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WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Weekly Newsletter of Newport-Mesa Unified School District

Quote

"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."

Henri Matisse

2004 "Vision of Excellence" Awards

The following teachers were recognized for their nominations to Project Tomorrow's 2004 Vision of Excellence Awards:
Julie Crawford, Whittier
Guy Erskine, Rea
Carol Erwin, Lincoln
Allison Fletcher, Newport Coast
Jennifer Glantz, Paularino
Maggie McGehee
Ostler, TeWinkle
Phil Schinhofen, Kaiser
Pamela Urbaniec, Mariners

"Congratulations to All"

Lincoln's 6th grade play, "Grease" came in second place in the Orange County Competition for the Visual and Performing Arts for

SONORA SKATES



Student Council Members pictured: Megan Settles and Connor Sage - 3rd graders



Sonora School PTA sponsors a monthly Friday night skating event at a local skating rink for the students at Sonora School. Some moms from PTA went to "Build a Bear" at the mall and made the skater dog that later became known as "Skater Dude." He goes to the class each month with the largest attendance at skate night. The first class to win him in September got to name him - thus the name Skater Dude. Skater dude comes out to flag deck each month on the morning of skate night. Student Council members skate around flag deck to remind everyone to go to skate night. The following Monday, Skater Dude is given to the winning class at flag deck. He's a definite hit!

LINCOLN ACADEMIC PENTATHLON TEAM

Elementary Schools. Congratulations to our wonderful 6th graders and the countless hours from the teachers, directors and parent supporters. It was sold out every night. It was a memorable event for our 6th graders.....memories for a life-time. Congratulations!



Lincoln sent two Academic Pentathlon Teams to competition on May 8th. This is the first time a team from NMUSD has entered the competition for many, many years.

Corona Del Mar High School



Nine students from Geraldine Scherr's U.S. History class recently interviewed long time citizens of Corona del Mar village. This event is part of the CdM Centennial Celebration. The students met at Sherman Gardens and were paired up with a senior citizen. The students were impressed by how positive and involved in the community the senior citizens were. One of the senior citizens was a Corona del Mar HS graduate. Many loved surfing and the beach. One lady had been a wing walker in the 1920's and is still was a risk taker today. The students who participated were: Andrew Beck, Elyse Avila, Andrew Danks, Travis Degheri, George Dempsey, Nicole Kim, Sarah Menelsohn, Breanne Ogden and Taylor Storm.



Student, George Dempsey wrote, "(These people) established the community in which we live today and if anyone knows how to make life good, it is this generation of people. They are the kindest and sweetest people that have ever walked the beaches of Corona del Mar."



Mother's Day at Wilson



Cheryl Galloway in her hard hat as Measure A moves forward at Davis

Kudos to Bus Driver Janet Williams for "Passing it Forward" when she took the time to report on a student that she believed would benefit from some extra attention by one of our counselors.



Janet Williams
"What's Right with Newport-Mesa."



Whittier Elementary

This Saturday, Whittier will celebrate May Fiesta. There will be Folklorico dancing and singing from all of the grade levels in beautiful festive costumes. Kindergarten through third grades and PTA will be hosting exciting games including a dunk tank. Each game will cost \$.25. This money will go to support field trips at each grade level for the coming year. Traditional foods will be available as well as a raffle to round out the fun. The hours of the fiesta will be from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AND . . .
Now it's all about "ME".

Thanks to Merry Grasska and Marcia BMarthaler for nominating me for the Orange County Nurses HALO Award. It was a great honor to be nominated and being the 2004 recipient was a very special joy.

I feel lucky every day to have relocated to Orange County and to the NMUSD team.



Davis Education Center



Luis Huapaya and Monica Valle collect and track data for their histogram graph

Davis fifth graders from Alicia Colich's and Angela Ivey's class have been busy gathering student data to create a histogram graph. Every classroom at Davis has been participating in the "Steps to Healthy Living Campaign." Each student has been monitoring the number of steps they take per day with a pedometer. The goal is to change behavior by increasing physical activity and eating healthy. Students have been recording and analyzing their data for three weeks and creating various mathematical graphs.



Newport Elementary



Amy Rapillo, Annie Bates, and Victoria Ceja display the two parts of their terrarium.

Fourth graders in Nancy Lester's classroom are putting together their terrariums in science. Students work together in groups to study and explore the different parts of their terrarium.

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