

We will be offering several comprehensive programs this summer. Our Long-Term English Learner program will provide our students with targeted language acquisition support. Our 3rd Grade Summer STEM program is open to all incoming 3rd grade students, and we will also offer our Extended School Year program to those students that qualify.

What is different this year is our new Expanded Learning Program that will be open from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM, five days a week. This program will run from June 20th through July 29th. Students will not only be learning, but having lots of fun. We have partnered with the Lego Company to offer Lego STEM programs and we will also have sports and recreational activities. We will continue to offer our Boys and Girls Club program throughout the summer. Breakfast and lunch will be available to all of our students. Fortunately, there is no cost for any of these programs, which will greatly benefit our families.



## Dr. Albert Schweitzer School

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**Marcy Chant**  
Principal

### Students Make Huge Contributions!

Schweitzer's Student Council and PAL (Peer Assistance and Leadership) clubs have been instrumental in making our school a positive place for students this year. PAL and Student Council work closely together, meeting twice monthly before school and organizing schoolwide events. So far this year, they have coordinated Veteran's Day appreciation cards, Kindness Week, Read Across America and a celebration for the first 100 Days of school. Students from PAL bring board games out to the playground every Wednesday for a fun option during recess. Student Council members sign up for the daily announcements, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and sharing information about the day. They make sure to finish up the announcement with a joke of the day to start the morning on a fun note.

After spring break, students were welcomed back to school by PAL and Student Council members who had signs, pom-poms and music as well as big smiles for everyone. Next up is Teacher Appreciation week. Proceeds



**Camila and Massen from Student Council presenting the Morning Announcements.**

from Smencil sales will be used to provide treats for the teachers. Students are also asked to write a note to their teacher, wear their teacher's favorite color, or bring them a flower for Teacher Appreciation Week

We appreciate all our students who volunteer to be part of Student Council and PAL and who take their time to make Schweitzer a better school!

## Dr. Jonas E. Salk School

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**Katie Brown**  
Principal

### Running with Rock the HAWK!

Salk Elementary School held a Jog-A-Thon on March 17, 2022 to help support the Salk PTA. The event was unquestionably a huge success with over \$18,000 raised from donations Salk students collected.

Teachers and students had a blast jogging alongside their friends, rockin' out to the music; all while being encouraged by Rock the HAWK. Classes in upper and primary, as well as SDC, vied for a Movie and Popcorn party awarded to the classes that collected the most donations. In addition, the top two students received a Target gift card. Students with donations over \$200 had a McDonald's lunch.

Feasting on chicken nuggets, cheeseburgers, and of course french fries, the students ate their lunch with the principal, Mrs. Brown, and Assistant Principal, Mrs. Castillo. Salk students and staff were excited to participate in this fun event. Way to go Salk students. Go Seahawks!



## Dr. Peter Marshall *School*

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**Alma Guzmán**  
*Principal*

### PAWsitive Impact Club

At Dr. Peter Marshall, building student agency and teaching kids how to practice ongoing kindness is as important as building their academic repertoire. To help meet this end, we created a student club that has been actively equipping students with skills that help them help others.

Aligned with our school theme this year (“Marshall Creates PAWsitive Impacts”), the PAWsitive Impact Club’s mission is to go out during the recess block and find students that are alone or may need a friend to hang with during recess. Equipped with two Rubik’s cubes in hand, these leaders head out and become the friends of the friendless. Over time, the lonely wanderers become integrated with other individuals, groups of friends, or sports activities thanks to the support of their positive pal.



**PAWsitive Impact Club - peer buddies to any student who may be alone or need a friend to hang out with during recess.**

The success of this club reminds all of us of the power each of us has to make a positive impact!

## Esther L. Walter *School*

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**Rudy Aguila**  
*Principal*

### Reading Marathon

At Esther L. Walter Elementary School, we promoted reading for the entire month of March with a reading marathon. Students were challenged to read up to 26 books during the month. Teachers promoted the marathon

in their classrooms and encouraged students with various classroom activities. Students were motivated by the possibility of receiving a gold reading medal. At the end of the month, during our Friday Spirit Assembly, while teachers wore their best jogging outfits, we set up balloon arches simulating the end of a race, and students ran through to receive their awards as we called each

individual name. Students who had read 26 books received a gold medal, students who had read 13 books received a ribbon, and students who had read less received a certificate for participating in the marathon. Students and staff had a great time while promoting reading at Walter.



## Juliette Low School of the Arts

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**Dr. Roger Nguyen**  
Principal

### Promoting Positivity with PAL

Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) promotes engagement and connectedness amongst students at Juliette Low School of the Arts. PAL advisors, Gina Angrand and Eva Travnicsek-Lee, focus on developing leadership qualities within students to build bridges and positive relationships with their peers. They help highlight kindness and healthy interactions as part of their mission to promote a positive school culture. PAL coordinates different activities throughout campus, such as facilitating board games with Kindergarten students or hosting parachute activities for primary students. PAL students leveraged their Happiness Gram fundraisers as a philanthropic initiative to donate their proceeds to an animal shelter. Advisors Angrand and Travnicsek-Lee were thrilled to see how their PAL students took ownership in creating a forum to express their ideas and collaborated on ways to support their school. The support from PAL



advisors and enthusiasm from their student leaders helped promote positive interactions and meaningful experiences for everyone at Juliette Low School of the Arts.

## Lord Baden-Powell School

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**Kathleen Chammings**  
Principal

### Test like a Jedi

With students returning to in-person learning this year, Lord Baden-Powell has focused on both social-emotional and academic learning to prepare students for success in their personal and college/career endeavors. Now, with state testing quickly approaching and many of our roadrunners not having exposure to the testing conditions since it was *A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away*..., Baden-Powell has created

a theme for testing to motivate students and lower their testing anxiety.

During weekly Spirit Assemblies, Student Council will perform scripted skits with the theme CAASPP WARS: TEST LIKE A JEDI. Each skit will review two strategies to support student success. Positive affirmation postcards will be given to teachers to distribute during testing to boost student confidence and lower testing anxiety. During the culminating spirit assembly, the Rebel Legion will visit the campus as a surprise for students. *May the force be with you*, Lord Baden-Powell roadrunners!



# Mattie Lou Maxwell School

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**Steve Pescetti**  
Principal

## PBIS Program

Maxwell School encourages positive behaviors through our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. What does it mean to be FAST? It means that every

day our students are expected to be Fair and kind, to Act respectfully, be Safe and Take responsibility.

Our students are reminded of the expectations because posters are placed at the entrance of the school, near our restrooms, and inside our MPR. Students can read the poster and understand what it means to be “FAST” on the playground, in the hallways, during lunch and in the restroom.



Students earn “FAST Passes” when staff members want to recognize their great efforts. These passes can be traded in to participate in our weekly spirit rally, enjoy a frozen treat, earn a special chair from the principal, or have lunch provided by the principal.

We encourage our Roadrunners to meet these expectations and celebrate their success all year!

# Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy

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**Dawn Bakker**  
Principal

## Esports/Robotics Club

Esports/Robotics is an afterschool club at the Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy. Coached by Mr. Garwick and Ms. Fehlmann, students spend part of the time practicing on an eSport team using Mario Kart and League

of Legends on their 5 large screen TV monitors. Team members learn the elements of good sportsmanship, setting goals, and teamwork. Our team also participates in competitions. The main tournament was in partnership with Fullerton School District and was held on April 2nd at California State University, Fullerton. It was amazing! Our school came in 3rd place overall, and one team member won 2nd place in Coin Runner. We are also working in teams using Lego EV3 Robots to complete the First Lego League Challenges. Who knows, one of our students might just get a scholarship for eSports; but for now, they all agree that it is a great time bonding with like-minded STEM Scholars!



# Walt Disney School

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**Regina Ford**  
*Principal*

## School Musical

Under the direction of four outstanding Disney teachers, Mrs. Eddeane Trevino, Mrs. Tanis Raimondo, Mrs. Carrie Williams, and Ms. Kylie Yates, students in grades 3-6 had the opportunity to participate in a school musical. Beginning in October and lasting through February, these dedicated students and teachers ran lines, practiced dance

moves, voice projection techniques, drama poses, created set decorations, and of course singing! The final outcome was a MARVELOUS production performed for the students of Disney Elementary in late February. The audience was in awe of the amazing costumes, the bright lights, the fabulous songs, and of course the amazing dance moves performed by the cast. Spending the day in the 100 acre woods with Pooh, Owl, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and more was a sweet treat for Disney School!



# Savanna School District

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The pride I feel in all of our students and staff this year cannot be contained! I've witnessed first-hand their flexibility, perseverance and resilience as we returned to full in-person learning for the first time in over seventeen months. In a year filled with challenges, our staff and students have risen to the occasion and embraced in-person learning with in a myriad of ways. We're proud that we've been able to provide a strong

instructional program focused on grade level standards as well as address the social-emotional needs of students with our smaller class sizes and support of instructional assistants.

I'm proud to announce that the Savanna School District, along with all four schools, recently received California Pivotal Practice Awards. The California Pivotal Practice Schools Award was created to honor schools while the California Distinguished Schools Program is on hiatus. The award celebrates schools and districts that implemented an innovative practice during the 2020–21 school year, when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our schools wrote about how they provided access to technology to ensure every student could attend school virtually, regardless of their home situation. We know the future will continue to depend on technology and providing this resource for each and every student has changed the way we view education. The district application focused on how we provided food for families throughout the pandemic. Knowing that feeding our students was essential in order to keep them healthy and able to learn, we quickly pivoted to providing Grab & Go meals for each student. We are so proud of the tireless efforts of our students and staff for their ingenuity, commitment, and innovation in the face of adversity.

I'm so proud of the effort on the part of our staff to ensure in-person events for students, parents, and our community this spring. It has been heartwarming to see and feel the excitement as parents, students, and staff welcomed back in-person Open Houses for the first time since 2019! Parents have been eager to share in the students' joy of learning. From sixth graders who proudly posed next to their

life-sized mannequins of themselves to fourth graders who enthusiastically displayed their missions, from fifth graders who shared what they had learned about the Founding Fathers to second graders who excitedly shared their owl pellet projects, from third graders who eagerly shared their memory books filled with writing and projects from the year to kindergartners who passionately shared recordings of their reading, it was obvious how much students have learned this year! Our sixth graders will participate in our time-honored Junior Olympics competition between schools this spring for the first time in three years and will savor the experience of in-person promotions. Parents have been welcomed back to campus to witness awards assemblies, field days, class presentations, and more. This demonstration of community support for our schools, our students and continued learning has been gratifying, highlighting what amazing things can happen when we work together.

I'm proud that we will once again offer Summer Academy for our students currently enrolled in transitional kindergarten through grade five. Our 2022 Summer Academy Program will focus on assisting with potential setbacks in student learning and academic achievement over the summer. The program will provide scholars with foundational skills in language arts and math at the grade level they were assigned to during the 2021-22 school year. In addition, we are proud to partner with community organizations to extend the Summer Academy day with childcare programs. We know that the summer programs will provide much-needed support for our students and parents as we prepare for the 2022-23 school year.

When I reflect on what makes a good school district a GREAT school district, I recognize that it is "people;" people like our staff who are committed to what they do each day to ensure student success that we can be proud of; people like our parents who provide the home support for our students so that they can reach their potential; and people like all those in our community who have contributed to our successes in so many ways. Because of the flexibility, perseverance, and resilience of our students, staff, and parents, the 2021-22 school year has indeed been a successful one in which we take tremendous pride!

# Cerritos School

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**Lauren Stuart**  
Principal

## Cheetahs Celebrate

Cerritos Cheetahs celebrated World Book Day for the first time this year. Students and teachers alike dressed up as their favorite book character and shared their favorite books. The day helped to foster students' love of books and shared reading. Students spent the day reading and examining different works of literature.

The Cerritos Cheetahs also celebrated Earth Day. Students were reminded of the importance of protecting their environment, restoring damaged ecosystems, and to living a more sustainable life. Each class brainstormed ways that they could help the school and community to be more ecofriendly. The student council voted to start a recycling program at Cerritos in their quest to encourage everyone to live a more sustainable lifestyle year-round. Each class now has a recycling bin to recycle paper and plastic items.



# Hansen School

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**Phoenix Pineda**  
Interim Principal

## Huskies Support Local Families

Here at Hansen, we just wrapped up our first ever canned food drive. The event was orchestrated by our Student Council. Classes were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items during the week of April 4th – 8th. The week ended with a school-wide fun run where students gathered pledges of can donations per lap from friends and family. Our Hansen

family was able to gather more than 3,000 canned food items! Student Council members took several hundred cans and created gift baskets for local Hansen families. The rest of the items were donated to the Orange County Food Bank. Our Student Council was there to help them box and load the truck on pick up day. The event was an amazing success and students are already talking about their collection goal for next year. On pick-up day, Orange County Food Bank was overwhelmed with the generosity of Hansen families.



## Holder School

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**Jason Blade**  
Principal

### Let the Games Begin!

The Savanna School District was able to hold its annual Junior Olympics once again for the first time since May of 2019. Sixth grade students from all four of the schools in Savanna had a blast spending time with one another and competing in a variety of activities including sprints, standing and running long jump, three-legged race, gunny sack race, softball throw, basketball toss, and many more. The Savanna students' sportsmanship and good character was on full display as they laughed and cheered one another on throughout the day. Although students earned ribbons for first, second, and third place in various events, in the end it didn't matter who won or lost, it was just about the fun of competition and memories that were made. It was a truly awesome event and one that our students and staff appreciate now more than ever!



## Twila Reid School

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**Maria Garcia**  
Principal

### Open House Returns!

This year Reid teachers were able to open their doors again and welcome parents to Open House 2022 with approximately 90% of parents and students enthusiastically attending. Families were able to enter raffles and win prizes, participate in Penny Wars, and purchase Ram gear. Parents were eager to share in the students' joy of learning with so many reading the work on exhibit in classrooms, sitting with students as they shared work displayed on their desks, and participating in the 'scavenger hunts' teachers had set up for students. How excited students were to share their Owl Pellet projects and their plant observation logs, their memory books and their gold rush dioramas. Displays of artwork from master artists such as Van Gough and Paul Klee demonstrated a balanced curriculum for our students. Hearing parents and students interact with each other, with friends, and with teachers was very exciting as we returned to an in-person Open House!



## Kailani's Review



**Kailani T.**

### Who is BOB?

*Bob* by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead is a magical fiction about a girl who helps an old friend find home. Olivia (Livy) is 10 years old when she travels to Australia to visit her grandmother she hasn't seen in 5 years. Livy doesn't



remember much from her last visit to grandma's, but when she sees Bob, she has a feeling she may have known him. Bob is a short greenish creature in a chicken suit. He doesn't know who he is. He doesn't remember anything about his family or where he came from. When Livy was 5, she promised she would help him find home. Bob has been waiting in her closet at grandma's house for Livy's return ever since. Livy and Bob become closer friends as they try to unravel the mystery of where Bob came from.

This book is sweet, emotional, and magical with a touch of suspense. I also learned more about friendship from the book. I give this book 5 stars.

Kailani is a 4th grader who loves to read. When not playing with her brother, Kailani likes to listen to music, ride horses, and play board games. Hope everyone stays well and healthy.

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## Curious George Goes to the Zoo—Word Search Contest

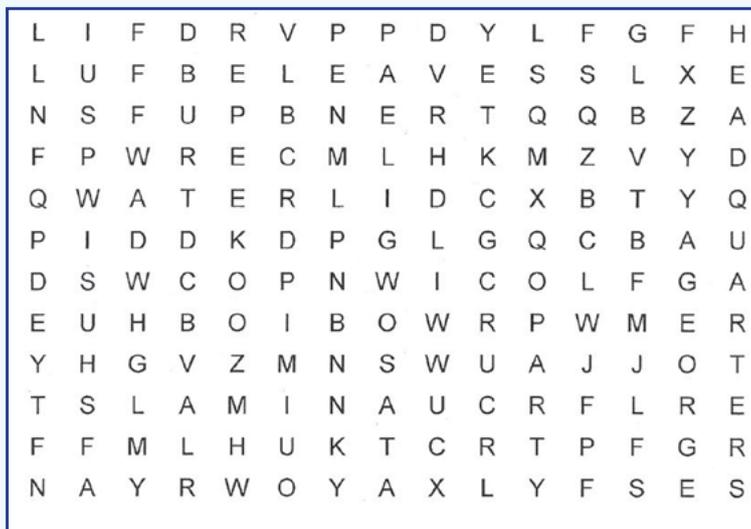
**Rules!** One word in the list is NOT in the word search.

When you have completed the word search, one word will be left and that word you email to: [Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com](mailto:Kay@schoolnewsrollcall.com) (Please put CCMS in the subject line)

Entries must be received by **June 15, 2022**

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## David's Review



David H.

### A Tortoise and Love

Title: *Esio Trot*

Author: Roald Dahl

*Esio Trot* is about

a very shy man named Mr. Hoppy and the woman he likes, Mrs. Silver.

Mrs. Silver loves her

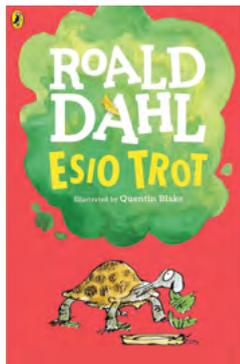
beloved pet tortoise Alfie and will do anything to make him grow.

Mr. Hoppy comes up with a clever plan to make Alfie bigger and have Mrs. Silver fall in love with him.

Read this book to find out what happens and if his plan works.

I liked this story so much that I've read it multiple times!

If you like tortoises and a little bit of love, you should definitely read this book.



David is in fourth grade and he loves to read and play piano. He likes math and outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tennis, and basketball.

## Daniel's Review



Daniel H.

### Best Friends Forever?

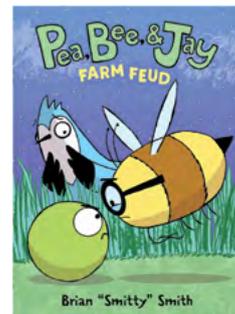
Title: *Pea, Bee, & Jay: Farm Feud*

Author: Brian "Smitty" Smith

Best friends

Pea (a pea), Bee (a bee), and Jay (a bird) are back in this fourth book of the Pea, Bee, & Jay

series! Pea and Bee are arguing so Jay decides to go find new best friends. Then Pea and Bee try to find new best friends too. At the same time, there is a hungry snake who wants to eat them all! I really liked this funny book with cute characters who are silly and have good hearts. Read this book to find out what happens to them and also to learn the lesson that you should never forget about the friends you have.



Daniel is in second grade and he likes to spend time with his family playing board games, reading, and playing sports like tennis, soccer, and basketball.

## Yoona's Review



Yoona C.

### Holes of Everything

Title: *Holes*

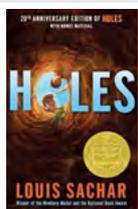
Author: Louis Sachar

This book has lots of themes like friendship and more! The main character of this book is Stanley. He was a 14 year old

boy with no friends. He was bullied at school.

He goes to a horrible camp just because he

did "something" without any evidence. The horrible thing about the camp is you have to dig very big holes. I mean big. The worst part, it's in the desert. You might think you could just have water to survive, but you have limited amounts of water! Stanley finally gets friends in the camp! He makes deals and has fun with his friends, although some "friends" turn out to be fake. He does get in trouble lots of times in the camp still without evidence. He experienced lots of hardships, but he survived. Yes, the camp was horrible, but there were some good parts! Find out what happens next!



Yoona is a 4th grader. She likes to read books and create stories. She also enjoys playing soccer.

## Taegyung's Book Review



Taegyung K.

### Love and Courage

Title: *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere*

Author: Julie T. Lamana  
Alex, Betsy, Donna, Elsa, and Fiona. Do you know what these are? They are not the names of my friends. They are all hurricane's names.

This book is about a girl and her family who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans where 'Hurricane Katrina' hit.

Armani Curtis is waiting for her 10th birthday. She is very excited for her birthday and looking forward to it. It seems that everything goes well. However, Hurricane Katrina hits her town on her birthday. What will happen to her and her family? Can she go through with this hard time? What do the boots in the book cover mean for her?

This is a realistic fiction story for upper graders. As you read the book, I am sure that you can find yourself cheering for Armani.



Taegyung K. is a 6th grader. She loves reading books and writing her own stories. Also, she likes to draw and play video games.