

Making Waves

Employee eNewsletter

March 2018 Edition



Superintendent's Message: Proud of Our Students

On March 14, students from across the United States stood together in solidarity to focus attention on school safety. In the Ocean View School District, our District leaders, school staffs and students prepared for the nationwide school walkout event by communicating with each other and with our families. We monitored any discussions about potential student-led activities, and we collaborated with our local law enforcement and neighboring school districts about any possible events.

I want to tell you how incredibly proud I am of our students, particularly our middle school students. They approached the national walkout by showing tremendous empathy and maturity. Our students acknowledged the tragic loss of life in Parkland, Florida, and across our nation's campuses with respect and solemnity. For the Ocean View School District, these expressions did not disrupt our classroom instructional time and ... *Continue reading Dr. Hansen's message*



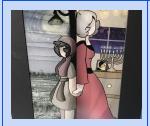
You Need to Know: Huntington Beach Safe Schools Coalition

In case you missed our February edition, we are running our Coalition article again this month. Our District is a member of the Huntington Beach Safe Schools Coalition, which is comprised of local public school districts and schools, private schools and the Huntington Beach Police Department. The Safe Schools Coalition was created to respond to a critical school incident, such as an armed intruder, that requires a school evacuation to an offsite location. Our families play an important role in this process. Learn more about established evacuation plans.



Two OVSD Teachers Receive Special News This Month!

Ocean View announced its elementary and middle school Teachers of the Year with surprise visits to Lake View Elementary School and Vista View Middle School. Mrs. Sandi Lewis, grades 3-4 teacher at Lake View, and Mrs. Niki Hoang, 8th grade teacher at Vista View, are this year's 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year! <u>See photos and information about our recipients!</u>



OVSD Student Artists Take 1st, 2nd in Chapman Holocaust Contest

We congratulate two amazing student artists for receiving 1st and 2nd place in this year's Middle School Art Division of the 19th Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest, hosted by Chapman University and The 1939 Society. Marine View's Amy Arenas, 8th grade, won 1st place for her piece, "Believe," and Vista View student Nicole Nguyen, 8th grade, won 2nd place for her piece, "A Streetlight of Hope." See photos and read more about our participants.

Do You Know Parents/Guardians Who Have Moved or Changed Contact Info?

It's important that we have current phone numbers, emails and addresses. Help us remind parents/guardians to provide updates via portal accounts or school offices. Thank you!



Measure R Update: Fencing Recommendations Go to a Vote

As part of Ocean View's Measure R modernization projects, District staff presented detailed fencing options and recommendations to our Board of Trustees during its March 6 meeting. Our Board will vote on the District's recommended plans for fencing under Measure R at the March 20 meeting. Learn more about our District's fencing recommendations.



PAL² Brings OVSD-CSEA Together for Inaugural Retreat

The first inaugural OVSD and CSEA PAL² Retreat, or PAL Squared, was held on March 1 at College View Elementary School. More than 40 employees, classified staff and managers, participated in the day-long event, which included presentations, a panel discussion and team-building activities. *Learn more about our inaugural OVSD and CSEA PAL² Retreat*.



Mesa View Student Recognized with ACSA Region 17 Award

Mesa View Middle School 8th grader, Roger Gonzalez, received the Association of California School Administrators Region 17's "Every Student Succeeding" Award. Mesa View Principal Randy Lempert noted that Roger makes good choices, demonstrates academic gains and serves as a role model to others. *Read more about this stand-out Mesa View student*.

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Wellness Wednesdays: Next class is March 21, OVSD, "Mind-Body Connection" for stress relief through meditation. Classes at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. See you there!
- HB Art Center Exhibit: March 23-April 13, OVSD Reception, 5 p.m., April 13
- Elementary School Conference Week: March 26-30, 2018
- OVSD Spring Recess (schools closed): April 2-6, 2018
- Middle School Conference Week: April 9-13, 2018

Stay informed with our <u>District Calendar</u>. Link to your school website at <u>www.ovsd.org</u>.

Do You Know a Family that Opted Out? We Want Them Back!

We encourage our employees to share with students and families the importance of keeping their personal information up to date in Aeries. By opting out they may be missing out on emergency messages, attendance inquiries and outreach messages from your schools and the District. They can update email addresses and phone numbers through the OVSD Parent Portal or school offices. We want to keep everyone informed and connected to our schools.

HOW TO GET CALLS Call 1-855-502-7867 from the same phone number you used to opt out, then follow the instructions.

HOW TO GET EMAILS Contact your school office and provide an updated email address.

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