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"PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR **THEIR** FUTURE"

Message from the Superintendent

Greetings GUSD Family,

I am honored to serve as your new superintendent. Many have asked, "How do you like Glendale so far?" Well, I can honestly say that each day I spend getting to know the warm and caring certificated and classified professionals and community members confirms that I made the right decision joining this team.



Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.

Our future as a district looks bright! We have knowledgeable and dedicated employees who care about students. There are stunning new classrooms and facilities being constructed around our district that will provide vibrant new learning spaces for the students we serve. And, there is a richness of program at each campus that offers our students unique opportunities for learning and engagement. This combination of ingredients makes a recipe for student success.

It has been said that an organization is as strong as the relationships that exist within it. Based upon my brief interaction with the Glendale community, it is evident that you value the partnerships and interactions you have with one another, students and their families. As superintendent, I am committed to fostering a district environment where these relationships continue to flourish and grow.

Together, we will build upon the successes that Glendale has created. My vision for GUSD is that we advance a collaborative, student-centered learning culture built upon the principles of "trust, respect and inquiry." My role and responsibility in helping to cultivate this culture is to be a good listener and communicator who is present and available for you; to establish "free space" for creative ideas and information to flow freely within the district; to collaboratively examine ways to streamline processes; and to narrow our focus and design the most effective plans for implementation of services for our students.

We are poised for a great end of year. Thank you for what you do on behalf of our students.

Your partner in education,

Winfred B. Roberson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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The Board of Education rotated into their new positions at the April 19 Board Meeting. Seated, from left, Nayiri Nahabedian, Dr. Armina Gharpetian, and Gregory Krikorian. Standing, from left, Jennifer Freemon, Winfred B. Roberson, and Christine Walters.

Ten elementary schools named Gold Ribbon School

Congratulations to Cerritos, Columbus, Edison, Jefferson, Lincoln, Mann, Monte Vista, Mountain Avenue, Valley View, and R.D. White for being designated as a California Gold Ribbon School.

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program.

The award recognizes schools

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Math Coach Robertson visit Marshall Elementary classroom



Lynde Robertson demonstrates while ETIS Teacher Specialist Kris Kohlmeier documented the whole lesson on video to be used for future training sessions.

Math Coach, Lynde Robertson, came to Marshall Elementary School to demonstrate a Three-Act Math lesson in Anita Jaeger's first grade class.

Students were engaged in this high interest lesson as the teacher facilitates class generated questions to solve math problems driven by the students. The lesson will be posted soon on the first grade teacher website.

Glendale High School Dance Team Wins at Nationals



The 2016 Glendale High School Dance Team brought home multiple awards and the Coed Dance Team brought home its 17th first place title at the USA Spirit Dance Nationals held in March.

The Board of Education recognized their victory and acknowledged their coach, Kelly Palmer, at the April 19 Board Meeting.

Annual Glenwood Block pARTy



Saturday, April 16, was Keppel Elementary, Toll Middle and Hoover High's Annual Block pARTy celebrating the arts and the community on Glenwood Road. Superintendent Winfred Roberson (in Hoover shirt) showed his support and visited the different booths set up at the event.

Wilson ensemble presents Robin Hood and His Merry Men



Robin Hood and the entire cast create a dramatic tableau demonstrating the unique personalities of each character



Right: King John gives an expressive face of confusion as to what is happening with his money.

Drama teacher Barbara Zatarain and the eighth grade advanced drama students at Wilson Middle School took much delight in presenting this year's production of Robin Hood and His Merry Men on April 7 and 8 in the Wilson Auditorium. This hilarious comedy brought down the house with stellar performances from these talented students. April was a busy month for Ms. Zatarain and her students as they also competed in the Drama Teachers Association of Southern California (DTASC) Spring Shakespeare Festival in Lakewood on April 30. Wilson is very proud of the drama students and their wonderful accomplishments.

Wilson Middle School's 25th Annual Student Art Show



Above: Wilson students take pictures of the artwork to show their families. Right: Ms. Sutphin teaches students many different styles to broaden their experience.



April 12, 2016 marked the 25th anniversary of the student Art Show at Wilson Middle School. Visual Art teacher, Valerie Sutphin, is especially impressed with her students this year and took pride in transforming her classroom into a gallery to display their artistic merit.

Students, parents, teachers, and the entire community came to Wilson to see all of the dynamic work and left thoroughly impressed.

To ensure the guests were well taken care of, Ms. Sutphin partnered with Foods teacher, Christina Orris, who had her advanced class create tasty treats and serve them to all in attendance. All in all, it was a wonderful day to be a Knight!

Clark students and teacher earn NIMS Level 1 Machining Credentials

Over the week of April 11 through 15, students Shay Sackett and Lousaper Boghosian, and instructor David Black participated in a week-long training offered by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS), and hosted at Glendale Community College (GCC), in partnership with GCC's Professional Development Center.

During the week-long training, the three earned a total of 15 nationally-recognized machining credentials in the areas of measurement, materials and safety, job planning, benchwork and layout, lathe turning chucking, lathe turning between centers, milling, drill press, CNC mill operation, CNC mill programming, CNC lathe operation, and CNC lathe programming.

Earning the certification was a rigorous process, consisting of manufacturing parts to very tight tolerances from provided blueprints and passing extensive online theory and application examinations which included mathematics for manufacturing.

Over the course of the 1-week training and the prior week of preparation, the participants spent a total of approximately 80 hours, or one-semester worth of time working on the projects and taking exams. The three are now the first students and instructor from Glendale Unified School District to be NIMS-credentialed; they hope to assist more students in earning their NIMS machining credentials during the 2016-17 school year.

*Computer Numerical Control



Shay Sackett (left) and Lousaper Boghosian (right).



Jake Harper and his teacher, Gail Dunham.

Wilson student named essay contest winner

Jake Harper, a 6th grade student at Wilson Middle School, was recently an all-star winner in Scholastic's 2016 Breaking Barriers Essay Contest. April 15 marks the 69th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking-the-color barrier in Major League Baseball in 1947. Honoring this important event, the Breaking Barriers Essay Contest is a chance for diverse students across the country to share their personal stories and how they use Jackie Robinson's nine values (citizenship, commitment, courage, determination, excellence, integrity, justice, persistence, and teamwork) to face their own barriers. Jake's superior essay was chosen from numerous submissions around the country. He won a laptop for himself and a class set of books by Sharon Robinson and a T-shirt for everyone in his class.

Roller coaster kit helps Roosevelt students understand laws of Physics



Roosevelt Middle School students have a fun way of learning about friction, potential energy, gravity and acceleration - using roller coasters!

Using Roosevelt's new roller coaster kits, students are able to understand the principles of physics that occur on a roller coaster. They create the loops, hills, and banked curves.

The kits include rubber track and acetal balls to use as roller coaster cars. The track is 50 feet long to provide for some serious experimentation.

Kurtz uses Skype to deliver lesson

Glendale High School recently became a California Democracy School; the goal is to involve students more in the civic process. As part of a Civic Action Project, Cheryce Kurtz' students Skyped with KTJ Scott, one of



KTJ Scott (on the monitor) answers seniors' questions from Camp Darfur.

the coordinators of Camp Darfur. These seniors were asking questions about Ms. Scott's direct involvement with refugees and the camps, and how the money the class raised will be used.

The students have chosen the 2100-Calorie Campaign, and wants the money raised to go directly to refugees who are only getting an average of 800 calories a day, when they should be getting 2100 calories per day.

Each of Kurtz' four classes chose and organized a fundraiser: a movie matinee after school, a fruit kebab and fruit cup sale at lunch, and a sale of wristbands that said "1915 Never Again" and "Stop Genocide." "We are still making our final count but we are almost at \$1000," said Kurtz.

Glenoaks Outdoor Classroom Expansion



Glenoaks was the recipient of an amazing Eagle Scout project. Former Glenoaks student Davis Mieliwocki provided them with a whole new classroom - an outdoor classroom! He designed and installed a six-bench classroom with a podium. He also planted native, drought-tolerant plants and trees. Rocky's Place is already a favorite place in which students can learn!



Keppel accepts mudrun challenge

On April 10, 2016, Keppel sent a team to participate in a Down and Dirty Mudrun in Lake Castaic. One staff member challenged the group and motivated them to create a little team spirit. Team Keppel completed the challenge and had a blast.

From left to right: librarian Rebecca Zohrabayan, teacher April Faieta, Keppel parent Shannon Knight Zadoorian, Asst. Principal Kelly Worley, Principal Kristine Siegal, and teachers Tenee Betpera and Unis Choi.



Marshall meets fundraising goal



Marshall Elementary School exceeded their fundraising goal for their annual Jump Rope for Heart event. PE Teacher Janet Goliger and Principal Carla Walker facilitated the event with 100% of the staff and students participating!

Glendale mathematicians master Field Day 2016 exercises

2016 Math Field Day was held on April 2, 2016. GATE teacher specialist Kelly Altobelli thanks Verdugo Woodlands assistant principal Rosabel Park for her organizational skills and support in all aspects of the program. Altobelli added, "The synchronized participation of coaches, principals, retired teachers, volunteers of all kinds - including the grading room and the distribution of awards - supported a successful team event and a positive experience for the students."

The following winners in the **Individual Problem Solving** category will be participating the LA County Math Field Day:

4th Grade Team:

Ibrahim Ahmed (Mann), Eddie Kahng (Monte Vista), Debayon Roy (Mountain Avenue), and Bryson Villago (Valley View)

5th Grade Team:

Nicholas Farhadian (Monte Vista), Konstantine Gaydev (Balboa), Nathan Kim (Mountain Avenue), Evan Mulcahey (Glenoaks)

6th Grade Team:

Abdullah Ahmed (Roosevelt), Joseph Hyung (La Crescenta), Matthew Keshishian (Jefferson), Seung Won Lee (La Crescenta)

Winners in Conceptual Understanding are:

4th Grade Team 4-5:

Nathan Lee (Keppel), Ingrid Herman (Lincoln), Jocelyn

Jun (Monte Vista), Grigor Ghazaryan (Balboa)

5th Grade Team 5-6:

Josie Springer (Franklin), Kenzo Lamn (La Crescenta), Tabitha Jang (Lincoln), Suryatej Vakkalanka (Jefferson)

5th Grade Team 5-18:

Jose Martinez (Mann), Evan Mulcahey (Glenoaks), Kevin Kha, (Muir), Maia Krusee-Leaver (Fremont)

6th Grade Team 6-13:

Simon Ovasapyan (Balboa), Eileen Abramyan (Muir), Quinn Deitch (Valley View), Ian Milby (Verdugo Woodlands)

6th Grade Team 6-15:

Sienna Noordemeer (Fremont), Leo Lazarian (Jefferson), Becky Raghavachary (Mountain Avenue), Tarkin White (Roosevelt)

6th Grade Team 6-7:

Christine Nguyen (Edison), Jack Bunting (Fremont),

Connor Dickson (Monte Vista), Narek Azizyan (Toll)

Winners in Problem Solving:

4th Grade Team 4-16:

Ibrahim Ahmed (Mann), Chloe Choe (Keppel), Shant Zargarian (Columbus), Zavery Zufelt (Verdugo Woodlands)

5th Grade Team 5-13:

William Allen (Dunsmore), Ani Movisyan (Jefferson),

Vienna Panossian (Fremont), Edward Sakellariou (Balboa)

6th Grade Team 6-4:

Isabella Sarkisov (Balboa), Monteh Biglari (Dunsmore), Matthew Keshishian (Jefferson), Adam Kim (Monte Vista)

6th Grade Team 6-1:

Jessamyn Wright (Franklin), Nathan Kim (La Crescenta), Jeta Cooper Johnson (Roosevelt), Nicole Wong (Verdugo Woodlands).

Guest performer, Dr. Arthur Benjamin, professor, author, mathematician and magician, demonstrated his method for performing rapid mental calculations using volunteers from the audience.



White, Glenoaks and Fremont Elementary teachers collaboration meeting



R.D. White and Glenoaks Elementary teachers attended a conference style workshop on March 28 at the R.D. White campus. They had the opportunity to select breakout sessions on Skype, digital writing, Google Slides, the arts, as well as CAASPP data review. Later on, Fremont Elementary joined for lunch and learned about R.D. White's construction process as a part of Fremont's preparation to go under construction.

An annual gathering of scientists

Valley View held its annual Science Fair on March 31. Students enthusiastically talked about and demonstrated their hypotheses, trials, failures, successes, and overall learning outcomes from their projects.

"Hands-on learning is so important in our increasingly screen-based culture, and we're lucky to have great support for this at our school. Everyone learned something new while supporting our future scientists. Thank you to Valley View's PTA for sponsoring a successful event," said second grade teacher Viehanoosh Nazarian.



Student, Bryson, explaining his findings to principal, Dr. Brooke Reynolds.

American Revolution comes to life for 5th graders



Students being greeted by a colonist.

On April 5, Valley View's fifth grade students visited Riley's Farm to learn about life during the American

Revolution. Students were immersed in the colonial life by learning to weave, write using feathers and ink, and practice 1770s etiquette. The highlight of the trip was when students were able to pretend they were colonists and argue for colonial rights.



Students learning how to weave.



A colonist explaining the Stamp Act.



Colonist signing the Stamp Act.



Valley View students learning how to defend the colony.

White and Monte Vista students show commitment to planet Earth



The Earth Day campaign was celebrated on April 22 this year. Two of Glendale's schools shared what they did for Earth Day's 46th anniversary.

Monte Vista third graders made solar ovens and cooked s'mores in it (far left). R.D. White students walked to school and collected trash along the way. They are committed to keeping Glendale clean and beautiful (left).

Roosevelt's Shahverdian wins CalRTA grant



Sue Wheeler-Ayres (left) presenting Estine Shahverdian (right) with her check.

Sue Wheeler-Ayres from CalRTA (California Retired Teachers Association) presented Estine Shahverdian a \$100-check for a classroom grant she had written for classroom reading materials.

Wheeler-Ayres was at Roosevelt Middle School on April 1 to present the check to Shahverdian.

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that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

They now join the ranks of the eight secondary schools that were recognized last year: Roosevelt, Rosemont, Toll and Wilson Middle Schools; and Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Glendale and Hoover High Schools.

Students work to fill Glendale Healthy Start's pantry

Glendale Council PTA announced that Glendale Healthy Start's pantry is almost filled, thanks to the efforts of schools who hosted a food drive and to the generosity of our families and the community.

In March, Mountain Avenue, Fremont and Columbus Elementary Schools hosted the food drive. In April, R.D. White Elementary, Valley View Elementary, Wilson Middle and Glendale High Schools were busy collecting food for the pantry.

"We are hoping to get the pantry totally filled so that we can help our needy families through the summer break months," said Glendale Council PTA Vice President Kara Watne Sergile. She added, "If you have an upcoming open house, please consider putting out a collection box."

The final food drive of the school year is on May 16-20. As of now, Balboa and John Muir Elementary Schools are participating. Balboa is running their drive from May 9-20 to promote during their open house.



Left to right: Valley View Elementary Student Council members Aaron Choi, Brianne Ballard, and Riley Murphy assist in collecting donations.

Pantries before (left photo) and after (bottom photo) the food drive.



May

- 5 Columbus Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 5 Glenoaks Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 5 Valley View Elementary School Open House, 7 p.m.
- 11 Keppel Elementary School Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Character & Ethics Awards Ceremony, Board Room, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 La Crescenta Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 12 Muir Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 12 Lincoln Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 12 Monte Vista Elementary School Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Fremont Elementary School Open House, 7 p.m.
- 17 Board of Education Meeting (Recognitions Only), Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 5 p.m.
- 19 Balboa Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 19 Mountain Avenue Elementary School Open House, 6 p.m.
- 19 Mann Elementary School Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Rosemont Bowl, 5 p.m.
- 23 Hoover High School Senior Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Board of Education Meeting, Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 6 p.m.
- 26 College View Graduation, 10 a.m.
- 26 Mountain Avenue Elementary School Promotions, 6 p.m.
- 27 Fremont Elementary School Promotions, 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Edison Elementary School Promotions, 2:30 p.m.
- 27 Keppel Elementary School Promotions, Hoover HS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 30 District Holiday, Memorial Day
- 31 Lincoln Elementary School Promotions, 9 a.m.
- 31 FACTS Program Graduation, Edison ES Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- 31 R.D. White Elementary School Promotions, Wilson MS Auditorium, 10 a.m.
- 31 Mann Elementary School Promotions, 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- 31 Cerritos Elementary School Promotions, 12:30 p.m.
- 31 Muir Elementary School Promotions, Roosevelt MS Auditorium, 5 p.m.
- 31 La Crescenta Elementary School Promotions, 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Balboa Elementary School Promotions, Toll MS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 31 Dunsmore Elementary School Promotions, 6 p.m.
- 31 Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School Promotions, Anoush Restaurant, 6 p.m.
- 31 Monte Vista Elementary School Promotions, 6:30 p.m.

June

- 1 Rosemont Middle School Promotions, 8:30 a.m.
- 1 Roosevelt Middle School Promotions, 8:30 a.m.
- 1 Toll Middle School Promotions, 8:30 a.m.
- 1 Wilson Middle School Promotions, 9:30 a.m.
- 1 Jefferson Elementary School Promotions, 10 a.m.
- 1 Columbus Elementary School Promotions, 10:30 a.m.
- 1 Valley View Elementary School Promotions, 11 a.m.
- 1 Glenoaks Elementary School Promotions, 11:15 a.m.
- 1 Marshall Elementary School Promotions, 11:15 a.m.
- 1 Daily High School Graduation, First United Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.
- 1 Clark Magnet High School Graduation, 5:30 p.m.
- 1 CV High School Graduation, 5:30 p.m.
- 1 Glendale High School Graduation, 6 p.m.
- 1 Hoover High School Graduation, 6 p.m.
- 6 Summer School Programs Begin
- 21 Board of Education Meeting, Admin. Bldg. Board Room, 6 p.m.