



Ocean View
School District

Making Waves

JUNE 2016

QUARTERLY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF THE OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upcoming Events

Last Day of School
June 22

**Special Board Meeting – Facilities
Master Plan Presented**
June 29, 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Bond Discussion
July 5
5:15 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

School Administrators Return
August 4

School Offices Open
August 24

Teachers Return
September 1

2016-2017 Kickoff Event
September 1

First Day of School
September 7

Back-to-School Nights
Elementary Schools: September 28
Middle Schools: September 29
(Please check with your school in the fall to confirm your date.)

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Superintendent to Host 2016-17 Kickoff Event!

From Superintendent Carol Hansen... With the school year at a close, I hope you will look back upon 2015-2016 with a great sense of accomplishment! I know I enjoyed the recent flurry of carnivals, performances, ceremonies, and end-of-the-year events. Let me take a moment to congratulate everyone on a job well done! It was a true team effort. We have made enormous strides this year, and I am incredibly proud of the work we are all doing to become a healthy team and to



focus our energies on academic achievement for all students. We will continue to work toward transparency, stability and credibility in our organization. As we do this, you may hear the phrase, "doing business differently." This means that we are continually looking for ways to promote efficient, sensible practices and that we are communicating with you about it. We want your input on important decisions. Your contribution is vital and valued.

I am also excited to share with you that when we return in the fall we will host a new event, **OVSD's 2016-2017 Kickoff**, for all employees on September 1. Later this summer, I will be sending you details, including time and location for the Kick Off in my "Welcome Back" letter to staff. As I enter my second year as superintendent, I would like this event to set a positive tone, with new information, focus and unity—all in the name of educating children. On behalf of myself and our Leadership Team, we thank you for an exciting year, and I wish you all a wonderful, safe summer with your families and friends.



Golden View speaks up at Community/Parent Input Meeting.

School Facilities Needs, Funding Are Top Priority

You may be hearing a lot about OVSD's new Facilities Master Plan, or FMP, and a potential general obligation bond. Did you attend a Community Input Meeting or take the survey posted on our website?

It is important to know that the FMP is helping us to effectively prioritize and plan for modernization and construction projects to best support students, teachers and innovative educational programs. As you know, many of the schools in OVSD are now 50 years old and in desperate need of repairs, upgrades and, in some cases, new construction. By including our parents, employees, students, community leaders, and neighbors in the development of our FMP, we are building an inclusive plan that addresses the most important needs of each of our schools.

What does all of this mean for OVSD? We have critical decisions to make. In November, California voters will vote for a new president, as well as a statewide school bond measure to provide \$9 billion in school facilities funding, which would be available to eligible school districts and community colleges statewide. OVSD can position itself to benefit from its fair share of these state funds by considering and passing its own school improvement bond initiative on the November ballot. General obligation bonds are the primary way in which school modernization and construction projects are funded by California school districts.

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You're invited

to the upcoming Board meeting. Trustees will discuss placing a bond measure on the November 8 ballot.

DATE: July 5

TIME: 6 p.m.

WHERE: 17200

**Pinehurst Lane in
Huntington Beach**

School Facilities Needs and Funding cont.

After careful consideration of all our options, we believe it is fiscally responsible for our Board of Trustees to consider a school facilities bond measure at this critical moment. All funds from a potential measure would stay right here to support OVSD schools, and none of the funds would go to the state. This would ensure our deserving schools are in line, along with many other Orange County districts, for critical state facilities funds. This process of building an inclusive FMP will have given us a solid foundation from which to move forward with modernization and construction projects following a successful bond.

We will continue to update you on our progress with the FMP and the Board's decision on a bond. Stay informed by regularly visiting OVSD's official website at www.ovsd.org.

Board Recognition News You Can Use

Eleven retirees with a combined total of 219 years of service were honored at the June 7 Board Meeting. Supervisors shared meaningful and humorous stories about their retiring employees. Family, co-workers and friends cheered and enjoyed a brief reception, followed by photo opportunities.



Everett Whitney of Village View shares the "Aloha" spirit.

Our 2015-2016 retirees are: **Mary Thompson**, Speech Language Pathologist, Oak View, 8 years of service; **Robin Kadrmaz**, SDC Teacher, Westmont, 14 years of service; **Sharon Richter**, English Language Arts, Spring View, 14 years of service; **Pam Vanderhook**, 3rd Grade Teacher, Harbour View, 18 years of service; **Jan Haley**, Itinerant PE Teacher, OVSD, 20 years of service; **Everett Whitney**, Head Custodian, Village View, 17 years of service; **Janis Winch**, Instructional Asst.-Sign Language, College View, 28 years of service; **Gloria Henshaw**, Instructional Asst.-Special Education, Hope View, 30 years of service; **Lucia Rosenberg**, School Library Specialist, Mesa View, 30 years of service; **Edie VonDulm**, Kindergarten Teacher, Hope View, 24 years of service; **Adrian Martin**, Evening Custodian, Sun View, 16 years of service. ♦

Our Teachers of the Year and Classified Employees of the Year received special plaques from our Board of Trustees in honor of their achievements in May. Also, OVSD Classified Employee of the Year **Efren Barrera** was congratulated on being named a State Finalist. He was invited to a special luncheon in Sacramento to receive his award from State Superintendent Tom Torlakson. OVSD Teachers of the Year are: Harbour View Teacher **Rebecca Fisher** and Mesa View Teacher **Lori Manz**. OVSD Classified Employees of the Year are: **Gail Hoeker**, Food Distribution Worker at Westmont; **Efren Barrera**, Head Custodian at



Efren accompanied by State Superintendent Tom Torlakson, OVSD Board President Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and OVSD's CSEA Representative Sandy Vaughn.

College View; **Loretta "Lori" Letcher**, Department Secretary in Food Service; **Kari Grace**, Child Care Attendant in the College View Kid's Club; **Sherri Medrano**, Community Liaison, Bilingual, at Oak View; and **Ruth Nelson**, Transportation Dispatcher in the OVSD Transportation Department. ♦

Also in May, our Board applauded two employees for their work with English Language Learners. The Orange County Department of Education recognized **Trisha Field** and **Carmen Sanchez** with its 4th annual Celebrating English Success Awards. ♦

Students received kudos from the Board for their impressive winning entries in the Chapman Art and Writing Holocaust Project. Vista View Middle School student winners: **Kaili Ker** in Art, **Michelle Medina** in Art, and **Kathleen Ha** in Writing. Congratulations!

Latest Budget Projections Reported to Board in June



The Board of Trustees received the latest budget multi-year projections through 2018-2019 at its June 7 Board Meeting. The presentation, prepared by Deputy Superintendent of Administrative Services Dr. Michael Conroy and Director of Fiscal Services Pam Bridges, came following the California Governor's "May "Revision" to the state budget. OVSD's budget is based upon this latest information from the state and follows the Local Control Funding Formula, or LCFF, which was adopted by the state in 2013-2014. The LCFF requires school districts to provide a draft budget in a public hearing, which aligns with OVSD's objective of transparency. The hearing was held June 7. The final budget was presented to the Board at its regular meeting on June 21. To view the complete PowerPoint presentation of the OVSD Tentative Budget, please click [here](#).

NEW! An afterschool enrichment program for middle schoolers in the 2016-2017 school year.

Fall program at Mesa View Middle School. For more information, click the flyer below, or visit www.ovsd.org.

New Local Control Accountability Plan Finalized

LCAP

Local Control Accountability Plan

Work on the new LCAP began last fall under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jodee Brentlinger, and on June 7 it was presented as a public hearing, allowing our Board of Trustees to ask questions during their regular meeting. Mrs. Brentlinger and her team have held over 40 meetings this year to gather input on District goals, objectives and measures from administrators, teachers, classified staff, union leaders, parent organizations, and students.

Those involved said the process was one of the most detailed and organized efforts they have seen in preparing the LCAP, and they felt their comments and feedback were reflected in the new document. It incorporates the District's five-year Strategic Plan, *The Edge*, and most recent budget numbers to lay out OVSD's goals and objectives over the next three years. To make the lengthy document more "user-friendly," the team created a streamlined *Executive Summary*, which helps OVSD accomplish one of its primary goals, transparency.

Welcome to Ocean View

Get to Know OVSD's New Special Education Team & Inclusive Approach ♦ Meet Hope View's Principal Paul Kraft ♦ Greet Our New Assistant Principals

OVSD recently announced new **Executive Director of Special Education, Melissa Hurd**. Ms. Hurd's selection, following a rigorous process and competitive applicant pool, was approved by the Board of Trustees in April. Most recently, she served as the Coordinator of

Mental Health and Outreach Services in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, where she spent the past 10 years. She kicks off the new year with a restructured, enthusiastic team. In May, OVSD hosted a "Special Education Kickoff" in which special and regular education staff and administrators explored new approaches to best serve students.

"I am honored and excited to join this dynamic, innovative new team in Ocean View, and I look forward to collaborating with all of you," said the newly-appointed Ms. Hurd as she addressed the Board of Trustees and Executive Cabinet at a Board meeting in May. A resident of Huntington Beach, Ms. Hurd also said she looks forward to serving students in Huntington Beach and the surrounding communities.



Joining Ms. Hurd will be our new **Special Education Coordinator, Chileen Spaulding**, who has served in Newport-Mesa Unified School District as a district-wide Autism Specialist and Special Education Teacher since 2010. She has worked in the field since 2002.



Our new **Program Specialist in Special Education for Curriculum and Instructional Support is Melanie Kamae**, who has been with OVSD since

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Lake View Quick Facts!

- ❖ Many new families applied to be part of the program.
- ❖ Construction is on schedule for the September 7 opening.
- ❖ Staffing is complete for teachers and all are excited to be part of the new innovative program.
- ❖ Teachers have visited other innovative STEM programs.
- ❖ Time is set aside in the summer for teacher professional development & curriculum finalization.
- ❖ Two weeks of field testing lessons/demonstrations were a big success for teachers and students.
- ❖ Teachers will pilot a new computer-based diagnostic assessment program, accompanied by self-paced online instruction to support every student's needs.
- ❖ An onsite, temporary Lake View office is set to open in August.
- ❖ The PTO elected its 2016-2017 Executive Board.
- ❖ More details are coming on the Grand Reopening.



Welcome to Ocean View—Kamae cont.

1997 as an Education Specialist, as well as serving as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Chapman University since 2009. Her credentials include Adapted PE Specialist, Educator Authorization in Autism Spectrum, and Learning Handicapped.

Also joining the **Special Education team as a Program Specialist for Special Education Behavioral Support is Simi Sardana**, currently a Special Day Class teacher with the Orange County Department of Education. She earned her Educational Specialist Instruction Credential in Moderate/Severe Disabilities and is English Learner authorized.



"I am honored to be appointed as principal in such a fantastic school district. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of Hope View's students and parents," said new Hope View Principal Paul Kraft. "I believe people will find me to be open to ideas as we work together to expand upon Hope View and OVSD's unwavering commitment to student success."

Paul Kraft, new principal of Hope View Elementary School, is a long-time, local educator. He comes to OVSD from Capistrano Unified School District, where he serves as an elementary school principal. He first began teaching in 1994 in the Bellflower Unified School District and spent nearly 17 years in the Cypress School District working as an elementary teacher, and later as a Teacher on Special Assignment and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coach. Kraft takes over the helm of Hope View this summer from current Principal Carrie Haskin, who recently accepted a new role in OVSD as principal at Star View Elementary School.



Coming to OVSD from the Los Angeles Unified School District is **Sara Schaible, Assistant Principal at Marine View Middle School**. She is a current AP in LAUSD and also served as a Problem-Solving Data Coordinator, Dean, and PE Teacher in the district. Ms. Schaible brings a wealth of leadership expertise.

Our own **Jennifer Landero will join Spring View Middle School as the new Assistant Principal**. She has served in the interim role since March and now takes the official position for the fall. Prior to this, she served as a Resource specialist Program Teacher in OVSD, as well as a Behavior Intervention Class teacher in Capistrano Unified School District and a Special Day Class teacher in Tustin Unified School District and Rossier Park School.



For more information about these individuals and other happenings in OVSD, visit our website at www.ovsd.org. All of our 2015-2016 Press Releases are under the "District" tab.

★ Student Highlights from Around the District ★

Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Month Youth Art Contest Winners

Westmont third grader, Allie Espinosa, and Marine View sixth grader, Kelsy Maldonado, were honored by the Board of Trustees for their First Place artwork in the 22nd Annual Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Month Youth Art Contest.



HB Rotary Club Donates Books to Sun View



Using matching funds through a District grant, the Rotary Club of Huntington Beach gave two new books to each student at Sun View as part of their ongoing literacy project. Students listened to stories read by members and then enthusiastically gathered their books. The Rotary's message—reading is fun!

Bringing Lessons of Love to Harbour View

On May 20, the clipping commenced at Harbour View Elementary School. Students, teachers, siblings, boys and girls, all donated their beloved ponytails as part of "Locks of Love," a non-profit organization that relies on donated ponytails and funds to provide much-needed hairpieces to young people less than 21 years of age with medical hair loss. Since it began 11 years ago, the program has grown. Troop 2799 planned this year's event, which included 27 participants and lots of love.



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Student Highlights cont.

American Youth Character Award Recipients Honored

OVSD proudly announces its Honorees in the American Youth Character Award Program. They are: Quincy Aish, Harbour View; Tommy Herro, Village View; Natasha Teiman, Circle View; Tommy Tumbas, Mesa View. Congratulations to all of our Honorees and Nominees! Thank you to the City of Huntington Beach and Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force for hosting this wonderful program.



Performing Arts Take Center Stage at Marine View Middle School

Marine View Middle School recently showcased its many talented dancers, both girls and boys, under the direction of Marine View teacher Karen Sanford, who was named Orange County's Secondary Dance Teacher of the Year. Marine View's program is one of only a handful of middle school dance programs in the county. Thank you for sharing it with us, Marine View!



Oratorical Contest Winners Reap Rewards



Congratulations to the Mesa View Middle School student winners of the 2016 Surf City Optimists Oratorical Contest: Xolani Hodel, 8th grade, and Matthew Quach, 6th grade. Students were judged on poise, speech content, delivery, and overall effectiveness on the topic of: "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others." Both students went on to compete at the regional competition, placing 2nd in their age groups. Impressive! Look for these students in the Huntington Beach Fourth of July Parade this summer.

PAL Leadership Keeps Momentum Strong

The collaborative partnership between OVSD, OVTA and CSEA, continues on a positive note. The Partnership with Administration and Labor, or PAL, took another step forward in June as leaders from all three entities came together to develop their PAL Guiding Principles. These overarching principles will be used as members meet and work together in the coming school year. PAL is to be commended for this important and groundbreaking document in OVSD. The collaborative tone set by these initial PAL sessions is a huge step in the right direction for all employees and students in OVSD.



Ocean View Schools Named 2015 California Honor Roll 'Star Schools' For Performance, Successful Practices

OVSD announced this spring that four of its schools were selected by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as among the **1,714** public schools in California to receive the title of 2015 Honor Roll "Star Schools." They are: **College View Elementary School, Lake View Elementary School, Star View Elementary School, and Vista View Middle School.**

The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. Schools receiving this distinction from leaders in the California academic and business communities have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among populations.

The Honor Roll is comprised of two different awards, the "Star Schools" and "Scholar Schools" Awards. Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over time. Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged population.

