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# Welcome to Kindergarten!

**Ocean View School District**

2008-2009 School Year

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# Ocean View School District Distinctions

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## 2 National Blue Ribbon Schools

Circle View School  
Marine View Middle School

## 13 California Distinguished Schools

Circle View School  
College View School  
Golden View School  
Harbour View School  
Hope View School  
Marine View Middle School  
Mesa View Middle School  
Oak View School  
Spring View Middle School  
Star View School  
Village View School  
Vista View Middle School  
Westmont School

## CalSTAT Model Literacy/Leadership Award Sites

Marine View Middle School  
Mesa View Middle School  
Vista View Middle School

## Federal Title I Academic Achievement Winners

Lake View School  
Oak View School  
Sun View School

## Golden Bell Award Winners

Golden View School  
Westmont School

## NASA Explorer Program School

Lake View School



Dear Parents,

Kindergarten is a special time for children and a significant milestone in their lives as they begin to take their first steps on the path of education. In addition to developing necessary skills that will serve as a foundation for all future learning, children will develop relationships and attitudes that will impact their success in school. In Ocean View, it is our goal to support every child during this important transition so that each student may fully experience the joy of learning.

This brochure is designed to provide information and answers to help you prepare your child to begin school. The kindergarten program choices are tailored to address the needs of our youngest students. As your child begins this exciting journey, the school staff will work together as a team with you every step along the way.

All of our kindergarten options are designed to meet the individual needs of our young students, and instruction in all kindergarten classes is aligned to the California Content Standards. The kindergarten program in Ocean View ensures the most appropriate educational setting for each individual child and lays the essential foundation to maximize academic development and support school success.

We look forward to a very exciting year and welcome you and your child to the Ocean View family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan G. Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alan G. Rasmussen, Ed.D., Superintendent

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# General Information

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## Age Requirement

Children are eligible for kindergarten for 2008-09 if they reach five years of age by 12/2/2008.

## Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality play key roles in the success a student achieves in school. Please attempt to schedule doctor, dental and other appointments outside of the school day. If your child is ill, please call the school to report the absence.

## Class Size

Regular education classrooms in Ocean View School District utilize Class Size Reduction (CSR) which limits the class ratio of students to teacher to 20:1.

## Open Enrollment Program – *Schools of Choice*

The District's *Schools of Choice* program allows parents the opportunity to apply to the school they would like their child to attend. Since the program's inception, the majority of our parents annually elect to have their child remain at their home school – the local school serving their child's attendance area. This is where their friends live and it is the school with which they are familiar. However, for a variety of personal or educational reasons, some parents choose to have their child attend other schools within the District. Our program provides parents with this option on a space-available basis. Transportation to any school other than the home school is the responsibility of parents. For more information, call our Educational Support Services Department at 714.847.2551 - x1316.

## Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement

California law now requires that your child have a dental check-up by May 31 of his or her first school year. Dental evaluations that have taken place within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. Your school will give you the required form to take with you when your child has his/her check-up.

## Field Trips

Field trips supplement and enrich classroom learning, encourage new interests, make children more aware of community resources and help them relate school experiences to the outside world. Field trips vary by grade level and school. Check with your child's classroom teacher for more information.

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# Open Enrollment & Transfer Timeline for the 2008-2009 School Year

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February	19 - 28	Elementary School Tours for Parents – Calendar on page 10 Registration materials available at school sites
February	21	Parent Information Meeting 7:00 pm – Spring View Middle School 16662 Trudy Lane • Huntington Beach
March	3	Begin accepting Interdistrict Transfers
	5 - 6	Kindergarten Registration
	7 - 4/4	Accept applications for Open Enrollment
	10 - 12	Middle School Tours for Parents
August	28	First day of school



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## General Information | Registration Info

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### Volunteering

You are welcome and encouraged to participate as a volunteer. Your participation will benefit all students and staff at the school where you will be volunteering. Ocean View recognizes that parents, grandparents and community members serve as valuable resources to our schools by enriching the daily learning lives of children. By volunteering, you will be making a direct contribution to the educational program. Please contact your child's school for more information.

### Registering Your Child

All neighborhood schools accept registration forms for incoming kindergarten students who will reach five years of age by the cut-off date of December 2. Parents who wish to register their child for kindergarten must provide up-to-date immunization records, results of Mantoux TB screening, proofs of residence and a birth certificate. Call 714.847.2551 x1317 for more information.

### Registration Checklist

- Is your child 5 years of age on or before December 2?
- If so, continue on to the next box. If not, your child is not eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the coming year.
- Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming school year is scheduled for March 5 & 6. Call the District Office at 714.847.2551 should you need information on the location of your home school.
- Pick up enrollment packet at your home school. **AT THIS TIME**, you **MUST** provide two proofs of residency – gas, electric or water bill. Phone and cable bills will not be accepted.
- Return all forms to the school office as soon as they are completed. Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. It is very important as school staffing and class assignments can be more accurately made when all packets are collected.
- Your child must have all required immunizations prior to the first day of school.
- Will your child need before- or after-school care? If so, contact your child's school for child care enrollment information or Ocean View Child Care at 714.847.2551 x1323.
- If your child will be taking the bus, complete the bus application in the packet.

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# Readiness – Is my child ready for Kindergarten?

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## Ask yourself: Does my child...

- ⦿ Sit still for 10-15 minutes?
- ⦿ Listen to a story or participate in an activity and respond to questions related to that activity?
- ⦿ Retain information?
- ⦿ Follow simple two-step directions?
- ⦿ Have an interest in reading, listening to stories, letters, and numbers?
- ⦿ Count to 10 and understand simple number concepts?
- ⦿ Focus on an activity?
- ⦿ Finish what he/she starts?
- ⦿ Name colors?
- ⦿ Enjoy coloring and drawing?
- ⦿ Express himself/herself verbally?
- ⦿ Speak in complete sentences?
- ⦿ Label or name things appropriately?
- ⦿ Answer open-ended questions?
- ⦿ Ask questions?
- ⦿ Know the correct way to hold a pencil, crayon, scissors and work with them comfortably?
- ⦿ Understand the ideas of sharing and taking turns?
- ⦿ Cooperate?
- ⦿ Take care of own toilet needs and wash hands without assistance?
- ⦿ Know how to roll, throw and catch a ball? Also, run, hop, jump, swing and gallop?
- ⦿ Have confidence to separate from a parent or caregiver and stay with another adult?
- ⦿ Respect rights and belongings of others?
- ⦿ Recognize his/her own name?
- ⦿ Write his/her own name?



Parents are their child's first and most important teacher and are the best judge of their child's readiness. They may choose to give their child "the gift of time" to grow and mature both socially and academically.

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# Kindergarten Curriculum

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## English/Language Arts

Your child will develop fundamental skills that will prepare him or her for later learning in language arts. Phonemic awareness is the ability to understand that a word is made up of a sequence of speech sounds paired with the ability to manipulate those sounds. It is the most essential element of language arts instruction in kindergarten. Students will learn the letters of the alphabet and will match letters with their associated sounds. Vocabulary will be developed through direct instruction in specific concepts. Books will be read daily to the students in order to help them identify and use comprehension strategies. Students will learn to write letters, words, and beginning stories.



The English/Language Arts curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- ⦿ Word analysis, fluency and vocabulary development
- ⦿ Reading comprehension
- ⦿ Literary response
- ⦿ Writing
- ⦿ Writing and oral language
- ⦿ Listening and speaking
- ⦿ Speaking applications

## Mathematics

Your child will understand small numbers, quantities and simple shapes in his or her everyday environment. The students will count, compare, describe and sort objects, and develop a sense of properties and patterns.

The Mathematics curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- ⦿ Number sense
- ⦿ Algebra and functions
- ⦿ Measurement and geometry
- ⦿ Statistics, data analysis and probability
- ⦿ Mathematical reasoning

## Science

Your child will learn that scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. To understand this concept and to address the content standards, your child will develop his or her own questions and perform investigations.

The Science curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- ⦿ Life science
- ⦿ Earth science
- ⦿ Physical science

## History—Social Science

Your child will be introduced to the concepts of courage, self-control, justice, heroism, leadership, deliberation, and individual responsibility. The concept of civic behavior is reinforced through empathy for how people lived and worked long ago, and through following rules and respecting the rights of others.

The History—Social Science curriculum addresses the following California State Standards:

- ⦿ Attributes of good citizenship
- ⦿ Geography and economics of the school and its surroundings
- ⦿ Awareness of the past



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# OVSD Kindergarten Options

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During the 2008-2009 school year, Ocean View will offer three kindergarten options to meet the individual needs of our young students. Instruction in all kindergarten classes is based upon the California Kindergarten Content Standards. Each of the three programs is staffed by credentialed California teachers and meets or exceeds the minimum number of minutes required for kindergarten. Placement in a specific program is based on criteria designed to help determine the most appropriate educational setting for each child.

## Traditional Day Kindergarten

Available at all elementary sites, the Traditional Day Kindergarten program operates for three hours, twenty minutes with both morning and afternoon sessions available. The traditional program provides a structured learning environment that allows for both large and small group formal and informal instructional time. The development of early reading, writing and math skills is a primary focus of the Traditional Day Kindergarten program. In addition, children learn to work well both independently and with others in a variety of settings, and to make good use of their time.

## Full-Day Kindergarten

Available at designated sites, the Full-Day-K option follows the primary schedule of five hours, fifty minutes (M-T-TH-F) and four hours, twenty minutes on Wednesday, the OVSD modified day. Full day kindergarten allows time to focus on the academic skills of early reading, writing, and math while providing additional minutes to more fully develop skills in the areas of social studies, science, and physical education.

## PREPPIE K

Ocean View is pleased to offer PREPPIE Kindergarten as an option for children who have birthdays during the second half of the year and may not yet be ready for a more structured academic setting. This popular program, now offered at eight of our eleven elementary sites, follows the same three-hour, twenty minute schedule as the Traditional Kindergarten. PREPPIE offers children the opportunity to access the rigorous kindergarten standards over a two-year period. Children benefit from “the gift of time” by moving through the curriculum at a pace that allows for extensive practice of new concepts. Instruction focuses on the development of prereading and math skills. Younger children are also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of interactive learning experiences to assist in the development of positive social /emotional skills.

## Schedule of Parent School Tours

SCHOOL	DATE & TIME
Circle View School	February 26, 2008 8:30 - 9:30am & 1:30 - 2:30pm
College View School	February 25, 2008 8:30 - 9:30am & 1:30 - 2:30pm
Golden View School	February 19, 2008 8:30 - 9:30am & 1:30 - 2:30pm
Harbour View School	February 28, 2008 10:00 - 11:00am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Hope View School	February 22, 2008 8:30 - 9:30am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Lake View School	February 22, 2008 9:00 - 10:00am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Oak View School	February 26, 2008 8:30 - 9:30am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Star View School	February 26, 2008 9:00 - 10:00am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Sun View School	February 22, 2008 9:00 - 10:00am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Village View School	February 22, 2008 9:15 - 10:15am & 1:00 - 2:00pm
Westmont School	February 25, 2008 9:00 - 10:00am & 1:30 - 2:30pm



# School Directory

K – 5 SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Circle View Principal: Pauline Tressler, Ed.D.	6261 Hooker Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92647	893 - 5035
College View Principal: Kathleen Jaquin	6582 Lennox Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92647	847 - 3505
Golden View Principal: Anna Dreifus	17251 Golden View Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	847 - 2516
Harbour View Principal: Cindy Osterhout	4343 Pickwick Circle Huntington Beach, CA 92649	846 - 6602
Hope View Principal: Kathy Smith	17622 Flintstone Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	847 - 8571
Lake View Principal: Colette Wright	17451 Zeider Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	842 - 2589
Oak View Principal: Karen Catabijan	17241 Oak Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	842 - 4459
Star View Principal: Kristi Hickman	8411 Worthy Drive Midway City, CA 92655	897 - 1009
Sun View Principal: Paul James	7721 Juliette Low Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92647	847 - 9643
Village View Principal: Aaron Jetzer	5361 Sisson Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92649	846 - 2801
Westmont Principal: Kristine White, Ed.D.	8251 Heil Avenue Westminster, CA 92683	847 - 3561
* Oak View Preschool Coordinator: Joyce Horowitz	17131 Emerald Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	843 - 6938
6 – 8 SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Marine View Middle School Principal: Carol Parish	5682 Tilburg Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92649	846 - 0624
Mesa View Middle School Principal: Leona Olson	17601 Avilla Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	842 - 6608
Spring View Middle School Principal: John Drake	16662 Trudy Lane Huntington Beach, CA 92647	846 - 2891
Vista View Middle School Principal: Robert Miller	16250 Hickory Street Fountain Valley, CA 92708	842 - 0626

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# Kindergarten Registration Notes

## Important Information About Your Child's School

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of the school day: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care & After-school program (offerings, cost, hours): \_\_\_\_\_

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Parental involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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