

# 2015 ABCUSD **BACK TO SCHOOL** RESOURCE GUIDE

## **DISTRICT NEWS & INFORMATION**

- Award Winning District
- Bus Stops
- District Holidays
- Back to School Dates
- Graduation Dates

## **PRINCIPALS' UPDATES FROM ALL ABCUSD SCHOOLS**

- 19 Elementary Schools
- 5 Middle Schools
- 5 High Schools
- ABC Adult School

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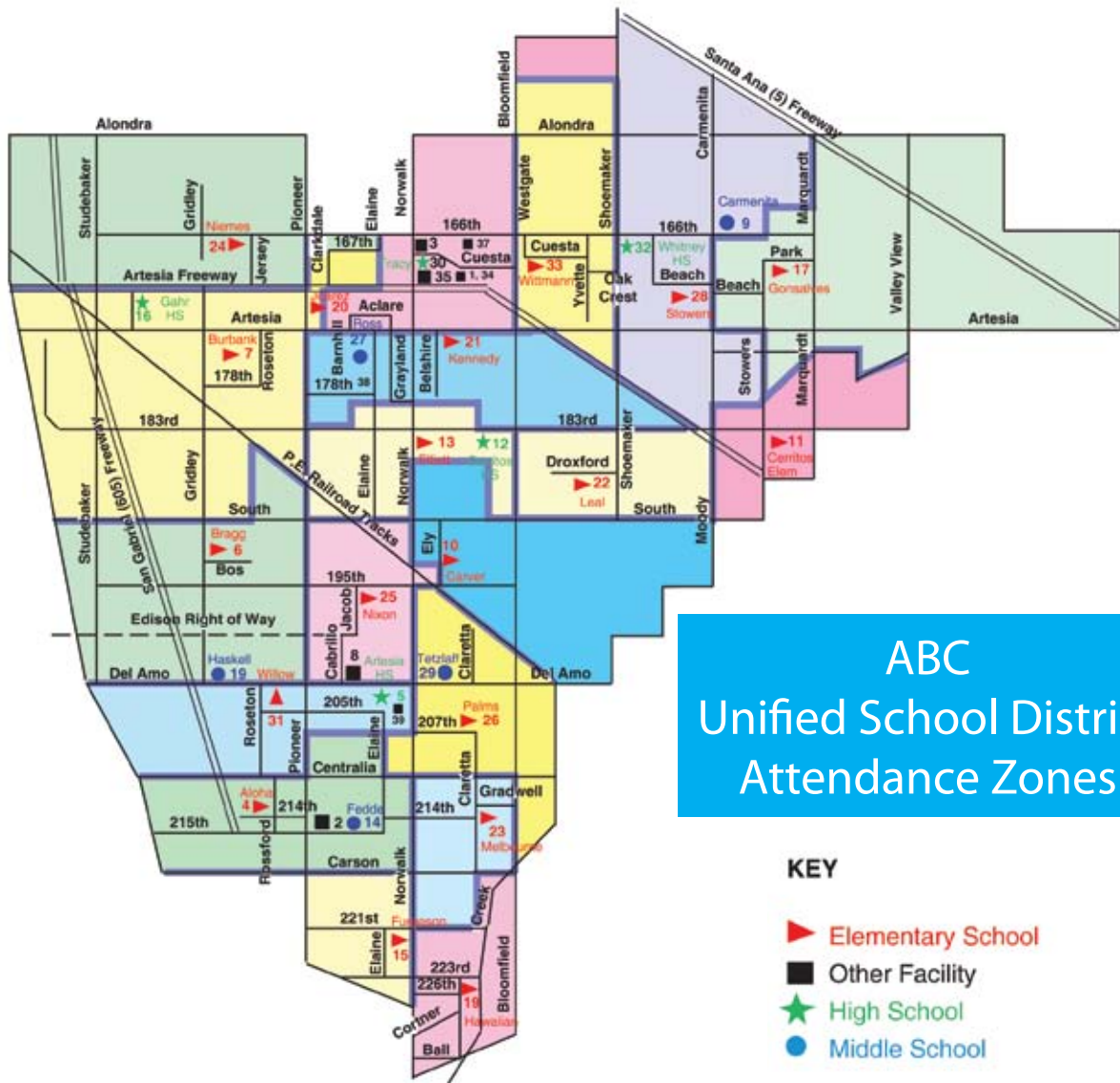
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## ABC Unified School District Attendance Zones

### KEY

- ▶ Elementary School
- Other Facility
- ★ High School
- Middle School

### Site Locations and Phone Numbers

1. ■ ABC Adult School	12254 Cuesta.	Cerritos	229-7960
2. ■ ABC Adult Education Center at Fedde	11949 E. 215 Street,	Hawaiian Gardens	926-5566 ext. 25156
3. ■ ABC Unified School District (District Office)	16700 Norwalk Blvd.,	Cerritos	926-5566
3a. ■ ABC Unified School District (West Office)	11011 Artesia Blvd.,	Cerritos	229-7985
4. ▶ Aloha Elementary	11737 E. 214th Street,	Lakewood	229-7825
5. ★ Artesia High School	12108 E. Del Amo,	Lakewood	229-7700
39. ■ Artesia High School Children Center & AHSEIP	20651 Norwalk Blvd.,	Lakewood	229-7959
6. ▶ Bragg Elementary School	11501 Bos Street,	Cerritos	229-7830
7. ▶ Burbank Elementary School	17711 Roseton,	Artesia	229-7835
8. ▶ Cabrillo Lane Education Center	20122 Cabrillo Lane,	Cerritos	809-9011
9. ● Carmenita Middle School	13435 E. 166th Street,	Cerritos	229-7775
10. ▶ Carver Elementary School	19200 Ely Street,	Cerritos	229-7840
11. ▶ Cerritos Elementary School	13600 E. 183rd Street,	Cerritos	229-7845
12. ★ Cerritos High School	12500 E. 183rd Street,	Cerritos	229-7715
34. ▶ Computer Training Center	12254 Cuesta,	Cerritos	926-5566 ext. 21550
13. ▶ Elliott Elementary School	18415 Cortner Avenue,	Artesia	229-7850
14. ● Fedde Middle School	21409 Elaine Avenue,	Hawaiian Gardens	229-7805
15. ▶ Ferguson Elementary School	22215 Elaine Avenue,	Hawaiian Gardens	229-7855
16. ★ Gahr High School	11111 Artesia Blvd.,	Cerritos	229-7730
17. ▶ Gonsalves Elementary School	13650 Park Street,	Cerritos	229-7860
35. ■ Graphics Department located at Tracy High School		Cerritos	926-5566 ext. 22226
18. ● Haskell Middle School	11525 Del Amo,	Cerritos	229-7815
19. ▶ Hawaiian Elementary School	12350 E. 226th Street,	Hawaiian Gardens	229-7865
20. ▶ Juarez Elementary School	11939 Aclaire Street,	Cerritos	229-7870
21. ▶ Kennedy Elementary School	17500 Belshire Avenue,	Artesia	229-7875
22. ▶ Leal Elementary School	12920 Droxford Street,	Cerritos	229-7880
36. ■ Maintenance Operations	11865 E. 178th Street,	Artesia	926-5566 ext. 22403
23. ▶ Melbourne Elementary School	21314 Clareta Avenue,	Lakewood	229-7885
24. ▶ Niemess Elementary School	16715 Jersey Avenue,	Artesia	229-7890
37. ■ Nutrition Services	12255 Cuesta Drive	Cerritos	926-5566 ext. 21275
25. ▶ Pat Nixon Elementary School	19600 Jacob Avenue,	Cerritos	229-7895
26. ▶ Palms Elementary School	12445 E. 207th Street,	Lakewood	229-7900
27. ● Ross Middle School	17707 S. Elaine Avenue,	Artesia	229-7785
28. ▶ Stowers Elementary School	13350 Beach Street,	Cerritos	229-7905
29. ● Tetzlaff Middle School	12351 Del Amo,	Cerritos	229-7795
30. ★ Tracy High School	12222 Cuesta Drive,	Cerritos	229-7760
38. ■ Transportation	11865 E. 178th Street,	Artesia	926-5566 ext. 22407
31. ▶ Willow Elementary School	11733 E. 205th Street,	Lakewood	229-7910
32. ★ Whitney High School	16800 Shoemaker Avenue,	Cerritos	229-7745
33. ▶ Wittmann Elementary School	16801 Yvette Avenue,	Cerritos	229-7915



# A Message From The Superintendent - Dr. Mary Sieu



ABCUSD  
Superintendent  
Dr. Mary Sieu

In 1965, forward thinking educators unified Artesia, Bloomfield and Carmenita School Districts creating the ABC Unified School District. Their goal was to create world class schools among the diverse communities served in the District. Needless to say, times and technologies have changed since then but our core mission remains the same—to provide the highest quality educational experience we can envision. As we celebrate the next 50 years, we remain committed in our focus on raising student achievement with our 21,000 (TK-12) students as well as our preschool and adult learners in the District.

I have been with ABCUSD since 1989 and this is my fourth year as the District Superintendent. I feel great pride and humility when I consider my legendary predecessors. However, I recognize that the strength of our District is our ability to leverage individual talents of our stakeholders including our remarkable Board of Education, dynamic teachers, our support staff, amazing parents and community members. As a result, our District has thrived throughout the past fifty years to become one of the top performing districts in the State.

ABCUSD is fortunate to serve a number of communities that truly understand the importance of education. Our PTA members volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours each year to support our schools. Our parents and guardians support learning outside of school. We are fortunate to have incredible partners that fill critical gaps and enhance our programs, including the ABC Education Foundation and hundreds of business and community partners within our District. Certainly, not enough can be said about our incredible students who make us proud of what we do every day.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the many new opportunities that are facing us as we implement the California State Standards, the State assessment called Smarter Balanced Assessment and the second year of our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Please find information on our LCAP on the District website.

This is the first year of a trustee area election in November for members of the Board of Education. The trustee area map outlining the seven trustee areas may be found on our District website.

There is still much work that remains. I value continuous improvement and welcome input from all our key stakeholders in the District and communities we serve as we move forward.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. For more information about ABCUSD, please check out our website at: [www.abcsud.k12.ca.us](http://www.abcsud.k12.ca.us) or follow me on Twitter: @abcsupt.

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# A Message From The Board President - Maynard Law



ABCUSD Board  
President  
Maynard Law

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our School Board, I am pleased to welcome you and your family to the 2015-2016 school year. Student achievement continues to be our number one goal. The success of our schools is made possible by the immeasurable contributions of our students, parent organizations, community members, staff, and the School Board. The ABC Unified School District continues to provide a world-class education to all our students.

The district was honored this past school year with four of our schools including Haskell MS, Artesia HS, Cerritos HS, and Gahr HS being selected for the 2015 California Gold Ribbon Awards. Whitney HS was also recognized for being a 2014-15 National Blue Ribbon School for the fifth time. Fedde MS was honored as a National Schools to Watch.

As we continue to strive for excellence the entire Board wishes your children a very successful school year.

Maynard Law  
President, Board of Education  
ABC Unified School District

# ABC Unified School District Board of Education



**Maynard Law**, President of the Board, was elected to the ABC Board in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Maynard is a retired Special Education Teacher as well as a retired public administrator. Maynard has been a resident of Cerritos for 38 years, with both of his sons educated in ABC. He has extensive involvement in the school district and the community. He has served the community on various ABC School District advisory committees, coached more

than 40 youth sports teams, volunteered as a scout leader, as a member of the Friends of Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, as President of the Cerritos Optimist Club, and as Chairman of the City of Cerritos Parks and Recreation Commission. He feels honored to continue the leadership excellence that is the cornerstone of the ABC District. He believes that continuing strong partnerships among parents, teachers, administrators, employee groups, and the school board is a priority. He believes that a primary role of a board member is to ensure that every student has the resources to achieve academic success. Mr. Law is the liaison to the L.A. County Committee on School District Organization and the L.A. County School Trustees Association. Mr. Law serves on the Southeast ROP Board of Trustees.



**Olympia Chen**, Vice President of the Board, was first elected to the ABC Board in 1997. She also served as the Board President in 2000, 2004, 2009, and 2012. Olympia was a high school teacher and has been a resident of Cerritos for 30 years. She has extensive involvement in the school district and the community. She volunteered in her children's schools, including serving as secretary of Carmenita PTA and Cerritos High School PTSA. Olympia was a board member for the Greater Long Beach Chapter

of the American Red Cross as well as the Community Family Guidance Center. She is a member of Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos, a lifetime member of Friends of Cerritos Library, and a member of the Association of American University Women. Olympia enjoys "Read Aloud" events at the schools. Olympia feels it is critical to continue the collaboration between employee groups and the administration so that everyone can focus on student achievement. She also devotes herself to the mission that all students in ABC be college or career ready upon high school graduation.



**Armin Reyes**, Clerk of the Board, was elected to the ABC Unified School District Board of Education in 1999 and re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011. He served as Vice President of the Board in 2004 and President in 2005. He is also serves as member of the Southeast ROP Board of Trustees.

Armin works as a Labor representative with the United Nurses Association of California, UNAC/UHP, AFSCME, and AFL-CIO. He also serves as a Functional Specialty Team Leader with the 426th Civil Affairs Battalion with a rank of a Major. Armin was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005, again in 2007-2009, and again 2012-2013.

Armin has been active in the community for many years. He is a member Cerritos-Artesia Rotary Club, Past President of Sunny Side Optimist Club of Cerritos, Past Board of Trustee-Artesia-Sunrise Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a life time member of the Reserve Officers Association and member of Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

Armin and his wife Lilibelle have been married for 17 years and have been Cerritos residents since 1996. They have three children, Ian, Julia, and Michael. Ian is an alumni of Cerritos High School class of 2013 attending Long Beach City College, Julia a Sophomore attending Cerritos High School and Michael is a 7th grader at Carmenita Middle School.



**Lynda Johnson**, Member of the Board was elected to the ABC Board of Education in 2011 and re-elected in 2013. Lynda has been a resident of Cerritos since 1971 and is a product of the schools in the ABC district. In the community, she has coached youth basketball, T-ball, and soccer through the City of Cerritos Parks and Recreation program. Lynda has visited all 30 schools in the district and has been in the classrooms of 19 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 4 high schools and the adult school, which gives her a better understanding of the needs of ABC students, parents and the community. Currently she is the Board Liaison to the City of Lakewood. She has been involved with and volunteers for the Lakewood Pan American Scholarship Association, of which many of our ABC students are recipients of. Lynda has also served on the Service Academy Nomination panel for Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. Lynda encourages our ABC parents and the ABC community stakeholders to be engaged, involved and informed so that together, we can provide all of our students with a 21st century education. Lynda Johnson can be contacted via email at: [abcboardmemberjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:abcboardmemberjohnson@gmail.com)



**Celia Spitzer**, Member of the Board, was first elected to the ABC Board in 1999 and to her fourth term in 2011. She has been a resident of Cerritos since 1971. Celia worked as a systems engineer for IBM after graduating from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics. Both of her children attended ABC schools from kindergarten through high school. Celia is proud of the many accomplishments of our district, its students and its employees. Many

of our schools have received state and national recognition for academic performance. ABC has received national recognition for its excellent relationship with district employees with everyone working together to promote student achievement. All of this is being accomplished with a balanced budget that focuses on the needs of all students. Celia thoroughly enjoys serving on the Board and is proud of how well our schools and the communities they serve are working together.



**Sophia Tse**, Member of the Board, was elected to the ABC Board in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Sophia has been a resident of Cerritos for 27 years. All three of her children attended ABC schools. She has served in the community through the following organizations: Chairwoman and Board Member of the Southern California Chinese Culture Association; coach, team mom, and first aid provider for City of Cerritos soccer teams; participant in the March of Dimes Program for premature Infants; and community instructor for basic life support and parenting classes. Mrs. Tse is the liaison to the Career Technical Education Ad Hoc Board Advisory Committee. She believes that educational instruction should develop all aspects of the student, including the physical, intellectual, social, and psychological aspects, in order to create a well-rounded individual. She strongly feels that success in a student's education can only occur through strong parental involvement and participation.



**Soo Yoo**, Member of the Board, was elected to the ABC School Board in 2013. She is the Founder and Director of an afterschool Tutoring and College preparatory academy since 1994. Soo earned her Bachelor Degree from University of California, Irvine and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary. Soo is fluent in English, Spanish, and Korean languages. Soo has extensive experience as a College Admission Consultant, newspaper education columnist, speaker for PTA sponsored college prep seminars at ABC Schools, and Committee Member on the City of Cerritos' Let Freedom Ring Committee. She is also a member of PTA at Wittmann Elementary and served on the School Site Council at Gahr High School. Additionally, she served as a girl's volunteer basketball coach for the City of Cerritos Park and Recreation. In 2007, Soo founded the American Red Cross, Gateway Chapter. She is the Artesia/Cerritos Annual Team Sponsor for American Cancer Society-Relay for Life since 2008. Soo is an advisor to the Mid-City Korean Senior Association. A Cerritos resident since 1996, Soo is married to Sam, a Pastor, for 22 years. They have four children: Hannah, Amy, Rachel, and Abigail. They all attended, or attend ABC Schools at Wittmann Elementary, Carmenita Middle School and Gahr High School. Soo is currently the Board liaison to the Cities of Cerritos and Lakewood.

# ABC Unified-An Award Winning District

Title I Academic Achievement Award

2015 NSBA Magna Grand Prize Award



*Haskell Middle School.*



*ABC Parent Leadership Conference wins National School Board Association's Grand Prize Award.*



## ACSA State Middle School Principal of the Year

*Crechena Wise*



## ***ABC Unified School District***

# **Welcome Back To School !**

Wishing you all the best  
and continued success as  
you begin a new school year.

**Don Knabe**  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles  
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# Awards Season in ABC

## 2014-17 Whitney High School National Blue Ribbon School

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Whitney High School in Cerritos was honored as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School. ABCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Mary Sieu, Whitney HS Principal Dr. Rhonda Buss and Whitney HS teacher Jodi Improta attended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony held at the Omni Hotel in Washington, DC. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and has been held each year since 1982. Whitney HS was one of 24 California public schools that was recognized as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School. Whitney HS has the special distinction of having earned this award the most number of times in the country—five times!

The California schools, which are either high achieving or made significant academic improvement are among 337 schools in 47 states. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan opened the Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC. Each winner of the National Blue Ribbon School Award received a beautiful plaque and flag as a mark of excellence from Aba Kumi, Director of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program in the U.S. Dept. of Education.



*Whitney HS recognized by L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe for their National Blue Ribbon Award.*



*Nancy Ziolkowski, Science teacher at Whitney HS was recognized as 2015 "Educator of the Year" finalist at the California League of Schools Awards Dinner.*



*(l-r) Jodi Improta, Whitney High School teacher; Aba Kumi, Director - National Blue Ribbon Schools Program; Dr. Rhonda Buss, Principal - Whitney HS; Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent - ABCUSD*



*ABC Board of Education recognizes Whitney HS for being selected a National Blue Ribbon School.*

## Fedde Middle School Celebrates Selection as 2015 California's "Schools to Watch"

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, students, staff, parents, district leaders, board members and community members celebrated the selection of Fedde Middle School as a California's 2015 Schools to Watch—Taking Center Stage model middle schools. Fedde Middle School is one of seven new schools selected in California for this statewide and national recognition.



*(l-r) Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; Mayor Barry Bruce; Board Member Olympia Chen; President Maynard Law; ASB President Alinna Perez; Principal Ricardo Lois; Board Member Celia Spitzer; Pharris Fedde*



# Awards Season in ABC

## Five ABC Schools Honored by State Department

On Friday, May 22, 2015 five schools in ABC Unified School District were honored by the California Department of Education in the California School Recognition Program held in San Diego. The four schools selected for the 2015 California Gold Ribbon Awards included Haskell MS, Artesia HS, Cerritos HS and Gahr HS. In addition, Whitney HS also was recognized for being a 2014-15 National Blue Ribbon School for the fifth time.

Each school team including the principal and teachers participated in the Awards Ceremony and Banquet held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. President of the ABC School Board, Maynard Law, Superintendent of ABC, Dr. Mary Sieu and Director of Human Resources, Dr. Susan Hixson also attended the Awards Ceremony with the school teams. There were 193 middle schools and 180 high schools that were honored under the new Awards Program. This temporarily takes the place of the California Distinguished Schools Program which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment and accountability systems.

Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu said, "This Award is a direct reflection of the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, support staff, and parents at each of the five schools recognized. The community should feel proud that all four comprehensive high schools in the District were recognized for the highest honor in the State."



*Artesia High School.*



*Whitney High School.*



*Gahr High School.*



*Cerritos High School.*



*Haskell Middle School.*



# ABC Magnet School Programs

Discover the exciting programs offered at the ABC USD's sixteen magnet schools. Magnet schools have special programs that offer theme-based curriculum for students with special interests. They have innovative programs that are designed to enhance the students' educational experience.

Magnet schools are open to students residing in and outside ABC Unified School District. There is no cost to attend ABC magnet schools. They are educational options in the ABC Unified School District.



**Schedule a visit with  
an ABC Magnet School!  
Please call the schools  
for an appointment!**

**1 ALOHA ELEMENTARY: A Health and Medical Academy**  
Grades K-6 11737 East 214<sup>th</sup> Street, Lakewood, CA 90715 (562) 229-7825  
The Aloha Health Medical Academy provides students with the knowledge and skills needed for the growing Health and Medical Industry. Academically, Health and Medical topics are intertwined with state standards, both in the classroom and in the state-of-the-art Science Lab.



**2 BURBANK ELEMENTARY: A Visual, Performing, and Folk Arts Magnet School**  
Grades K-6 17711 Roseton Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701 (562) 229-7835  
The Burbank Visual, Performing, and Folk Arts Magnet provides our students an arts-based academic program that reflects America's cultural richness. Music, visual and performing arts, and drama are integrated into standards-based curriculum with technology enhanced instruction and frequent art lessons.



**3 CARVER ACADEMY: A Communication Arts Magnet Elementary School**  
Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> Grade 19200 Ely Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7840  
This Magnet program helps students gain skills necessary for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century through exploration of both interpersonal and technological communication. The program of schoolwide enrichment and academic achievement for all students, allows them to build the foundation for lifelong success, while developing their personal talents and abilities.



**4 ELLIOTT ELEMENTARY: World Navigators - A Global Studies and Technology Magnet**  
Grades K-6 18415 Cortner Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701 (562) 229-7850  
Elliott School World Navigators explore their world with an integrated social studies curriculum and state-of-the-art technology. Multimedia projects enable students to learn similarities and differences with cultures around the world.



**5 FURGESON ELEMENTARY: Academy of Communications and Technology Magnet**  
Grades K-6 22215 Elaine Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 (562) 229-7855  
Furgeson Academy of Communications and Technology (FACT) promotes better understanding of world cultures — with an emphasis on technology, broadcasting and communication. Its state-of-the-art broadcasting and recording studio allows students to write, produce, and broadcast news and presentations.





- 6 LEAL ELEMENTARY: A Visual and Performing Arts Magnet**  
 Grades K-6 12920 Droxford Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7880  
 Arts In Motion (AIM) offers thematic instruction in four disciplines of the Arts: Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts while focusing on academic work including Aesthetic Valuing, Artistic Perception, and Cultural/Historical Awareness.
- 7 NIEMES ELEMENTARY: School of Environmental Science and Technology Magnet**  
 Grades K-6 16715 South Jersey Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701 (562) 229-7890  
 Nimes Elementary is on the cutting edge of environmental education. Students develop awareness of the interconnection of all species and the ecosystems on our planet through integration of environmental science and technology across all subject areas. The program includes a new Environmental Science Laboratory, an Outdoor Nature Center, Spanish-English Dual Immersion Program, and an after school program.
- 8 NIXON ACADEMY: A Multimedia Arts Production Magnet Elementary School**  
 Grades K-6 19600 Jacob Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7895  
 The Nixon Academy Multimedia Arts Production Magnet program nurtures innovative and creative learners by providing an enriched and challenging curriculum with unique experiences in multimedia arts production, engaging all students to be empowered for the future.
- 9 PALMS ELEMENTARY: Accelerated Learning Academy**  
 Grades K-6 12445 East 207<sup>th</sup> Street, Lakewood, CA 90715 (562) 229-7900  
 Students at Palms Accelerated Learning Academy are prepared for academic success from kindergarten through college and career, mastering 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills and focusing on strong academic futures. Through the AVID Elementary Program and SpringBoard pre-AP classes students develop the skills and learning practices that will assist them in excelling far into their futures, making a pathway to promising careers and college education.
- 10 STOWERS ELEMENTARY: School of International Studies - A Unique Primary Years Program**  
 Grades K-6 13350 Beach Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7905  
 A magnet school based upon the International Baccalaureate programme offering a rigorous and challenging inquiry-based curriculum. All students learn Spanish, develop leadership, communication, and global research skills through real world projects and engage in a weekly enrichment in Seminar, a critical thinking and problem solving, collaborative dialogue.
- 11 FEDDE MIDDLE SCHOOL: International Studies Academy**  
 Grades 7-8 21409 South Elaine Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 (562) 229-7805  
 Modeled after International Baccalaureate's *Middle Years Programme*, Fedde offers a program that emphasizes strong research and communication skills while remaining student-centered with a project-based approach to learning. In addition to learning Spanish, students develop a global perspective for real-life issues and use the latest technology to research, present, and exchange ideas.
- 12 HASKELL MIDDLE SCHOOL: STEM Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)**  
 Grades 7-8 11525 Del Amo Boulevard, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7815  
 Addressing the learning needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Haskell's STEM Magnet infuses learning with all aspects of the STEM curriculum. The state of the art SMART Lab gives students the opportunity explore in depth individual and group projects ranging from robotics, bridge building, media arts, recycled dragsters, and complete multimedia projects. All STEM disciplines are integrated across the curriculum.
- 13 ROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL: Academy of Creative and Media Arts Magnet**  
 Grades 7-8 17707 Elaine Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701 (562) 229-7785  
 The highly creative atmosphere at Ross Academy of Creative and Media Arts encourages students to be motivated and engaged in the program of academic excellence and creativity. The program includes a state-of-the-art computer lab, video/media production, creative writing, theater arts, musical arts, and fine arts (ceramics, printmaking, and sculpture).
- 14 TETZLAFF ACCELERATED LEARNING ACADEMY: A Pre-Advanced Placement Magnet Middle School**  
 Grades 7-8 12351 Del Amo Boulevard, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 229-7795  
 Tetzlaff Accelerated Learning Academy is Los Angeles County's first magnet middle school that provides a pre-Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum for all students. Our mission is to offer students Pre Advanced Placement courses to expose them to the relevance, rigor, and relationships necessary to meet the demand required of Advanced Placement (AP) courses in high school.
- 15 ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL: Accelerated Learning Academy**  
 Grades 9-12 12108 East Del Amo Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90715 (562) 229-7700  
 Artesia High School students begin their college education by developing the skills needed to succeed in the early admission college courses and AP courses offered as part of the program. State of the art technology is integrated into all content areas providing student well developed 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills, preparing them for an enriched future in both college and career.
- 16 GAHR HIGH SCHOOL: STEAM Academy (STEM plus Arts)**  
 Grades 9-12 11111 Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos 90703 (562) 229-7730  
 The program includes courses in Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and also Biomedical Sciences Program. Students participating in Gahr's highly successful Art Academy and STEM disciplines have courses infused with state of the art technology, greater preparing young artists, engineers, and scientists for the rigors of college and career through 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning experiences.





## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2015 Back to School Schedules

<i>School/Principal</i>	<i>Ext. #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b>ALOHA</b> Yabumoto, Julie	<b>22500</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015	5:45 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>BRAGG</b> Janeway, Annette	<b>22600</b>	Thursday, September 3, 2015 (TK & K) Thursday, September 10, 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 10, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>BURBANK</b> Makely, Laura	<b>22700</b>	Thursday, September 17, 2015	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>CARVER</b> Berlyn, Debbie	<b>22800</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>CERRITOS</b> Amburgey, Kevin	<b>22900</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>ELLIOTT</b> Mitchell, Danielle	<b>23000</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>FURGESON</b> Lozano, Mayra	<b>23100</b>	Friday, September 11, 2015 (TK) Thursday, September 17, 2015 (Kinder, 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> ) Thursday, September 24, 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Tuesday, September 29, 2015 (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>GONSALVES</b> Benko, Robert	<b>23200</b>	Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (K) Thursday, September 10, 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 - 7:15 p.m. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>HAWAIIAN</b> Cordova, Laurie	<b>23300</b>	Thursday, September 17, 2015	4:15 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>JUAREZ</b> Balbuena, Christine	<b>23400</b>	Thursday, September 17, 2015	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>KENNEDY</b> Valentine, Melissa	<b>23500</b>	Thursday, September 3, 2015 (TK & K) 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2015 (6 <sup>th</sup> ) 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2015 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday, September 16, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2015 (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2015 (5 <sup>th</sup> ) 6:15 p.m.
<b>LEAL</b> White, P.A.	<b>23600</b>	Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 10, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>MELBOURNE</b> Castillo, Robert	<b>23700</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015 (K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 17, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>NIEMES</b> Jimenez, Meg	<b>23800</b>	Thursday, September 17, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>NIXON</b> Ortiz, Melinda	<b>23900</b>	Thursday, September 03, 2015	5:30 - 7:45pm
<b>PALMS</b> Huh, Eveline	<b>24000</b>	Wed., September 16, 2015 (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> + Upper SDC) Thursday, September 17, 2015 (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> + RSP) Tues., September 22, 2015 (TK-2 <sup>nd</sup> + Primary SDC)	6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>STOWERS</b> Tracy, Tom	<b>24100</b>	Monday, August 31, 2015 (K) Wednesday, September 2, 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 3, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
<b>WILLOW</b> Dohm, Linda	<b>24200</b>	Thursday, September 10, 2015 (5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> ) Thursday, September 17, 2015 (TK, K, 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 24, 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Wednesday, September 30, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>WITTMANN</b> Marco, Miguel	<b>24300</b>	Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (TK, K, & 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Thursday, September 10, 2015 (4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> )	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL 2015 Back to School Schedules

<i>School/Principal</i>	<i>Ext. #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b>CARMENITA</b> Song, Kester	<b>24400</b>	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>FEDDE</b> Lois, Ricardo	<b>24600</b>	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>HASKELL</b> Lewis, Camille	<b>24700</b>	Thursday, September 24, 2015	6:30 p.m.
<b>ROSS</b> Brown, Ricardo	<b>24500</b>	Thursday, September 24, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>TETZLAFF</b> Wise, Crechena	<b>24800</b>	Thursday, October 1, 2015	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>ARTESIA</b> Garcia, Sergio	<b>21601</b>	FALL REPORT CARD NIGHT Thursday, October 8, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>CERRITOS</b> Walker, Patrick	<b>21801</b>	Wednesday, September 16, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>GAHR</b> Zietlow, Gina	<b>22000</b>	Tuesday, September 15, 2015	6:00 p.m.
<b>TRACY</b> Green, Jeff	<b>22200</b>	Tuesday, November 10, 2015	5:00 - 7:00 pm
<b>WHITNEY</b> Buss, Rhonda	<b>22300</b>	Thursday, September 24, 2015	5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>ADULT</b> Guo, PaoLing	<b>25011</b>	Wednesday, October 21, 2015 (Cabrillo Lane Campus)	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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## ABCUSD 2015-16 Graduation Dates

### HIGH SCHOOLS

ADULT SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOL			
DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	LOCATION
<b>June 9, 2016 (Thursday)</b>	<b>Adult School</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Whitney HS Gym</b>
<b>June 14, 2016 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>ABC Secondary School and Tracy High School</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Whitney Athletic Field</b>
	<b>Cerritos High School</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rants Stadium</b>
<b>June 15, 2016 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>Artesia High School</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Artesia High School Atkins Stadium</b>
	<b>Gahr High School</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rants Stadium</b>
	<b>Whitney High School</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Whitney Athletic Field</b>

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	LOCATION
<b>June 15, 2016 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>Carmenita Middle</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Black Top Area</b>
	<b>Fedde Middle</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Quad Area</b>
	<b>Haskell Middle</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Quad Area</b>
	<b>Ross Middle</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Shelter Area</b>
	<b>Tetzlaff Middle</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Quad Area</b>

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# ABCUSD BUS STOPS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

<b>ALOHA ELEMENTARY</b>	NECTAR & GRADWELL ST. 215TH & NECTAR GRIDLEY RD. & 211TH
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<b>WITTMANN ELEMENTARY</b>	OLAND ST. & WILDER AVE.

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

<b>CARMENITA MIDDLE</b>	CARMENITA & CHURCH AM, CARMENITA & SOUTH PM
<b>FEDDE MIDDLE</b>	CARSON & NECTAR, CENTRALIA & GRIDLEY
<b>HASKELL MIDDLE</b>	ARTESIA & GRIDLEY, NORWALK & 183RD, STUDEBAKER & 183RD STUDEBAKER & SOUTH
<b>ROSS ACADEMY</b>	BLOOMFIELD & ALONDRA, 166TH & GRIDLEY, 166TH & ISLANDIA, BLOOMFIELD & 166TH
<b>TETZLAFF MIDDLE</b>	MOODY & BIGELOW, MOODY & BORREGO 183RD & NORWALK, SHOEMAKER & DROXFORD

## HIGH SCHOOLS

<b>GAHR HIGH SCHOOL</b>	BLOOMFIELD & ALONDRA BLOOMFIELD & 166TH
<b>TRACY HIGH SCHOOL</b>	BLOOMFIELD & CENTRALIA, CARSON & SEINE, CARSON & NORWALK PIONEER & DEL AMO, PIONEER & CENTRALIA NORWALK BLVD. & 221ST, CENTRALIA & NORWALK BLVD.
<b>WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL</b>	BLOOMFIELD & CENTRALIA, CARSON & NORWALK, NORWALK & DEL AMO PIONEER & DEL AMO, PIONEER & 215TH, CENTRALIA ST. & GRIDLEY RD., STUDEBAKER & SOUTH, 195TH & BLOOMFIELD, 195TH & NORWALK, 195TH & GRIDLEY, 195TH & STUDEBAKER, 166TH & GRIDLEY, 166TH & STUDEBAKER.

# 2015-2016 School Calendar School Holidays/No School for Students (Local and Legal Holidays for Students)

Monday, September 7, 2015  
**Labor Day Observance**

Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
**Veteran's Day**

Friday, November 20, 2015  
**Elementary Student Free Day**

Monday-Friday  
November 23-27, 2015  
**Fall Break**

Monday, December 21, 2015  
through Friday, January 1, 2016  
**Winter Break**

Monday, January 18, 2016  
**Martin Luther King Day**

Friday, January 29, 2016  
**Secondary Student Free Day**

Monday, February 8, 2016  
**Lincoln's Day**

Monday, February 15, 2016  
**Washington's Day**

Friday, March 25 through  
Friday, April 1, 2016  
**Spring Break**

Monday, May 30, 2016  
**Memorial Day Observance**

Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
**Last Day of School-  
Carmenita, Haskell,  
Ross, & Tetzlaff MS  
7th Grade Only**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016  
**Last Day of School**

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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## Aloha Elementary School

11737 E 214th Street, Lakewood, CA 90715

(562) 924-8329

**Principal – Julie Yabumoto**



Welcome to Aloha Health Medical Academy, a specialized magnet school which focuses on health science, medicine and technology. Our magnet program exposes students to health education, careers in the medical field and a myriad of hands on science explorations. Classrooms are equipped with innovative interactive technology. iPad carts are also utilized in all classrooms to enhance learning the common core standards. Second through sixth grade classrooms have a class set of iPads. Aloha has an excellent staff consisting of highly trained teachers and support staff. Aloha is dedicated to ensuring the academic success of every child and providing a safe and comprehensive educational program. Students are taught their grade level standards using state and district adopted curriculum in all subject areas. Teachers frequently analyze data and use it to plan and differentiate instruction. High academic expectations are held for all of our students.

We are extremely proud of our unique magnet program, which focuses on health, medical science and technology. All of our students visit the science lab each week where they have the opportunity to conduct experiments using iPads, microscopes, stethoscopes, blood pressure machines, and oxygen monitors. The science lab correlates to our classroom lessons and units in health and science. Students have meaningful hands on opportunities to explore medical and health science within a supportive environment that integrates English language arts, math, science and technology. The magnet program at Aloha revolves around five school wide themes. Our specialized magnet themes are Living Things and the Human Machine, Why We Get Sick, Taking Care of Ourselves; Mind, Body and Soul, Those Who Serve, Those Who Keep us Healthy, and Influential People in the Health and Medical Field. These themes are carried out in all of our kindergarten through sixth grade classes in addition to the science lab. Other highlights of our magnet are a computer lab, science family nights, field trips, iPad carts, assemblies, a medical themed career day, "Work Out Wednesdays", the Mileage Club, Harvest of the Month, school wide field day, science fair, 6th grade garden and a student health committee. Aloha also participates in Activate Hawaiian



Gardens in an effort to decrease childhood obesity. The community project has been successful in educating parents and kindergarteners.

In addition, Aloha has many programs to support the academic, social, and emotional development of elementary students. The entire school recites the PeaceBuilders Pledge each morning after the flag salute. We follow the 6 basic rules of PeaceBuilders: "to praise people, to give up put downs, to seek wise people, to notice and speak up about hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others."

Aloha has a free after school child care program to meet the needs of working families. The EXTRA (Extending Time to Raise Achievement) program offers a safe place for kids to stay after the school bell rings. This program services our kindergarten through sixth grade students every school day during the year. Students get academic support, enrichment, and exercise.

Parents are an integral part of Aloha Health Medical Academy. We have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that supports the school by providing assemblies and field trips. We encourage all of our parents to be involved at Aloha by joining the PTA, School Site Council, volunteer in the classroom, attend parent education classes, and family nights. Research shows that parent involvement increases student academic achievement! Our school community which consists of teachers, parents, professional staff, and students are looking forward to another year of continued success!

*Best Wishes for a Successful School Year!*



*From the Mayor of Cerritos  
and the Cerritos City Council*



# Mary Bragg Elementary School

11501 Bos Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 860-5580

Principal – Annette Janeway



Mary Bragg Elementary School is proud of its diverse student population and long tradition of academic excellence. Hard working teachers, high expectations in the classroom and strong parent support at home have helped Bragg students achieve academically.

We are pleased to have been named a STAR School by California

Businesses for Education Excellence for four years in a row! This award is given for demonstrating high student academic achievement, making significant progress toward closing the achievement gaps among all of our students, and increasing and sustaining grade level proficiency over four years. Congratulations Bragg School!

A school-wide focus on the Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and math integrate technology skills into our curriculum. We do this by providing time weekly to build and enhance technology skills. In addition, iPads (grades TK – 1)



and Chromebooks (grades 2-6) are used in classrooms to integrate the use of technology into our curriculum. This year, our 4th grade classes will launch the Technology Integration Project, providing 1:1 Chromebooks for every student. Our goal is to prepare our students with the skills and understanding they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Bragg School is pleased to announce that we have become a school-wide PBIS school, with a focus on teaching and supporting positive behavior. Our staff spent last school year analyzing behavior data, identifying our core values, and aligning our definitions and expectations for students TK-6 grade. We look forward to the 2015-16 kick-off year.

Student recognition is another important part of our educational program. Eight times a year awards are presented to students for academic achievement and good citizenship. Parents are invited to our award celebrations so that we can recognize

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## *Welcome Back!*

## *Wishing You a Great Start to the 2015-16 School Year!*



## *Senator Tony & Letty Mendoza*

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and honor our students together.

Mary Bragg is the home to a very dedicated and supportive PTA. Bragg's PTA actively supports our school by providing student folders and planners, classroom lessons by Art 4 Kids, enrichment assemblies, and field trips for every grade level. We work collaboratively with our PTA to host events such as Green Pancake Breakfast, Reading Picnic, Jog-a-Thon, International Night, Carnival, and family nights held throughout the year.

We greatly appreciate our community partnerships, as they



support the tenets of our school. The City of Cerritos Parks and Recreation Department lead organized games at lunch monthly and support healthy lifestyle choices. The Cerritos Educational Center (CEC) offers after school tutoring and enrichment activities year round. Art 4 Kids provides before and during school art lessons, and Target Stores partner with us year-round.

Great students, fantastic teachers, supportive parents, strong community partnerships and enriching activities make Mary Bragg Elementary School a very special place for every student to learn and grow.

# Burbank Elementary School

17711 Roseton Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-6215

Principal – Laura Makley



The Burbank Bulldogs are a community of dedicated educators, supportive adults, and enthusiastic, talented learners. Our continuous improvement on federal and state measures is the result of our students' increased knowledge and commitment to success. Our students participate in a rigorous academic program enriched with visual, performing, and folk arts opportunities. It's a great day to be a Burbank

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Bulldog!

## Bulldog Learning

The Burbank staff provides many opportunities for students to excel. The core program includes reading groups, literature study, Thinking Maps, and a writing program to integrate reading and writing activities. Students in TK through 6th grade learn math through the Swun Math model which allows students not only to perform calculations, but also to think about, describe, and explain mathematical concepts within the Common Core Standards. Students who demonstrate

achievement above grade level standards may be eligible to participate in Junior Great Books instruction and the GATE program. Students who need more support are provided with a multi-tiered approach to intervention. All students are encouraged to grow and excel at Burbank Elementary.

## Bulldog Community

Burbank is a school in and of the community, and we pride ourselves on providing many services for families and children. Bur-



an after-school club which performs an evening show every year. The student Music Express band performs several times a year. The award-winning Burbank Spirit Squad and all boys Dawg Squad perform every month for spirit day and participate in a regional competition in the spring. Upper grade students can participate in student leadership by devoting service to the school and to the community through our student council program. All children explore their talents as Burbank Bulldogs!

citizenship and academic accomplishments every month at a school-wide awards assembly.

## Bulldog Talent

Our students explore their talents through the Visual, Performing, and Folk Arts Magnet program. Using our Fine Arts Center, the students practice and perform for students and parents. Students act, sing, dance, create props, and serve as stage hands for theatrical performances which take place each month. Students create visual arts through the Meet the Masters program and grade-level art projects.

Our Howlers choir is



# Carver Elementary School

19200 Ely Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 865-1257

Principal – Debbie Berlyn



## A California Distinguished School

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. Each year we enjoy looking back at the prior year to see what we have accomplished and see where we are beginning the current year. Over the past two years we have focused on the new Common



Core State Standards. In order to help our students gain a deeper understanding of the new mathematics standards, Carver has implemented Swun Math. The students have increased their mathematical ability and gained confidence in solving and communicating mathematical concepts. Preliminary assessment results on district benchmarks have shown that Swun math has had a positive impact on our students' academic achievement. A perfect example of their progress is our third grade students' participation in the annual Swun Math Bee. The competition includes solving multiplication facts and word problems. This year Carver had an excellent showing by placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. It was a Carver sweep!

### Family Nights at Carver

Carver Academy believes that in order for children to do their very best in school, they must feel a part of their learning community. With this in mind, the Carver staff and PTA have prepared a series of Family Nights that invite parents and siblings onto the Carver campus for a shared learning experience. Our Family Science Night featured four different presenters who shared their knowledge about animals in a "Show and Tell" format. The students were able to be in close proximity to large snakes, porcupines, birds of prey and a chinchilla. In May our Family Fitness Night allowed family members to participate in six different rotations of

popular school sporting events. Carver students took on the role of teacher and educated their parents on common playground games. Carver families enjoyed spending quality time together while being active, supporting the District's goal of "Healthy Bodies equal Healthy Minds"!

Once again in late October, we look forward to hosting our annual Harvest Night which will boast a notoriously Haunted House, Trunk or Treat, a DJ dance party for Monster Dancing and a picture booth to document your wonderful memories on campus. Our Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) and moms will once again work tirelessly for several weeks to prepare for this magical evening, and look forward to enlisting the help of any new parents that would like to be a part of this creative event. Please sign up early for this Spooktacular event!

### Magnet Program

#### Enrichment Clusters

An integral part of Carver is our Enrichment Cluster Program. Recognizing that all learners are unique, learning experiences must take into account the abilities, interests, and learning styles of individual students. Twice a year during the six-week cluster, students spend one hour a week exploring a topic of interest with the assistance of knowledgeable community members. Along with gaining in-depth insight into a particular topic, students begin to take responsibility and interest in their own learning. The regular curriculum is supported, expanded and enhanced by children participating in enrichment activities and bringing their enthusiasm into the classroom setting. Student and cluster leaders communicate what they have accomplished at a schoolwide celebration to culminate the Enrichment Cluster Program. These educational opportunities, supported by an excellent teaching staff, create a first rate educational opportunity that is both challenging and enjoyable for Carver Academy students.

Once again our Enrichment Clusters will be held in the winter and spring. We are actively seeking volunteers who are willing to facilitate a group for one hour per week for six weeks. The cluster may be a class that you have a passion for or one that you want to learn about along with the students. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator, please contact us at (562) 229-7840.

### Carver Early Learning Academy

Carver Early Learning Academy begins educating students at three and four years old. Our fee-based preschool provides quality educational opportunities for young children, preparing them for the rigors of their TK-6 grade education. Our teachers are well trained and prepare students with the necessary skills to become a successful and productive student. Once a child attends Carver Early Learning Academy, they are welcome to continue through sixth grade at Carver in order to create a seamless educational experience for the students and their families. We accept students from neighboring communities to attend and participate in our stellar preschool program!



# Cerritos Elementary School

13600 E 183rd Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-1315

**Principal –Kevin Amburgey**



At Cerritos Elementary School we are proud of the dedicated effort of our students, parents, and staff that have worked together to earn the title of 2014 California Distinguished School.

At Cerritos Elementary we believe citizens of the future must be life-long learners able to work and interact in a diverse soci-

ety. Our goals for students are to master grade level content standards, use critical thinking and problem solving strategies, develop communication skills, and demonstrate positive and democratic social interactions.

By providing a rigorous academic and caring environment, we strive to help students realize their full academic potential, develop positive self-concepts, and gain enthusiasm for learning. We encourage all students to develop responsibility for their own behavior and a concern for others. Our goals are aligned with the goals of the ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD). We invite our community to help plan and participate in implementing programs to prepare students for a healthy and successful future.

Cerritos Elementary School (CES) is home to approximately 700 diverse students in kindergarten through sixth grade and serves the easternmost neighborhoods of the ABC Unified School District (ABCUSD). Our school community holds high expectations for the quality of education we provide our students, for student academic achievement and behavior, and for parents in support of all students and the school. As a consequence, our student body is comprised of highly motivated and very capable students who consistently strive to meet and exceed the expectations of their parents and teachers.

At CES we are dedicated to our common belief that all chil-



dren will learn to master the California Common Core Standards at every grade level. Our Gifted and Talented Education program (GATE) students are "clustered" in classrooms and are provided a challenging, differentiated curriculum appropriate to their needs. We are very proud of our Math Olympiad team winning first place in LA County, our highly acclaimed school band, and our incredibly talented performing arts students demonstrating their talents in the annual school play. In addition to high quality

standards-based instruction, CES provides academic support for at-risk students and language support for English Language Learners (ELL). Ready Study Go!, an after-school homework assistance and tutorial program is offered five days a week.

With the generous support of our families, community and the school district, we are able to provide Extended Day Care, Computer Club, band, and student supervision before the school day begins. During the school day many volunteers help out in classrooms, teacher workrooms, and in the office. Parent volunteers teach the Junior Achievement program in grades K-6. The Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) supports school-wide enrichment activities including paying for bus transportation for field trips, financial support to teachers for instructional materials, and making very significant gifts to the school including our digital marquee! Further support is provided by our Cerritos Elementary Educational Foundation (CEEF) such as supporting the computer technology instructional program and purchasing laptop computers for all the teachers. The choral music program, Meet the Masters Art appreciation, and Science on the Go are also supported by the CEEF. The Foundation also hosts our annual pancake breakfast in October and our spring carnival.

Cerritos Elementary is a PeaceBuilder school dedicated to providing a quality, well-rounded education for every student.

# Elliott Elementary School

18415 Cortner, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-5216

**Principal – Danielle Mitchell**



Elliott Elementary is a 2014 California Distinguished School, a 2014 Title I Academic Achieving School Award winner along with being a 2012 - 2014 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School. These honors are the product of our teachers' and communities' dedication to continuous improvement in student achievement. In striving for excellence, our students learn and achieve

success.

Elliott's core belief is focusing on the whole child. We pride ourselves on maintaining a balance between academic, social, and

emotional growth. With learning being our top priority, Elliott students participate in a rigorous and challenging standards-based curriculum supplemented by the Global Studies units. Students have many opportunities for success with the implementation of our 4th grade 1:1 Chromebook Technology Integration Project, implementation of our Epson Bright-Links interactive projectors, student Chromebooks in 3rd-6th, along with student and teacher iPads in K-2nd. Elliott continues to provide our Transitional Kindergarten program, leveled intervention, GATE, multicultural music, passport P.E., TK - 6th grade technology instruction, Student Council, school

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newspaper, Monday Morning Message, Skill Streaming, track team, and band.

All Elliott students perform at least twice a year in our school-wide musical productions lead by Elliott's music specialist Mrs. Kane. Students participate in the chorus, vocal and/or instrumental solos, dance, and instrumental groups with a multicultural theme. Many of the students sing in different languages during the performances. Our band, directed by Mr. Robert Grishkoff, performs concerts at least twice a year. The highlight of the year is the Gahr area Band Concert in May.

Cultures are celebrated throughout the year. In October, we encourage our students to wear their clothing representing their heritage for a multicultural parade. Every year we are amazed by the beautiful dresses and detailed outfits the girls and boys wear



Open House is a "Passport to the World" with students sharing the art, traditions, daily life, history, geography, and unique animals of their Global Address country with their families. Each classroom is transformed to reflect another country and the students "tour" with their parents. Parents and community members are invited to tour from continent to continent, as they move around the school.

Parents and family are encouraged to participate in their child's education. You can become involved as classroom volunteers, joining the PTA, becoming members of our School Site Council, providing donations, or helping at Elliott events. Please contact the school office for more information. We know that by working together, we will have a rewarding 2015-2016 school year.



*Student projects represent Kenyan masks, Mexican Artists, Egyptian artifacts and Mount Fuji, Japan.*

## Furgeson Elementary School

22215 Elaine Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

(562) 421-8285

Principal – Mayra Lozano



Welcome to Venn W. Furgeson Elementary School, where children and learning come first!

The dedicated and professional Furgeson staff is committed to the success of the whole child. We firmly believe that all students can and will learn and provide rigorous standards-based instruction as well as social and emotional support to ensure our students achieve their highest potential.

The Furgeson staff works vigorously at maintaining a welcoming, safe, and engaging environment that will prepare our young Patriots for the 21st Century. We are proud to announce that we have begun the implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) which is a proactive school-wide system that includes proactive strategies to achieve social, emotional and academic success for all students in a positive school environment.

We greatly value the support of our families and community as we realize that:

Home + School + Community = Student Success!

### About Us

Furgeson Elementary is a dynamic TK - 6th grade, Title I school, that offers a TK-3 Bilingual Program. We are located in the City of Hawaiian Gardens, California.

### Our accomplishments include:

- 2011 and 2013 Honor Roll School recognized by the

California Business for Education Excellence.

- 2013 recipients of the HealthierUS School Challenge Gold Award presented by the Let's Move Initiative championed by First Lady Michelle Obama

- 2013 Community Education Heroes awarded by the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

- 2013 API – School Wide: 800 (Hispanic/Latino 801, English Learners 806, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged 800)

- 2014 District's Reading Olympics Silver Medalist

### Communication and Technology Magnet School:

Our Furgeson Video Magazine equips our students with valuable skills that will ensure their future success: Communication, Teamwork and Critical Thinking. As one of the original magnet schools in the District, we are very proud of our vibrant and modern newscast, Furgeson Video Magazine, which is shot, edited, and reported by our students. Our reporters prepare fun-filled segments and public announcements. The Furgeson Video Magazine is broadcasted in all classrooms and covers school, District and community events.

### Our Mission:

We believe that all our students can and will learn.

We strive to ensure the learning of ALL our students by putting their academic needs first.

We acknowledge and value the support of our families and community partners to ensure student success.

## OUR PBIS MISSION STATEMENT

The Furgeson staff and students will maintain a safe, caring, and positive school-wide learning environment. Our school community will foster the social and emotional competency of our students through a supportive and nurturing culture.

### We Are PeaceBuilders

I am a PeaceBuilder

I pledge:

To praise people

To give up put downs

To seek wise people

To notice and speak up about hurts I have caused

To right wrongs

To help others

I will build peace at home, at school and in my community each day.

**Morning Fitness – Healthy & Alert!** We begin every school day with an organized 20-minute morning fitness program that targets cardio-vascular fitness, flexibility and strength.

### Computer Lab, Chromebook Carts and Netbook Carts-

The following computer programs are available for our students: Mathfacts in a Flash, Accelerated Reader, Keyboarding without Tears and Imagine Learning

**Library Media Lab** - Lessons, book check out and book clubs

**Primary Intervention Program (PIP)** - Intervention and

prevention services to enhance the social and emotional development of students in Kindergarten through Third grade who may be experiencing mild to moderate school adjustment difficulties.

**Band, Drama/Choir, Cheer and Track** - Available to 4th – 6th Grade students.

**Student Recognitions** – Monthly Perfect Attendance and Patriot Pride Awards; Trimester Awards include: Principal's Honor Roll, Most Improved, Perfect Attendance, and PeaceBuilder.

**Monthly Family Reading Fridays & Parent Workshops** - Families are invited to read in their child's classrooms to cultivate a love for reading. Immediately after, a parent workshop is offered to parents, tailored to their interests.

**Monthly Family Monday Fitness** - Families are invited to come and exercise with their children once a month.

**Activate Hawaiian Gardens Initiative** - We support the efforts of the City and work in collaboration with our District to decrease childhood obesity. Parent Classes offered.

**EXTRA After-School Program** - Offered Monday through Friday, free of charge, after school until 6:00 p.m. Capacity: 100 students. During this time, students complete homework and enjoy other enrichment activities such as Arts and Crafts, P.E., Science, Music, Dance, Art Appreciation, etc.

**Migrant Education Parent Resource Center** – Located on campus to support all parents and the community.

# Gonsalves Elementary School

13650 Park Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-1347

Principal – Robert Benko



Hello and welcome to the 2015-2016 school year here at Joe A. Gonsalves Elementary School- A National Blue Ribbon school. The staff here at Gonsalves is dedicated to providing the best educational experience possible for our students. This is done through a team effort where all stakeholders- staff, parents and families, students and community members- work collaboratively to create an

environment conducive to learning and student achievement. It is this combination of high quality teaching in the classroom, the commitment of our families to promote and support learning, and desire of our students to do their very best that makes Gonsalves a special place to be.

### Academic Achievement

Our school has received many academic awards including being named a National Blue Ribbon School, a California Distinguished School, and a California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School. We are excited as we move forward with our STEM program with Engineering is Elementary in our 5th and 6th grade classes, as well as our Technology Integration Program in our 4th grade. Through a rigorous standards-based curriculum, use of effective instructional strategies, grade-level collaboration, data analysis and strategic interventions, we know that our students will continue to achieve and be successful academically as we move forward with the implementation of the Common Core Standards



### Development

The positive, “can do” atmosphere that is created at Gonsalves begins with our commitment toward all students getting along together and encouraging and respecting one another. Building character is a focus and we emphasize this through assemblies and our monthly “Core Values” focus, and students are recognized for displaying these values during Recognition Awards Assemblies. Every student is a S.T.A.R at Gonsalves when they Stop, Think, and Act Responsibly, and they are praised and rewarded for this positive behavior.

### Our School Spirit

Our active Student Council sponsors “fun” days for students throughout the year and provides community service by working with Eagle Scouts on their outreach projects, organizing a holiday toy drive and an Earth Day recycling event. They also host our “Taste of Gonsalves” at the end of year, which celebrates the many diverse cultures we have at our school through food, song, and dance. Each Monday the students and staff participate in Spirit Day where we do the Pledge of Allegiance, sing a patriotic song, discuss our Core Value of the month, and honor students and staff for their accomplishments.

### Parent and Community Partnerships

The success of our school is due in large part to the immeasurable contributions made by our parent organization, Booster Club. Our Booster Club, consisting of parents, community members, and

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staff, helps provide a well-rounded educational experience for our students by sponsoring field trips, assemblies, PE, Fine Arts, Music and other special activities throughout the school year. They also contribute resources such as classroom projectors, computer hardware and software, and student incentives. Parents volunteer hours and hours of their time inside and outside of the classrooms, and parent groups help organize special cultural events such as Lunar New Year and Diwali celebrations.

# Hawaiian Elementary School

12350 E. 226th Street, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

(562) 594-9525

**Principal – Laurie Cordova**



Welcome to the 2015 - 2016 school year at Hawaiian Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting year of hard work and great accomplishment. The collaborative effort of our staff, parents, and community members has created a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Our goal is that they attain high levels of academic success, and become good citizens and community members.

Hawaiian Elementary is a high performing Title I school. Our experienced staff provides rigorous instruction in all areas of the curriculum. English language arts and math lessons are based on the Common Core State Standards. We are a school dedicated to developing the whole child. Nutrition and exercise are an important part of our students' education. We support visual and performing arts through the Meet the Masters Art Program, our Line Dance Team, the Band Program, and other schoolwide performances. Our 5th and 6th grades have formed a STEM Academy. They used the Engineering is Elementary curriculum to create projects for competition in the Science Olympics. In all areas we focus on developing our students' confidence and communication skills. They are given classroom and schoolwide opportunities to showcase their learning.

We are very proud of our students and recognize their achievements in the classroom and at schoolwide assemblies. We have a monthly Flag Ceremony to recognize our Character Winners. We have Awards Assemblies throughout the year to recognize each classroom's Citizen of the Month, Most Improved Student, and Academic Achievement Winner. We also provide incentives for perfect attendance, homework completion, and our Accelerated Reader Program.

Hawaiian Elementary uses the Response to Intervention (RTI) model to provide intervention programs for any of our students that need additional learning time. We provide programs during school, after school, and on Saturdays.

## Afterschool Programs

We also have afterschool opportunities available for our families. The Extended Day Program provides working parents a place where their child can go to continue the "Learning Day." Homework support, academic skill-building, enrichment activities and physical activity are just some of the outstanding support they provide. We also have chess, art and science classes that are available.



These include:

- Individual tutoring
- Small group tutoring
- Imagine Learning
- Saturday SMART Academy

Our after school time includes homework help, and enrichment activities like line dancing, robotics, cheerleading, track, and City of Hawaiian Gardens Sports. Our EXTRA program provides after school care, free of charge, to 100 of our students every day until 6:00 p.m. Students receive help with homework and participate in a variety of activities including art, music, computer lab, cooking, and dance.

We are fortunate to be part of a school district and community that is committed to the education of our children. Our District, the ABC Education Foundation, Kaiser, Boeing, and the Moskowitz Foundation have provided funds to support many of our endeavors. The City of Hawaiian Gardens continues to support programs that benefit the health and welfare of our students. It is this level of teamwork that allows us to excel as a school community.



# Juarez Elementary School

11939 Aclare Street, Cerritos, CA 90703  
(562) - 865-6278  
Principal - Christine Balbuena



## **Engineering Change.**

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We are looking forward to an exciting year for students, staff and parents of the Juarez community. This may prove to be the best year yet for Juarez Academy of Engineering & Technology!

Our mission: To help all students realize their full potential.

At Juarez Academy we are dedicated to providing an educational experience that combines rigorous academic study with the excitement of discovery. We seek to develop in each student the ability and passion to think critically, communicate and collaborate effectively, and use their creative talents in all content areas.

## **ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Engineering Lab for all students, TK-6th
- Project Lead the Way school-wide
- Technology Media Center for all students, TK-6th
- 1:1 technology integration 3rd – 6th grades
- Bring Your Own Device program
- Annual Engineering Showcase
- Student Clubs and Teams – Engineering Team, iTech Club, Student Ambassadors, Recycling Club, Track Team
- Special activities to increase interest in higher education and careers – College Days, Career Fair, Science Fair, participation in STEM Olympics
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
- After school learning opportunities – After school tutorial, Homework Club, Extended Time to Raise Achievement program
- Parents Take the Lead workshops
- Continuing professional learning for teachers in instructional technology integration, common core standards, 21st Century Skill Development, Thinking Maps, Engineering is Elementary, Lego curriculum

## **A FOCUS ON 21ST CENTURY SKILLS**

At Juarez we focus on the development of 21st Century skills (communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity). We believe that it is our responsibility to help prepare students for a global society that requires levels of information and technological literacy that goes far beyond basic knowledge. This year we have eight 1:1 mobile device classes where students are able to

use technology as a personal learning tool every day. In addition, we have begun to use project based learning as a teaching method to help build the skills that students will need to be successful in college, career and in life. This can best be seen at our annual Engineering Showcase in the spring!

## **PROMOTING A POSITIVE CULTURE**

Juarez Academy utilizes Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

PBIS is a research-based school-wide framework that defines expected behaviors and reinforces them through positive, proactive strategies. The idea is to help students become intrinsically motivated to make positive choices. Appropriate student behaviors are taught to students just like any other subject matter. Rather than focusing solely on what not to do,

we emphasize our three school-wide behavior expectations: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. We believe this gives each child more opportunity for success both socially and academically.

## **PARENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Juarez embodies a vibrant culture and will continue to do so through innovative programs and creative parent and community partnerships. There are many opportunities for parent engagement at Juarez Academy such as School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, volunteering in the classroom and PTA.

Our wonderfully supportive PTA sponsors various activities such as Mother/Child night, Father/Child night, Jog-a-thon, Science Family Night, Family Picnic on the Grass, Community Read Aloud and many other fundraisers, family nights, field trips, and assemblies. Because we value our parent community and recognize that effective communication promotes this partnership, we use a variety of communication tools – school Edline webpage, email communications, Blackboard Connect, Facebook, Twitter, and Remind.

## **PROJECT LEAD THE WAY**

Juarez is proud to be the only elementary in our district with Project Lead the Way. Our PLTW Launch program, which began in 6th grade, will expand this year school-wide. Our goal is to build lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering and math. We are confident that our PLTW program along with our Engineering Lab will help to build confidence in our students and put them on course for strong accomplishments in middle school, high school and beyond.





# Kennedy Elementary School

17500 Belshire, Artesia CA 90701

(562) 860-3378

Principal – Melissa Valentine



## **Vision Statement**

Our vision at Kennedy STEM Academy is to develop students' critical thinking skills through a collaborative effort by students, parents, school staff, and community members. Our school promotes an accepting, safe, and engaging learning environment for every student. We achieve this vision by:

- Providing a rigorous standards-based curriculum instruction

- Differentiating instruction to meet student needs
- Cultivating students' creativity and expression through the arts and technology
- Integrating Kennedy's Kids of Character traits throughout daily routines

## **Welcome to Kennedy STEM Academy!**

It is our firm belief that every student can learn to their full potential and we are ready and willing to help our students reach it, being that student success is our #1 priority. Learning for all students at Kennedy is enhanced through the supportive and encouraging nature of our school staff, and a caring parent community. At Kennedy, we believe that our students are offered a well-balanced education program. Not only do we focus on the high academic achievement of our students, but we also strive to enrich their lives through the visual and performing arts, technology, character education, and healthy choices, including both nutrition and physical activity. Several programs/resources are available at Kennedy; Student Council, English Language Learning, A.I.M. Clubs, Academic Support through Extended Learning Opportunities, Gifted and Talented Education, Music and Dance Program, and Extended Daycare. Parents are enthusiastically invited to be an active participant in their child's education through the PTA, and School Site Council.

## **A.I.M. Active – Involved – Motivated**

Kennedy offers before and after school clubs focusing on Healthy Bodies – Healthy Minds. Some of our clubs include: Before School Walking Club, Drama Club, Cheer Club, Sports Club and Dance Club.

## **Student Achievement**

- USDA Healthier US School - Silver level
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation Healthy Schools Program 2012 – Silver Level
- 2012-2013 Honor Roll Award- Campaign for Business & Education Excellence
- 2013-2014 Honor Roll Award- Campaign for Business & Education Excellence
- 2014-2015 Honor Roll Award- Campaign for Business & Education Excellence
- 2014 and 2015 #1 Track Team winner – ABCUSD Elementary level
- 2013 ABCUSD #1 Reading Olympics Winner

In spring 2013, our API score based on state testing was 864. The dedication of our staff and the desire to learn by our students was a key factor in raising our scores. There was no State Testing in 2013-2014. During this past 2014-2015 school year, students took the formal test (SBAC) and will receive results based on their performance during the summer of 2015. We are confident in our continuous efforts to improve instruction and student achievement.

## **CA Distinguished School Award**

The State of California Department of Education awarded Kennedy STEM Academy, the California Distinguished School Award in 2012! We are now amongst schools that are considered California's most exemplary and inspiring public schools as we have demonstrated academic success and overall excellence in education.

## **Kennedy S.T.E.M. Academy's Focus:**

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

- STEM is engaging and interactive. The STEM fields are a natural fit for elementary age students who have incredible imagination and natural curiosity about the world and how it works. Teachers will use an innovative, hands-on curriculum to involve the children in asking questions and finding answers.

• STEM helps students succeed. Mastering STEM subjects in elementary school will give students the basic technological, scientific and mathematical literacy they will need to succeed in middle school, high school, and college

- TK/K-6th grade units – 3 units each year
- Science focused – earth, life and physical
- STEM Showcase at the end of the year
- Technology tools are integrated into units

## **The Arts are Alive and Well at Kennedy!**

We are very pleased to offer a quality fine arts program to our students. This program includes instruction in dance, choral music, instrumental music and visual arts. Our dance and choral music program is offered to all students each Friday. Students learn songs ranging from Broadway show tunes to disco. These tunes are expertly taught and choreographed by our dance and music specialist. A culminating performance is held each spring to showcase the students' hard work and great efforts.

The Artist Exploration Program is a visual art history program that teaches students about the life and art of many of the world's greatest artists. Students view an oral presentation, which includes a slide show about an artist, prior to recreating their own interpretation of the artist.

Grade 4-6 students are offered an optional instrumental music program. Beginning and advanced band classes are taught twice weekly in the auditorium. Concerts are held throughout the school year, culminating with the District Area concert where advanced band students from each of the elementary schools perform a concert.



# Leal Elementary School

12920 Droxford Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 229-7880

Principal – P.A. White



I have the privilege of being principal at Leal and I am excited to be a part of this amazing school and community. Without a doubt, Leal has a tremendous heritage and pedigree of excellence in academics and the arts. The staff and I will be working diligently to continue and deepen that tradition as we forge



ahead. Leal's designation as a visual and performing arts magnet school goes a long way in defining who we are as a school community. Our students engage in the arts on a daily basis, from pull-out instruction in theater to hands-on art projects in the classroom. We value creative expression as an effective way for students to demonstrate what they have learned. Furthermore, our students eagerly participate in classroom presentations as well as various other programs including band, Diwali festival, Lunar New Year festival, International festival and the spring musical. Our parent community extends its commitment

to our success in this area as well, having established the Leal Elementary Arts Program (LEAP) Foundation. LEAP, a non-profit charitable organization, acts as the sole funding source for our magnet program. Each year it raises an average of \$50,000 through various avenues in order to sustain our visual and performing arts program. Additionally our PTA is instrumental in providing support to students through various school programs such as fieldtrips, yearbooks, dances, and science night. By working in conjunction, these two volunteer organizations provide tremendous support and contribute significantly to the success of our students. At Leal, we pride ourselves in creating an environment in which students feel safe, are free to take academic and creative "risks," as well as engage in a constant cycle of curiosity, inquiry, investigation, and imagination. It is our goal to send truly well-rounded, confident, and prepared young people on to the next stage of their education. We are proud of the example we set as a community and, most importantly, of the accomplishments of our students.

# Melbourne Elementary School

21314 Claretta, Lakewood, CA 90715

(562) 924-1658

Principal – Robert Castillo



## **WELCOME TO MUSTANG COUNTRY!**

Melbourne welcomes you and your student to the very best! The staff at Melbourne Elementary strives to provide students with a learning opportunity on a daily basis. We are located in the city of Lakewood and serve students from various cities including Hawaiian Gardens, Long Beach, Cypress and of course the city of Lakewood. We serve approximately

570 students and our teachers are certified to teach from grades kindergarten up to 6th grade - and we also have one certified Transitional Kindergarten teacher. Each day our students begin their day with a PeaceBuilder pledge and a commitment to do their very best. Every day is an opportunity for students and teachers to produce Wonder and Awe!

## **QUALITY INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

Our classroom instructional program is research based and aligned with EDI concepts. EDI stands for Explicit Direct Instruction and at Melbourne, many of our teachers are certified EDI teachers. This method of instruction requires meticulous planning, constant checking for understanding, concept development and many other strategies that align with the new National Common Core standards and rigorous SBAC testing. Our teachers are proud to provide this systematic instructional delivery. Ultimately we know that students thrive when there is structure and clear



programs that support their learning.

## **CHARACTER PROGRAM**

At Melbourne we believe that we provide a high quality instructional program and our entire staff is grounded in the fact that student well-being and character development ranks right up there with student achievement. Our goal is not only to improve the academic well-being of our students but we also strive to improve their overall character to ensure that our students become productive citizens. Every member of our staff has been trained through the Molina PeaceBuilders Program which emphasizes

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peace building concepts, positive relations and anti-bullying affirmations. Students are rewarded for their positive Peacebuilder ideals with daily Peacebuilder recognitions and monthly "Peacebuilder" prizes that may include certificates for local business goods, a free round of miniature golf and many other student "goodies." We also recognize students regularly in the class for their academics and Peacebuilder practices in the class - these are our Magnificent Melbourne Mustangs!

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Students and school thrive when the community and staff work in harmony. Our local community partners and ABC district offices work hard in support our students. Over the past two years the City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Education Foundation have assisted with technology integration in all of the classrooms. Thanks to their efforts, every single teacher on our campus recently received a new iPad and in some cases a new Apple TV module! Their efforts are featured in the following segment: [click here](#).

This year our PTA and School Site Council, have also committed to setting goals and moving our school closer to schools technology integration and increased safety! Our PTA has helped raise over \$7,000.00 to help fund for a kindergarten canopy. We remain committed to this goal and hope to raise additional funding to begin the ground breaking project sometime in the 2015-2016 school year.

In the past we have worked closely with the City of Hawaiian Gardens, the City of Lakewood, Tri-City Hospital, Sam's Club and other business partners to provide services, goods and funding for our students, parents and community members. For the past several years, the City of Hawaiian Gardens has provided funding for summer school programs, intervention classes, and student field

trips. The City of Lakewood has also provided our teachers with yearly grants to help provide materials, such as books, electronic goods and various other goods in excess of \$500.00 per teacher! Our community partners help us ensure that we are providing the very best for our students.

### **Other PROGRAMS and SERVICES**

Our school makes every effort to ensure the well-being of our students, teachers and community members. Here is a condensed list of the programs and services that we offer to our students:

- PeaceBuilder Program - Character Development
- EXTRA - After school daily tutorial/childcare program
- Provided by our new community partner- California Education Centers (CEC)
- Before/After School support for struggling students
- Migrant Education Program
- Saturday Classes
- In-Class Tutoring
- SES - District funded tutorial programs
- On site counseling services
- Collaborative Multi-Agency Counseling Services
- Updated MAC computer lab
- Free and Reduced lunches and meals for students
- Active PTA and School Site Council
- Opportunities to volunteer in the class - for parents and community members
- Opportunities to read to students - for parents and community members

The commitment and dedication to student success lives on at Melbourne! With over forty staff members, we are constantly ready and willing to service our 570 students. We are proud to say that at Melbourne, we are always ready to serve.

## **Niemes Elementary School**

16715 S Jersey Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-9586

**Principal – Mariaelena (Meg) Jimenez**



Niemes is proud to be a National Magnet School with an emphasis on Environmental Science and Technology. A child with a strong interest in animal life, the outdoors and science will thrive in the Environmental Science and Technology Programs at Niemes Elementary. Our innovative program encourages the students' love for the natural world and empowers them to become an active

participant in the stewardship of their planet. We strive to combine high expectations, stellar educational programs and a partnership with parents and the community to provide the best educational experience for each child.

### **Awards & Recognitions**

- NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION by the Magnet School of America Association
- California School Boards Association GOLDEN BELL AWARD for an Outstanding Science Program & Festival



- Nationally Recognized HEALTHY SCHOOL OF AMERICA by the Red Cross Association and Clinton Foundation
- Named top 10 in the nation for an AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH from the Spanish Embassy
- Winner of the VERIZON INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS Grant. 12 schools were chosen in the Nation, only 1 in California! This has allowed our entire 5th and 6th grades to implement a 1:1 iPad initiative. Each 5th and 6th grader will have access to an iPad at school and home for a dynamic technological educational experience.

Niemes Elementary is proud to be on the cutting edge of environmental education and in alignment with the State of California's emphasis on environmental principles. Our students develop awareness of the interconnection of all species and ecosystems on our planet through integration of environmental science and technology across all subject areas. Kindergarten through sixth grade students explore these concepts in the general education classroom, in our Environmental Science Laboratory and Outdoor Garden Habitat, and in the community



in which they reside.

### **Selected for Seal of Excellence Award**

Niemes Elementary School was selected for the 2013 Seal of Excellence Award by the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE). The Seal of Excellence Award honors schools that have established effective programs for their English learners. The school had to provide evidence of their students learning another language as well as English. The criteria also included examining their statewide data results by significant subgroups and evidence of meeting growth targets for all subgroups. In addition to the Seal of Excellence Award, the school was also recognized for promoting the Seal of Biliteracy at the school. The Seal of Biliteracy promotes proficiency in another language than English.

### **Additional School Highlights**

Thanks to the strong commitment of staff, students, and families to the academic success of every child we continue to meet and surpass our academic growth goals of the California State Standards.

### **Dual Immersion Program**

English speaking and Spanish speaking students in this program are immersed in both languages throughout their school experience. The program produces students that are fluent in reading, writing, and speaking both English and Spanish when they exit the program at the end of sixth grade.

### **Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)**

An individualized education program is developed for each child who has qualified for the GATE program, to enhance and

enrich their learning throughout their academic experience.

### **Focus on Academic Performance After School Program**

Open to K through 6th grade students, Monday through Friday. This program, run by the YMCA, includes homework assistance and physical education activities. There is no charge to families.

### **Niemes Band**

Beginning and advanced band instruction is open to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students throughout the school year.

### **After-School Athletics**

Our After School Running/Walking Program is available to students, first grade through sixth, and parents, twice a week after school, on our large school field. In addition, Niemes offers Cheerleading and Volleyball to 6th graders, and a Soccer Club for our 3rd and 4th graders.

### **Program Features**

Environmental science and technology curriculum integrated into all subject areas; Environmental science laboratory; 1:1 iPad program for all 5th and 6th graders provides 24/7 technology access; Outdoors garden habitat; State of the art technology equipment programs and high speed internet; In-classroom technology centers; Computer laboratory; After school environmental and technology program; Green school ecology/Recycling program; Community recycling; Technology instructor; Environmental science instructor. Niemes students perform at our Environmental Festival to teach our community how we can all make a difference.

## Patricia Nixon Elementary School

19600 Jacob Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703

(526) 860-6549

Principal – Melinda Ortiz



### **About Nixon Academy**

The staff at Nixon Academy of Multimedia Arts Production nurtures innovative and creative learners by providing all students with an enriched and challenging curriculum with unique experiences in multimedia arts production. Through the use of technology Nixon students participate in real-world learning opportunities that prepare them to create, problem solve, collaborate and communicate. As a multimedia arts production magnet school, Nixon Academy encourages

students to “Celebrate Learning through the Arts and Technology.” All students participate in annual JAM Sessions, which provide them with an opportunity to cultivate and explore a wide variety of interests. Each JAM Session culminates in a celebration of student accomplishments.

The outstanding teachers and staff at Nixon Academy continue to raise the academic bar for all students and Nixon students rise to the challenge. For the 2012-2013 school year, Nixon is proud to boast that the school earned an API score of 887!

### **Awards and Recognitions**

2004 California Distinguished School  
2008 California Distinguished School  
2008 Recognized in the Los Angeles Times as one of the most culturally diverse schools in the county of Los Angeles.



2010 National Magnet School

2011 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll

2012 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll

2013 California School Board of Education Golden Bell recipient

2014 California Business for Education Excellence STAR School.

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**Program Features-** Multimedia Arts Production Magnet School ; Dedicated and enthusiastic staff of professionals; Musical, dance and theatrical productions at every grade level; 1:1 iPad Ratio in all 5th and 6th grade classes; JAM live Broadcast Studio; Mobile Device tech support and access at all grade levels; Monthly Student Awards Ceremony; Character Counts Value of the

Month; "Meet the Masters" visual arts program; National Watch D. O.G. S. Program; Active and supportive PTA; Upper Grade Band; Student Council ; Primary and Upper Grade Chorus; Dance Troupe; Track Team; Academic Chess; Patricia Nixon School Education Foundation; Before and After School/Extended Day Care.

# Palms Elementary School

12445 E 207th Street, Lakewood, CA 90715

(562) 924-5549

**Principal – Evelyn Huh**



Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We look forward to another exciting year for our students, staff and parents. Palms is committed to offering a well-rounded and rigorous education in a safe and supportive environment where our students will excel and achieve success!

As the Accelerated Learning Magnet school in

ABC, our mission is to prepare ALL of our students for middle school, high school and beyond and to create a college and career ready culture at Palms. All classrooms participate in our "Adopt-a-College" campaign where college posters and decals decorate our walls, and students wear their college t-shirts. Our hope is to inspire every one of our students that their path to college starts here...that they have a spot saved in college! In order to help make college a reality, Palms is the first and only AVID elementary school in the district. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness system that prepares students for their academic future. Students learn through WICOR strategies (Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading to Learn) for academic success. Palms is also excited to continue with the SpringBoard Pre-AP College Board curriculum. 6th grade will implement SpringBoard in both math and English/language arts. Instructional technology is also a huge component of our magnet program. All students attend our state of the art Technology/Media Lab and learn using iPads in the Accelerated Learning Lab. Students create a variety of digital media projects on these mobile devices. This year, all of our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms will participate in a 1:1 iPad Program. These students will have access to an iPad in their classroom EVERY DAY! Our teachers will par-

ticipate in various professional learning opportunities to bring the latest and greatest in technology into our classrooms!

Not only do we want to focus on student achievement, we want Palms' students to be excellent in character. We expect students to follow our "3-BE's": Be safe, Be respectful and Be responsible. We are currently in Year 2 of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports) implementation, a framework to help refine our school-wide behavior plan and transform our school climate into one that is more positive and safe for all students. Palms is also a PeaceBuilder school; our students learn how to build peace at home, at school, and in their community. All students recite the Palms Pledge at our weekly Spirit Assemblies where we celebrate our Puma pride. "Today has been given to be fresh and new. I can learn from it or throw it away. I will choose to do my best in thoughts, words and actions. Today I will be a STAR! I will stop, think and act safely, respectfully and responsibly."

We also recognize the vital role that our partnerships with parents and the community play in helping Palms be a successful school. Not only do we want our students to learn, we also want to provide our parents with learning opportunities. We will continue to have the Palms Parent University this year. This is a series of 6-8 workshops for parents. Topics include: Common Core standards, Thinking Maps, Discipline/Positive Behavior, Technology, Health & Nutrition and AVID. We conclude the series with a graduation celebration for all parent participants! Palms also has an extremely supportive PTA that sponsors various field trips, assemblies, family and movie nights, special activities like our annual Red Ribbon Week and Jog-A-Thon as well as classroom materials. We encourage all our parents to be involved with the PTA!



# Stowers Elementary School

13350 Beach Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-2326

**Principal – Dr. Tom Tracy**



Welcome to Cecil B. Stowers Elementary School. Stowers is a Magnet School with a focus on International Studies. Magnet schools normally have a focused theme and aligned curricula in specific areas such as International Studies. Our Magnet school is typically more inquiry based with a hands-on/minds-on approach to learning that is inquiry or performance/project based. We have fully implemented the California

Common Core State Standards in all subject areas.

Our International Studies program focuses on an understanding of global societies, cultures, languages and in the world we live in. These studies are closely interwoven in with the California Common Core State Standards. Our curriculum provides a challenging and rewarding inquiry based learning experience for all of our students.

Stowers Elementary, Magnet School of International Studies' mission is to develop in our students a love for learning constructed through inquiry based learning. During inquiry learning students construct much of their understanding of the issue, natural and human-designed worlds. Inquiry implies a "need or want to know" premise. Inquiry is not so much seeking the right answer because often there may not be one right answer but multiple possibilities that provide appropriate resolutions to questions and issues.

Our multi-cultural students represent cultures from around the world. On a daily basis they exemplify the world around us and work to create a world where they can do anything, be anyone, and achieve the impossible.

Through our challenging international studies program and rigorous assessments we encourage our students to become active, compassionate, and the type of learners who understands that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

At Stowers Magnet School of International Studies, your child is our priority and we always go.

## **Above and Beyond!**

The most significant and distinctive feature of our school is our emphasis on developing International mindedness to all students. We research and learn about other countries, cultures, and habits from around the world. Students present and receive information about different cultures from around the world. We also offer a Spanish Language program where all students, K-6, are taught Span-

ish.

## **Technology**

Stowers students use our computer lab, center for inquiry, iP-ADs, laptops, and other technology equipment to enhance their technology literacy. Our computer laboratory specialist uses Smart Technology to enhance our student's computer and other technology skills expanding their multi-media capabilities. Being technology literate helps our students develop and enhance their computer skills and competency. This knowledge helps to make Stowers students technologically competitive in the 21st Century.

## **Art**

Art instruction and integration is always among the highest form of expression of one's culture. At Stowers we use the arts to teach our students about our world's culture and historical periods. Our art integration instruction teaches our students to appreciate the arts by allowing them to inquire and participate in activities as they grow and gain a deeper understanding of different people and their culture. We believe the arts bring every subject to life, and it also enhances reality. We

continue with art appreciation through our PTA programs. Each year Stowers participates in the National PTA's "Reflections" art program.

## **International Festival**

We are extremely proud of our connectedness activity we call our "International Festival." Students, parents, and teachers work together with community members to bring different cultures from around the world alive here at Stowers. The International Festival celebrates people, diversity, and our connectedness to each other. This amazing family event involves the recreation of cultural games, performances, music, and a variety of international commonalities.

We are Stowers, we are a Magnet School of International Studies, we are a California Distinguished School. Come join us! It is a small world and the more we get together the more we are connected.





# Willow Elementary School

11733 E 205th Street, Lakewood, CA 90715

(562) 865-6209

**Principal – Linda Dohm**



Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Willow Elementary School, home of Willow STEM Academy. It is my privilege to serve as principal at a school in the city of Lakewood where I grew up, and also at the school where my two oldest children attended.

#### Vision Statement

The Willow staff is committed to fostering a respectful, supportive, and responsible environment for the 21st Century that addresses the diverse needs of all students. Staff and students will be engaged through collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity to excel in a competitive and ever changing world.

#### Technology

The use of technology in the classroom, computer lab, and library facilitate teaching and learning. Students are engaged as they collaborate using the chrome books available in all fourth through sixth grade classrooms. Their creativity is evident as they communicate ideas and information to classmates. The critical thinking that takes place as students prepare for debate is impressive.

The Willow teachers have artfully integrated the use of technology across content areas: English language arts, mathematics, history-social studies, science... They effectively make learning "come alive" using available technology for teaching. Students are truly excited when technology provides them with choices in how they learn and practice new concepts and demonstrate what they have learned.

As Willow parents have asked for learning opportunities in the use of technology used by teachers and children, a series of workshops will be offered for parents over the course of the school year.

Willow staff will continue to strive to use technology in ways that will enable us to more effectively reach out to parents and students providing needed information and support.

#### Positive Intervention Behavior and Supports (PBIS)

We are pleased to begin school wide implementation of PBIS this year. The over-arching goal is to implement a school wide PBIS framework that ensures that all students learn and do well academically, behaviorally, and social-emotionally utilizing a multi-tiered system of support. In order to achieve this goal, the Willow School Community has spent one year redesigning our learning community so that it is safe, positive, consistent, and predictable. This will be the first year for implementation and it will be several years before it is fully established as an essential component of our school culture.

#### Behavioral Expectations: Willow WISE

- Willing to learn
- Integrity
- Speak kindly to all
- Extraordinary respectful behavior

#### 2015-2016 Highlights

Talented, enthusiastic, and dedicated staff ; 1:1 chrome books in all 4th – 6th grade classrooms; Wireless Internet Connection throughout the school; Morning Fitness/Play Works; Accelerated Reading Program (AR); Imagine Learning for English Language Learners, Levels 1 and 2 ; GATE Academy; Computer Lab; PBIS ; Home Work Club; Track Team ; Reading Olympics Team; Spelling Bee ; Cheer Team; STEM Academy ; Active and supportive PTA ; Parent Involvement Opportunities; No Cost After School Program for up to 100 students until 6:00 pm daily; 4th – 6th grade Band

This year there will be several new opportunities for Willow students to shine, as well as more opportunities for parents to participate.

# Wittmann Elementary School

16801 Yvette, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-1321

**Principal – Miguel Marco**



In our 41st year, Helen Wittmann Elementary School continues to strive and push our students to excellence. Wittmann continues to be a place where students gain an outstanding "world class" education. With an outstanding veteran teaching staff and strong community support, Wittmann is recognized as a California Distinguished School and continues to be rated as one of the best schools in California. Just this

past year Wittmann was recognized as a "Scholar School" by the Campaign for Business and Educational Excellence (CBEE).

Student Achievement is a high priority, but at Wittmann our focus is to create well-rounded students who are intelligent, adaptable and thoughtful of others. Our school wide "PeaceBuild-

ers" program promotes peaceful interactions amongst staff and students through a positive behavior system. Our staff members use a system of Praise Notes, Peace Preferrals, and PeaceBuilders classroom curriculum to reinforce and encourage positive student behavior.

Beyond our rigorous core curricula, Arts education is supported through Wittmann's Beginning and Advanced Bands, Art 4 Kids, weekly Music Rotation Classes, Spring Musical, and abundant field trips to performances at the nearby Cerritos Performing Arts Center. Our lunchtime sports tournaments, as well as our annual 'Jump-a-thon', 'Wittmann Olympics' and District Champion Track Team keep our students physically active.

Wittmann is a special place where all staff, parents and students are incorporated into our learning community and a school that

supports and encourages the involvement of all school stakeholders. The Wittmann Education Foundation and PTA have combined to form the “Wittmann Organized Warriors” or WOW. WOW supports our school by funding programs such as music, technology, field trips and student events that enhance the learning experience for all children. This past year our students were able to use

64 new laptop computers in their classrooms and our teachers incorporated Google Classroom. WOW is a special part of our school and allows our staff to introduce new and exciting experiences for our students. Our staff and parent groups work closely together to create a unified vision for success and truly embody that together, “We are Wittmann!”

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

### Carmenita Middle School

13435 E 166th Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-4405

**Principal – Kester Song**



Carmenita Middle School (CMS) is an award winning middle school that continues to serve an important role in our community. Our students represent a diversity that reflects our local and larger communities. CMS offers a comprehensive middle school program that supports the whole child. Our faculty and staff are prepared to teach, support, engage and encourage our students intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. CMS has been

recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, California Distinguished School, California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll recipient, the California School Board Association's Golden Bell Award recipient for our Distinguished Scholars Program, and a National and California Schools to Watch to serve as a national model of a high achieving middle schools. This year, CMS was once again named a California Business for Education Excellence Scholar School for a fifth year in a row.

As stated in our mission statement, CMS students also understand that their successful progress is the most important goal we have here at CMS. In addition to the support our students receive from their teachers, their parents, and our staff, CMS students are taught to take ownership of their own progress. Our students read their own assessment data, chart their individual progress, and set goals based on data. As we continue our transition into the California Common Core Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards, and the Smarter Balanced Assessments, we are confident that our students will be prepared for success.

In addition to our core academic course offerings, CMS offers a wealth of extra-curricular, elective, college, and career pathway courses. We offer courses in art, music, band, computers, Spanish, yearbook, broadcasting, and engineering. We are in our second year of offering the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) course in both 7th and 8th grades. We are also excited about offering our newest courses in PLTW (Project Lead the Way), which consists of two courses in engineering and robotics.

CMS is proud to have a successful and unique program called the Distinguished Scholars Program (DSP). Our DSP was awarded the Golden Bell Award in 2011 as a model middle school program. All 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to apply and be part of our innovative and successful DSP. The Program has three overarching goals in support of our school's mission.

**1.** Our first goal is to increase desire and passion for learning. Often after school, DSP students are seen laughing and working on

projects together. Their excitement and zeal for the program is displayed not only through their willingness to go “above and beyond” in a specific content area, but also in their desire to grow as a community of learners and achievers.

**2.** Our second goal for the DSP is to prepare students for rigorous high school college-preparatory curriculum. A very clear indication that we are meeting this goal is that most of the DS students are accepted into high school honors classes and upper-level math classes after they are promoted.

**3.** Our third goal of the DSP is leadership development. Understanding the significance of community service is essential to the DS program. DS students are required to “give back” to the Carmenita community by leading other students. “Giving back” is done in a variety of ways, and can include tutoring, mentoring, and leading class discussions.

We strongly believe that a healthy body produces a healthy mind. This belief led us to the creation of our enviable Cougar Health and Fitness Center. With the help of our CMS PTA, we raised the necessary funds to open our state of the art Fitness Center. In the Fitness Center, students learn to use fitness machines and technology to improve their physical fitness. Our student-athletes continue to do well in competition; in fact, our track team has brought home the overall district track championship for a record, 9 years in a row!

We look forward to working with our CMS parents, students, and community members during this school year. I am confident that it will be another year of ensuring successful progress for all students here in Cougarland! If you would like more information about our school or would like to contact us, please visit our school's website at: [http://www.edline.net/pages/Carmenita\\_Middle\\_School](http://www.edline.net/pages/Carmenita_Middle_School) and follow us on Twitter @carmenitamss.





# Fedde Middle School

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(562) 924-2309

**Principal – Ricardo Lois**



Fedde International Studies Academy students develop a deep understanding of essential knowledge, critical thought, communication, collaboration and creativity through a rigorous curriculum to better prepare students to compete in a global economy.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Fedde International Studies Academy was honored with the Schools to Watch designation. It

is one of the highest honors a middle school can receive in the United States. The Schools to Watch Award verifies that Fedde International Studies Academy has a model middle school.

Our students are enrolled in seven classes, and every student has the opportunity to take two years of Spanish language instruction. Access to a second language in middle school prepares students to further develop a second language in High School and beyond.

The use of technology as a learning and productivity tool is a critical component of students' educations more than ever. In addition to three computer laboratories on campus and several mobile labs, all classrooms are equipped with computers and all students complete at least one technology integrated assignment per class each Semester.

At Fedde we realize not every learner is the same, but every student is capable of growing academically and deserves a high quality education. Our school provides opportunities for all learners, including A.V.I.D., after-school intervention, extended learning time during Saturday School, the Global Scholars Honors Pre-University

Program, and the Rising Stars Mentoring Program.

Middle school is a time for students to explore extracurricular activities and put their knowledge to work outside the traditional classroom setting. During the 2015-2016 school year Fedde International Studies Academy is rolling out two Project Lead the Way electives aimed at better preparing our students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education and careers. Students will have access to courses in Design and Modeling, as well as

Robotics and Automation. Our elective offerings also include band, History Day, and art. As for our Math, Science, Mock Trial, and History teams, they were recognized in local and State competitions last year with medals and top honors, and we look forward to their continued success this school year.

The I.C.E.S. After-School program free of charge, which provides students tutoring, intramural sports, electronic music production, environmental club, STEM projects, and other activities. Our campus is home to a state of the art sports complex which has football, soccer, baseball, and softball fields, which hosts Middle School Sports competitions during the year and are used by

P.E. classes during the day.

We realize that life can present challenges for any family, and the Fedde Community Resource Center is in place to help our community. If your student hits a bump in the road during middle school, Fedde International Studies has the resources to get them back on the path to success. We are hosts to several counseling agencies that are available to families during school hours and beyond. The resource center is also home to G.E.D courses in Spanish, parent education workshops, and much more.



# Haskell Middle School

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**Principal – Camille Lewis**



## **A Commitment to Excellence!**

Welcome to the Haskell Academy of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), home of the Mustangs. Haskell STEM Academy is the first Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics magnet middle school in ABC Unified School District. Haskell STEM

Academy is a high achieving magnet middle school that is dedicated to the academic excellence, college and career readiness, and social-emotional growth of our students. The staff and administration provide a safe, supportive, and caring environment that celebrates cultural diversity and nurtures individual differences through respect, collaboration, and communication. We value parents and community members as partners in education. Our goals are to develop 21st century academic skills and socially

successful students in preparation for high school and post-secondary education and careers. We prepare our students to become life-long learners and responsible, productive citizens in our diverse society. We are proud to offer a variety of programs to meet the needs and aspirations of all our students.

## **STEM and Technology for the 21st Century**

We are pleased to present our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics magnet program. Haskell STEM Academy offers a fully inclusive, school-wide STEM program. Haskell students are immersed in an integrated, cross-curricular approach to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics that is student centered, project oriented, and product based. Built upon a strong foundation in basic language and math proficiencies, students become fluent and proficient in:

- Scientific Literacies: the knowledge and understanding of sci-



entific concepts and processes

required in 21st century society

- Technological Literacies: the knowledge of what technology is, how it works, purposes it serves, and ways it can be used.

- Information Literacies: the ability to evaluate information across a range of media; locate, synthesize, and utilize it effectively.

### **The “SmartLab”**

The stand alone “SmartLab” is richly provisioned with state of the art technology and STEM equipment systems. Students have access to over 230 Learning Launchers centered around eight technology systems and core competencies: Alternative and Renewable Energy, Computer Graphics, Science and Data Acquisition, Mechanics and Structures, Multimedia Design/Computer Aided Publishing, Robotics and Control Technology, and Circuitry and Computer Simulation. Students explore and investigate the science and technology behind wind, solar, and hydrogen energy. They utilize Web based programs and applications such as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, 3D Graphics Studio, Stop Motion Animation software, Microsoft Flight Simulator with USB flight yoke, West Point Bridge Designer, Lego NXT Robot Control Software, and Sim City software (urban planning). In preparation for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), students will also be engaged in STEM Science investigations in their Science classes, like CSI Chemistry Lab, Recycled Dragsters, Paper Roller Coaster Lab and more. Students will record all project work from start to finish in an “ePortfolio.”

**Honors Program** Honors level coursework is offered in all core subjects for both 7th and 8th grade students in Math (Advanced Math), English/Language Arts, History/Social Sciences, and Science. In addition, we offer Spanish I, a high school level class available on Haskell’s campus.

### **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**

AVID is a college bound elective class/program designed to provide students with important college readiness skills, motivate them to seek a college education, and increase the participant’s level of career awareness. Students work directly with college tutors, attend lectures by guest speakers, and visit a number of colleges and universities, both in person and via Skype. Students are able to transition into high school AVID programs. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained. Applications and interviews are part of the acceptance process. We are proud to say that our AVID program



is fully certified and we are looking forward to our ninth year as an official AVID school.

**Performing and Visual Arts Programs** Haskell’s Performing Arts program includes beginning and advanced Band, Chorus, and Drama. Students are encouraged to develop and display their talents in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment. Performances are scheduled throughout the year at a variety of venues. Students can also sign up to be a member of our outstanding drum line. In addition, Haskell STEM Academy offers visual arts as an elective choice.

**Extra-Curricular Activities** Haskell has a variety of after school sports programs for boys and girls including flag football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, cross country, and track and field. Cheer squad is also a popular activity on campus that students participate in to show their school spirit (subject to available sponsor). School organizations and clubs include CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation), ASB (Associated Student Body), Literary Club, and STEM Club. Haskell also has four after school dances each year. Lunchtime activities include academic and spirit-related games and events.

Be a part of the Mustang success story! Follow us on Twitter @HaskellAcademy. Like us on Facebook: Haskell STEM Academy.

## **Ross Middle School**

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(562) 924-8331

**Principal – Ricardo Brown**



In November 2004, Ross Middle School became a federally funded Magnet School for Creative and Media Arts.

All Ross students have the opportunity to display, perform and demonstrate what they have learned in Fine Arts, Theater Arts, Media Production, Literary and Musical Arts. In Fine Arts, students study Ceramics, Drawing, Art History, and Advanced Art. In Theater

Arts, students learn drama and acting, stage production, and two of our most popular programs, Improvisation and Speech & Debate.

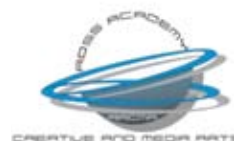
All core academic teachers use state of the art technology

and equipment to teach the California Common Core Standards in English, History, Science, Math, and Physical Education. Students demonstrate what they have learned by creating multimedia projects across the curriculum.

All classrooms use Elmo Document Readers, Plasma Televisions or Laser Projectors, and newly installed 80” Big Screen Televisions to enhance learning. In Video Production, students learn to film, edit, write and produce Public Service Announcements and promotional skits for the K-ROSS morning broadcasts, which are televised LIVE daily to each classroom.

Computer technology classes provide students the opportunity to create various projects using Excel, Word, Garage Band,

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Pages, Power Point, and Keynote. Teachers have iPad Carts and Chrome Book Carts available to check out for 1:1 student use in specific classroom projects and instruction. A state of the art Computer Lab with 36 iMac Desktops and an 80" Big Screen Television will be available to all students when school opens in August. Students in journalism learn digital photography, desktop publishing, create a web design yearbook, and manage their own Facebook page. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, whose mission is to close the achievement gap and prepare students for college readiness and success in a global society, is offered as an elective at both grade levels.

### Intervention Programs

When students need additional academic support to be successful, we offer a wide variety of intervention classes after school in Math, English, Science, and History. Students also have access to a Tutoring Center for all academic subjects 4 days a week after school. Reading Plus, a computer based reading program designed to improve students' ability to read and comprehend, is offered to those students who struggle with reading comprehension. Accelerated Reader, a school wide reading program also used at several of our elementary school feeders, is monitored and incorporated in our English classes.

## Tetzlaff Middle School

12351 Del Amo Blvd, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 865-9539

**Principal – Crechena Wise**



Tetzlaff Principal Crechena Wise was awarded Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) 2015 Principal for the Year for Region 14 and the State of California.

The team of educators and parent community at Tetzlaff Middle School believes all students have the right to be in a position of choice as they make decisions for high school, college and beyond. We believe the role of the middle school is to provide students with a distinctive curriculum that is both rigorous and relevant, in order to prepare students to meet the demands of Advanced Placement courses in high school. The building of a college bound culture begins before high school and persists throughout a student's academic career. Our mission statement at Tetzlaff is to prepare students for high school and beyond.

Tetzlaff Middle School is Los Angeles County's first Magnet Middle School to offer Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) courses for all students. We use SpringBoard, the College Board's pre-AP curriculum to support our theme based instruction.

Students study core materials in greater detail and depth while



increasing their critical thinking skills to better understand themselves. Pre AP rigor allows core teachers to give standards based instruction in greater depth and detail with high expectations for student accountability and responsibility.

The primary goal is to prepare our students for advanced placement course choices when they enter high school, which we believe will ensure their likeliness to enter college.

In 2013, Tetzlaff became the only middle school in the ABC Unified School District to be a recipient of the California Distinguished Schools Award. Our school was also recognized as a National Demonstration School for SpringBoard, the CollegeBoard's Pre-AP program and a National School to Watch by the California League of Middle Schools. In addition to these honors, we were also named an Honor Roll School by the California Business for Education Excellence for our outstanding academic program and

growth. Tetzlaff students have shown that high expectations and rigorous instruction leads to student achievement. Our students have made more than a fifty-point increase on the California Standards test, from 793 to 845 in three years. In addition, we pride ourselves

on being the safest middle school in district.



# HIGH SCHOOLS

## Artesia High School

12108 E. Del Amo Blvd, Lakewood, CA 90715

(562) 926-5566, ext 21600

**Principal – Sergio Garcia**



Artesia High School Accelerated Learning magnet is committed to bridging the achievement gap for all students. The goal at Artesia High School is to provide students with a challenging and rigorous curriculum in a student-centered environment. Artesia has been recognized as a California Distinguished School as well as a Gold Ribbon School. Educational consultants regularly provide professional development for

teachers and administrators. Teaching professionals are dedicated to providing a comprehensive curriculum driven by the Common Core that incorporates 21st century skills in order to prepare students for post-graduate life.

With additional grade-level counselors, the counseling team endlessly strives to educate, develop community, and promote partnerships with students, alumni, faculty, employers and members of the college community. Extracurricular programs, such as field trips, and guest speakers encourage students to work hard to make their dreams a reality.

Artesia High School provides college support through our Student Union. The Student Union hosts a College Night and Financial Aid Night where students and parents attend workshops to provide information regarding admission requirements and steps on how to fill out the FAFSA. The Student Union also provides information for scholarship opportunities, hosts college application workshops, has a full computer lab, and is open before and after school for students to study.

Artesia High School offers a well-balanced academic and extra-curricular learning environment. We currently offer 15 AP classes. We have two Project Lead the Way (PLTW) pathways in Engineering and Biomedical. Our Renaissance and Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) programs are leadership-building programs that focus on academic achievement and inspire all students to reach higher levels of success. Demanding and engaging cur-

riculum offers our students a learning environment that is challenging and well rounded. Our sports programs promote leadership and academics as well as skill development. Artesia also features the Visual and Performing Arts Academy (VAPA) and the Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Academy with a Robotics club. In addition, the Southeast Regional Occupational Program has partnered with Artesia High School and is instrumental in providing career pathways for students interested in pharmacy and mental health fields. Academic curriculum and project-based learning provide students with tool to prepare for their future.

Artesia promotes a college ready atmosphere throughout campus. We articulate with Cerritos College and have students participate in the Middle Scholars program where they concurrently attend and earn college credit while in high school. We offer a summer Pre-AP Academy to prepare students for the rigor of the AP curriculum. Along with the Pre-AP Academy, after school and weekend practice tests and study sessions, and our AP Calculus camp our students are well prepared for their AP tests. All 9th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 and all 10th graders take the PSAT. Results are reviewed with students during the PSAT night in order to better prepare them for the SATs. AVID organizes college promotion projects: such as college t-shirt Tuesdays. Our Student Union hosts the 'I'm Going to College Dinner' where students are recognized based on the college they are attending.

Our award winning band program boasts dedicated and talented marching and concert musicians. The band not only performs at football games, field shows, pep rallies parades and community events, but festivals throughout the year. The instrumental music program not only builds the musicianship skills of its students but also engages them in the appreciation, theory and composition.

We look forward to the 2015-2016 school year and to continue to celebrate the successes of Artesia High School students.

## Cerritos High School

12500 E 183rd Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-5566, ext. 21800

**Principal – Pat Walker**



After completing my first year as the Principal at Cerritos High School, I have to admit-- I had an absolute blast! Quite frankly, it'll be quite a challenge for all of us at CHS to top last year's accomplishments: the Regiment of Gold's State Band Championship, our Model United Nations National Ranking, National Titles for our Cheer and Dance Drill Teams, CIF titles for our Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams, and Cerritos High School being named a Gold Ribbon School! Most memorable for me, though,

will be my daily interactions with the most considerate, helpful, and caring students I have ever encountered. Indeed, Cerritos High School is a special place where kindness and respectfulness permeate the entire campus. It's something that we've identified as The Cerritos Way. Still, while last year was good, I'm convinced that the upcoming 2015-16 school year will be just as good...if not better!

Cerritos High School takes pride in educating the "whole child". In addition to our rigorous curricula, CHS promotes a "Character

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Counts” program to enhance students’ growth in personal character. Under the direction of our ASB’s “Commissioner of Character”, CHS proactively instructs the six pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. These six pillars are the true foundation of the Cerritos Way.

At Cerritos High School, we know that a strong partnership between home and school will assuredly propel our students to be the best that they can be—academically and socially. Using this web page as a resource to become familiar with all of the rules and procedures within ABCUSD will help support a successful and productive school year for everyone.

As I enter into my “sophomore” year, I’ve set personal goals of getting even more involved in CHS activities, clubs and organizations. That being said, I encourage all of our students to enrich the short time you have here by getting more involved in the many teams, clubs, and organizations we have on campus. By getting involved, you will empower yourself to make a positive impact at Cerritos High School. As for the 2015-16 school year, I am certain we will embark upon another great year of exceptional Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics! Because it is....The Cerritos Way!

*Go Dons!*

## Gahr High School

1111 Artesia Blvd, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-5566, ext. 22000

**Principal – Gina Zietlow**



### **STEAM Magnet School** **Science • Technology** **Engineering • Art • Math**

Gahr High STEAM Magnet School is a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. The core of our campus is centered on student learning and preparation for college and career upon graduation. With a dedicated and caring staff, Gahr High is able to provide many programs and opportunities for all students to be actively engaged with their learning, school, and community.

Our STEAM focus has specializations for students in Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, and Arts Technology. The STEAM pathways are offered to increase opportunities for our students as they explore future career options.

Our STEAM focus is further supported by academic offerings and support available to ensure that all students have opportunities to prepare for college and university experiences after high school.



Our comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) Pathway offers options for learning in a wide array of academic disciplines, allowing our students to best meet their learning interests and support their career exploration. In addition, our students have academic support through programs designed to provide assistance for students as they experience the demands and expectations of our challenging curriculum. A hallmark of the Gahr High campus are the numerous opportunities students have to participate in extra-curricular programs. These programs provide students with opportunities to put into practice the inquiry, collaboration, and organizational skills learned within their school day. Students have opportunities through both our Activities and Academic programs to showcase their talents and explore their interests.

Finally, Gahr High has a comprehensive Athletic Program which seeks to provide all students with opportunities to get involved and be part of a team. Each athletic team works to prepare our student athletes to compete at their best with a philosophy that encourages students to play to the end and play with character.

## Whitney High School

16800 Shoemaker Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-5566, ext. 22300

**Principal – Dr. Rhonda Buss**



Whitney High School (WHS) provides an academically challenging educational program for college-bound students. The staff is highly committed to a research-based, results-driven, instructional program to ensure all students achieve academic excellence, while they successfully develop socially and emotionally. Students are provided with a rigorous curriculum within a personalized learning and working environment.

As a result, our school enjoys a rich history of academic excellence and is identified as one of the top performing schools in the state of California, and the nation. Whitney has also been recognized as a California Distinguished School on seven occasions, and has recently been honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award for the fifth time; the only school in the nation to achieve this status. In ad-



dition, WHS has consistently been featured in Newsweek and US News and World Report’s annual lists of top performing schools.

Whitney’s vision is to develop intrinsically motivated, collaborative learners who approach their education purposefully and creatively by taking ownership of their learning to become responsible, innovative global citizens. Our vision supports the belief that a student’s education must be meaningful and personal. With this in mind, our desire is for all students to discover their “element,” a term coined by Sir Ken Robinson, as the place where a person’s interests and strengths meet. To support students in this endeavor, Whitney’s Student Advisors have designed grade-level activities that include interest and strength-based inventories, and a Personalized Education Plan (PEP) for our students. Furthermore, core academic departments have developed curriculum and lessons that personalize learning to help students discover their “element.” As a result, a number of students

utilize their time during the summer months as an opportunity to learn more about the profession to which they aspire, engage in a variety of community service projects, and participate in internships related to their future career choices.

Whitney High School's mission is to prepare students to be accepted, and successful, at their best-match colleges or universities. Once students have determined their "element," our staff works closely with students and their families to identify and pursue the most appropriate college or university for each student's unique interests and needs. Additionally, to ensure graduating students are not deterred financially from attending their best-match schools, we encourage and help our students apply for scholarships. In fact, our staff assisted our 2015 seniors attain over nine million dollars in scholarships for undergraduate study. Moreover, students at WHS have the opportunity to discover their individual strengths and participate in extra-curricular activities that are meaningful to them. With this in mind, Whitney High School offers approximately 35 clubs/service organizations along with opportunities for students to participate in drama, music, and sports programs throughout the year.

## Tracy High School

12222 Cuesta Drive, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-5566, ext. 22200

**Principal – Jeff Green**



Tracy High School is the ABC Unified School District's alternative/continuation educational program for secondary school students. Named a Model Continuation School in 2002, THS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and offers core academic programs and a personal attention to students who are behind in credits and at risk of not graduating with their graduating class. THS classes focus on the

courses, and make-up courses required for graduation. Small class sizes and a friendly, peaceful campus environment encourage student achievement, cooperation and success. Counseling emphasis is placed on academics as well as a philosophy that everyone deserves a second chance. Career/Technical Education (CTE) classes, taught by ROP (Regional Occupational Program) focus on vocational/technical pathways courses such as Hospital Occupations and Student and the Law. Tracy High School has a few extra-curricular activities that are similar to traditional high schools. There are no athletics and performing arts programs/classes. Students (and parents) enjoy events such as Back to School Night BBQ, ABCUSD Art Show, Student Awards Night, Open House, Prom and Grad Night. Student of the Month and Perfect Attendance awards are recognized throughout the year. Unique to the District, every graduating student from Tracy High School is eligible for up to \$800 in scholarship money through the school's Clara Mae Tracy Foundation (based on post-secondary school enrollment).

### **Teen Parent (Cal-Safe)**

The Teen Parent Program (TPP) is open to ABCUSD students who are expecting a child and/or are already parenting. Classes teach parenting skills, prenatal health and childbirth. A District-funded Infant Center is available to most participating students and is staffed by professional child-care providers as well as community and student volunteers.

Our parent community plays an integral role in Whitney's success. Due to our diverse student population, our school welcomes a variety of parent groups. These groups include the Chinese Parents' Association, Korean Parents' Association, Filipino Parents' Support Group, Latino Parents' Association, Indian Parents' Association, and the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). The Whitney Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE) is the largest group of active parents on our campus and includes the presidents and representatives from each parent group.

Whitney High School has exceptional students, dedicated staff members, and a supportive network of families and stakeholders. Our school maintains a rigorous and relevant college-preparatory environment while preserving the approachable and intimate atmosphere of a small campus. We provide our students with a variety of learning experiences both in and out of the traditional classroom setting. With this unique and purposeful approach, our students develop the strong foundational skills necessary for them to achieve tremendous success in college/university, and their future career choice.



### **1:1 iPad Program**

All THS math classes are taught with Apple iPad tablet technology focusing on Project-Based Learning units to align with the Common Core State Standards. Students consistently work in groups while learning basic and advanced math concepts. Lessons and units make math "real" for students in an interactive and engaging way.

### **Afternoon High School**

This option is offered to Tracy High School students from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is located at the Cabrillo Lane campus on Del Amo Blvd. Behavior modification such as conflict resolution, study skills, responsible decision making skills and job readiness are emphasized. Students with serious attendance problems or social/emotional issues may voluntarily transfer to this program and/or involuntarily be transferred to this program.

### **10th Grade Opportunity**

The CA Ed Code restricts continuation education to students 16 years old or older. For students under the age of 16, Tracy offers 10th Grade Opportunity for students who are under 16 years of age and not eligible for continuation high school enrollment. Upon a counselor's recommendation, students take classes during the regular continuation school day. Students must be at least 30 credits behind after their freshman year in order to be considered for enrollment at Tracy High School. All students must be referred by their home school and a mandatory student/parent orientation is required before being admitted.

### **THE ABC Secondary School/Independent Study**

Independent Study is a voluntary educational alternative. It is a means of individualizing an educational learning plan for students in grades 7-12 whose needs may best be met through study outside the regular classroom setting. An Independent Study Agreement must be entered into before the student starts his/her extended absence. Elementary students should consult with their Principals; and middle and high school students should consult with their counselors.



# ABC Adult School

12254 Cuesta, Cerritos, CA 90703

(562) 926-5566, ext. 25011

**Principal – Dr. Pao-Ling Guo**



As a principal of ABC Adult School, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warm welcome to all of you to 2015-16 school year. ABC Adult School is a school rich in a tradition of excellence, an academic institution that prizes excellence in teaching and life-long learning. It has been, and will always be, a place that is vibrant with a rich diversity of people, and where many of you feel comfortable with challenges and opportunities that are genuinely provided by the

dedicated staff.

ABC Adult School is a proud member of the PAACE (Partnership for Adult Academic and Career Education) Adult Education Regional Consortium. As the school's principal and also serving on the PAACE leadership team, I can assure you that ABC Adult School will continue providing all the resources needed to further the PAACE consortium plan for even greater student achievement and offering students the latest in curriculum in a safe, state-of-the-

art learning environment.

I take great pride in being the principal of this great school and I am very proud to be working with such an excellent learning community. The ABC Adult School is open to any adult 18 and over. Please visit our website at: [www.abcadultschool.edu](http://www.abcadultschool.edu).

If you need further information, please feel free to call (562) 926-6734. I wish you much success in the new school year and I personally look forward to seeing all of you on our campus and in our classes.

Celebrating 50+ Years of Quality Services in Adult Education ABC Adult School is ready to support you in your "Learning for Life" efforts. Please visit school website: [www.abcadultschool.edu](http://www.abcadultschool.edu) and register now!

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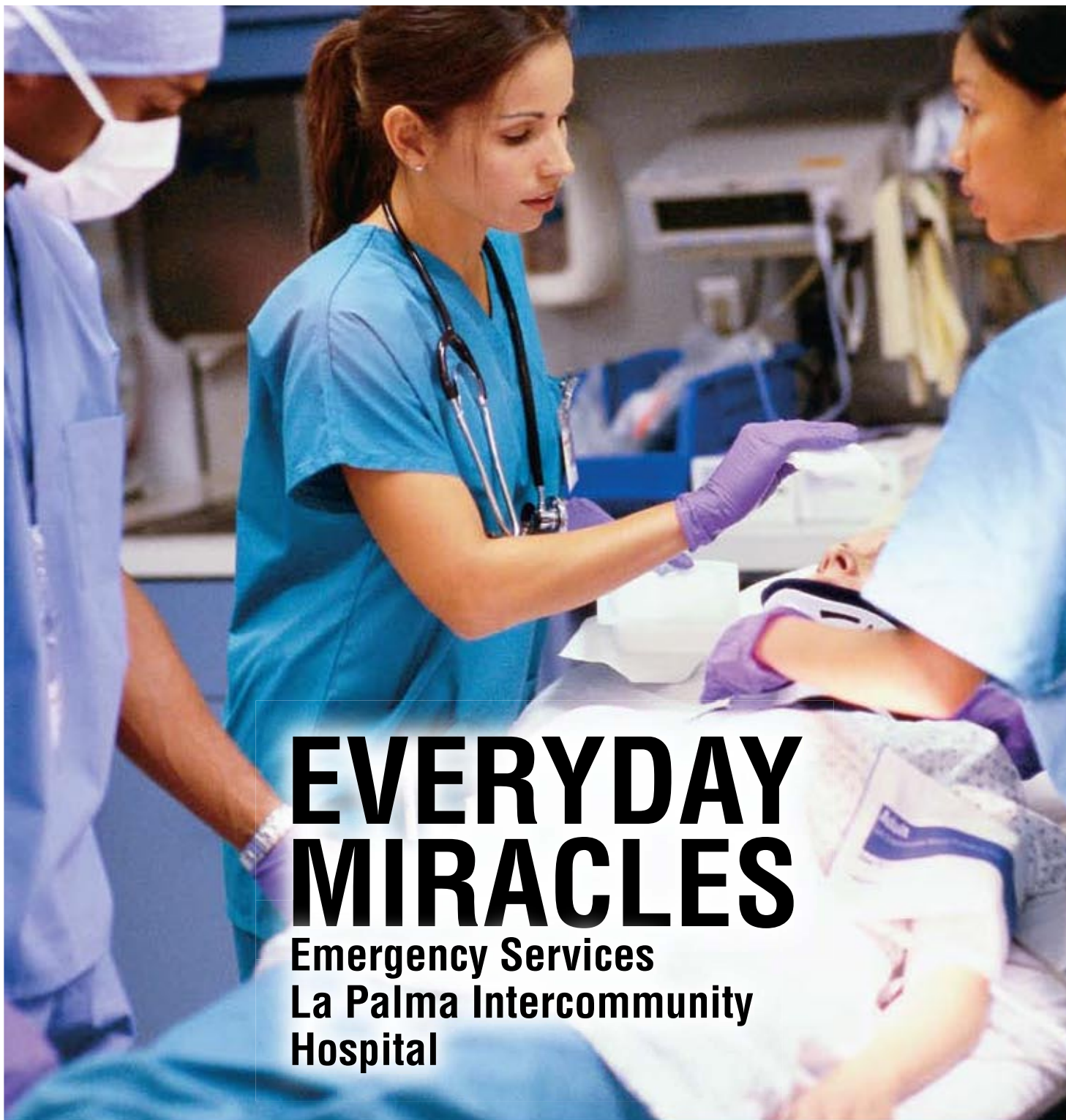
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