



## Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees met on September 20 and October 11, 2011 in the District Board Room.

☺ *Dr. Tim Baird shared the following Good News* ☺

- ☺ Dr. Baird commended the efforts by the Technology Team, maintenance staff, particularly Mike Killen, Ezra Medico and Santos Vasquez in dealing with the black out and insuring our newly installed servers were protected.
- ☺ Mission Estancia Principal Sharmila Kraft received praise from a parent for being an inspiration to the students and parents.
- ☺ Park Dale Lane Principal Tim Reeve received a letter from a parent praising teacher Marisa Apostole for the impact she has had on their son in such a short time. The parent also shared their gratitude for teacher Dee Rose and how excited their child is about school.
- ☺ Olivenhain Pioneer Principal Erin English received a glowing letter from a parent sharing their gratitude for teacher Dawn Gilroy and how much their child is enjoying school.
- ☺ The District has received great praise for Mission Estancia's long term substitute custodian Sandra Galicia from both staff and parents.
- ☺ Dr. Baird shared that the District school gardens continue to receive recognition. Capri's parents, students and staff were highlighted by the Union Tribune with a full color photo of the efforts in preparing for planting of a draught tolerant and native plant habitat providing for outdoor learning opportunities. Capri received funding from grants through the San Dieguito Water District and the Wildlife Service. Dr Baird shared praise for the volunteers whose efforts insured that this major undertaking was accomplished.
- ☺ Gerry Devitt received recognition for his quick response to Mission Estancia where a broken pipe over the weekend caused extensive flooding. Gerry and his staff quickly and efficiently had the students set up in the multi-purpose room while the affected classrooms are being repaired.
- ☺ Praise was also given to the staff at Mission for handling the challenges and not skipping a beat.
- ☺ Dr. Baird shared appreciation to parents Bill Sparks and Sarah Garfield who have procured grants through The Los Angelitos program for sponsorships of 33 students to attend our after school ASPIRE program.
- ☺ Dr. Baird shared praise and appreciation to David Miyashiro, Mike Guerena and the entire Ed Services staff who were instrumental in putting together the One-on-One Digital Learning Program, the intensive staff development and the parent informational nights that have been so successful.
- ☺ Gerry Devitt and his grounds crew received praise from Ocean Knoll parents and a special thank you card from the kindergarten children for all the work on their new butterfly garden.
- ☺ Arthur Osorio, Technology Tech, has been receiving great praise for his helpfulness to staff districtwide.
- ☺ Gerry Devitt received a note from a teacher praising long term custodial sub Santos Vasquez for the amazing job he has done at Olivenhain Pioneer.
- ☺ La Costa Heights principal Leighangela Brady received a glowing letter of praise from a parent sharing what a tremendous experience their child has had in teacher Adrienne Robin's class.
- ☺ Mission Estancia Principal Sharmila Kraft wrote acknowledging her "amazing" staff and students and how well they dealt with the challenges of construction and the recent flood.
- ☺ Park Dale Lane Principal Tim Reeve received a letter from grandparents of special needs students sharing their praise for the program and the great strides they have seen in their grandchild.
- ☺ Dr. Baird shared his thanks for the valuable time given by the Technology staff providing training on the many changes happening with technology and the many new resources we have through the District Intranet.



Congratulations John Britt! John was unanimously appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. John has been with the Encinitas district for six years in the position of Controller and has twenty+ years in experience in school finance.

A conceptual plan for the proposed use of the Encinitas Ranch property with the first phase being organic farming and then building toward a comprehensive on-site education program was presented to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Baird shared the enthusiasm he has received for the possibilities that the plan presented.

The 2011 Accountability Progress Reports were presented to the Board with students continuing to do extremely well and showing an overall increase districtwide.

The Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution designating October as Red Ribbon Month in support of encouraging students and staff to participate in drug prevention educational activities.

The month of November was designated as Abilities Awareness to raise awareness among students and staff for the acceptance of individuals with disabilities.

Dr. David Miyashiro and Michael Guerena presented an overview of the District's focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning with the incorporation of Project Based Learning into the curriculum with the focus on the 4-C's of Global Competency: Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Communication.

## **INFORMATION**

- Resolution assuring adequate pupil textbooks and instructional materials for 2011-2012 was adopted.
- The Board adopted Student Acceptable Use Policies as part of the One-to-One Digital Learning Program.
- A Request for Proposals for the Pacific View property was approved.
- The Board approved a Coordinator of Extra Curricular Programs position for the ASPIRE program.
- The Uniform Complaint Report was approved with no complaints filed.

### **✧ *Welcome to the following New Stars of the Encinitas Union School District* ✧**

✧ Teachers Carolyn Olstad, Shelby Zilinek, Christine Ingmanson, Thomas Baugh, Extended Day Care Assistants Elaine Nance, Emily Whitney, Judy Gregg, Nicole Hill-Coastes, Tory Bader, Lauren Bauman, Miranda Trigueros; Skilled Maintenance Worker Steven Williams; Site Custodian Sandra Galicia; Instructional Assistant Stephanie Eppink; Health Technicians Catherine Fischer, Christina Robinson, Matthew Cronje, Kelly Jernigan, Tracie Quill, Nancy Porter.

### **The Board of Trustees Gratefully Accepted the Following Donations:**

For the District: cash from Mission Federal Credit Union; for Capri: cash for music from PTA; for El Camino Creek: cash from Target Take Charge for Flora Vista: cash from Target Take Charge of Education, cash for physical education and reading consultants from PTA; for La Costa Heights: cash from Target Take Charge; for Mission Estancia: cash from Wells Fargo; for Ocean Knoll: cash for Team Time from Varioscale, Inc., cash for science consultants from PTA; cash for Sage Garden Project from ACAD Foundation for World Health, Inc.; cash for International Baccalaureate Program from the Leichtag Foundation; for Olivenhain Pioneer: cash from Target Take Charge for Education; for Paul Ecke Central: cash for Therapeutic Counseling, cash for Safe School Ambassador Program from City of Encinitas, cash from Target Take Charge of Education.

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