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03/02/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p data-bbox="415 132 753 163">Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="415 237 769 323">Dear Jordan Families, Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p data-bbox="415 415 724 447">This Week's Edition:</p> <p data-bbox="415 474 656 506">Alice in Wonderland</p> <p data-bbox="415 533 669 564">This Week @ Jordan</p> <p data-bbox="415 592 967 623">Jordan Book Fair and Jordan International Fair</p> <p data-bbox="415 651 1302 682">In the Know: Day of Service, Read Across America, African Library Project,</p> <p data-bbox="415 709 701 741">Spotlight on: Field Trips</p> <p data-bbox="415 768 831 800">March Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p data-bbox="415 827 610 858">The Jordan Cup</p> <p data-bbox="415 949 1003 980">Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p data-bbox="415 1008 967 1039"><a href="https://app.box.com/s/h0qq6x0k0c70qqgx744d">https://app.box.com/s/h0qq6x0k0c70qqgx744d</a></p> <p data-bbox="415 1129 1149 1182">The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at: <a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p data-bbox="415 1272 792 1358">Gregory Barnes, Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
03/03/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p data-bbox="415 1402 922 1434">Subject: Gunn Counseling Update March 3</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="415 1507 701 1539">Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p data-bbox="415 1629 1256 1661">Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department</p> <p data-bbox="415 1801 1169 1833">Registration for 2014-2015 Classes (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)</p> <p data-bbox="415 1923 1412 2039">Infinite Campus is now open so students can register. The window will remain open through midnight on March 14. While we encourage all students to not wait until the last moment to signup for classes, there is no preference given for classes by signing up early. The key part is to make sure to register before the window closes.</p>

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#### Spring Testing (9th, 10th, 11th Grades)

Within the next two days, you will receive an email about spring testing for students. In two weeks, all sophomores will take the CAHSEE test, the state test that students must pass along with all other PAUSD requirements, to graduate.

While the format for CAHSEE will stay the same, there will be changes to what has been known as the STAR test. Because of this, there will be changes to the original bell schedule that we had for the week of April 14. The email you will receive will have all the information on the changes in the testing schedule.

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#### Upcoming Event

#### CCS Semifinals Division I Girls Basketball on Wednesday (The Community)

We are very fortunate in PAUSD to have outstanding extracurricular programs and on Wednesday night you can watch both Palo Alto High School and Gunn High School girls' basketball teams play in the Central Coast Section Division I Semifinals in their games that will be held at Gunn High School in Titan Gym.

The last three years our two PAUSD schools have won the CCS title. Palo Alto defeated Gunn in 2011 and Gunn defeated Palo Alto in 2012. Last season Gunn defeated San Benito.

On Wednesday night at 5:30 PM, Palo Alto will play North Salinas and at 7:30 PM, Gunn will play Piedmont Hills.

Come on and enjoy our incredible new gym and support our two schools in some great playoff action.

#### PiE (All Grades)

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Thanks again for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacobowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

Subject: Smarter Balance Assessment Notification

Dear Junior Parents/Guardians,

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Gunn High School

03/04/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Subject: March Testing for 10th grade students

March 2014

Dear Grade 10 Parents, Guardians, and Students,

On March 18 and 19, Gunn High School will administer the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) to all sophomore students. All students, except eligible students with disabilities, must satisfy the CAHSEE requirement in addition to meeting District graduation requirements in order to receive a high school diploma. Students who score 350 (or higher) for both the English Language (ELA) and Mathematics sections meet the CAHSEE requirement. Students planning to attend a college or university may have additional requirements to meet.

It is very important that your child be in school on these two testing days. All students will be assigned to a testing room. The location of your child's testing room will be posted around campus during and before the testing dates. Testing will begin at 8:25 am on both days and students should report to their assigned testing room, not to their first class. Students must also bring a Gunn photo ID or other photo ID to be admitted for testing. If your child misses any portion of the test, there will be another opportunity to take the exam on May 13 and 14.

If your child does not pass either section of the CAHSEE with a score of 350 for each test, he/she may retake that portion of the test when it is administered in November 2014. The district will send the student's score report directly to you by mail. Results take up to 8 weeks to be returned.

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If you have any questions, please contact James Lubbe, Dean of Students, at (650) 354-8260.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Parent Feedback 13-14

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**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: Smarter Balanced testing at Paly

Dear 11th grade Parents/Guardians,

Please find attached some important information regarding the March 18th and 19th Smarter Balanced testing for juniors. A link to the attachment can also be found here: <http://goo.gl/H258DS>

We will be sending out additional information to your student shortly.

Thank you for your support.

Kim Diorio

Principal, Palo Alto High School

**Palo Verde  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: From Palo Verde - Auction Tickets on Sale Tomorrow

Hello Palo Verde Families:

I wanted to let you all know that tomorrow morning, Wednesday, March 5th, tickets will be on sale for this Saturday's PTA's Night at the Oscars annual auction. If you haven't had the chance to buy your tickets yet, be sure to purchase your tickets tomorrow. The cost is \$35 per person, if you purchase by March 6th and \$40 at the door.

The PTA Auction is a great event you won't want to miss. You don't have to come in costume, or even dressed in your formal clothes. Come as you are and have a great night. If you do come in costume, or dressed up, you will get two chances to win your Pick of the Auction.

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Kim Diorio

Principal, Palo Alto High School

03/06/2014

**Jordan Middle School**

Subject: Jordan Smarter Balanced Assessments

03/06/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Please find the attached letter regarding upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Greg Barnes</p> <p>Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
03/07/2014	Jane L Stanford Middle School	<p>Subject: JLS -- Spring Cleaning</p> <p>Dear JLS Families:</p> <p>At the end of school today, March 7th, all sixth and eighth grade students were asked to clean out their hallway (book) lockers and take their locks home for the weekend. This evening the custodial crew will be cleaning and inspecting all students's lockers for damage. If a locker is identified for repairs, it will be addressed during the upcoming JLS Maintenance Week.</p> <p>Students will have full access to their lockers when they return to school on Monday. Please help us by reminding your child(ren) bring their locks and supplies back to school on Monday.</p> <p>If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Assistant Principal Eston Melton at <a href="mailto:emelton@pausd.org">emelton@pausd.org</a>.</p> <p>Thank you, as always, for your support. Have a wonderful weekend!</p> <p>The JLS Administrative Team</p>
	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Subject: Daylight Savings Time Begins/ Book Fair</p>

03/07/2014

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

Dear Briones Families:

To go along with "Read Across America Day," Student Council has decided to have a book drive to collect gently-used and new books to be donated to the Pediatrics Department at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (in Palo Alto). Please bring new or gently used books to donate between now and Friday March 14th. Fifth grade students will come to your class each morning during the book drive to collect donations.

Also, a reminder that Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey

**Nixon  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Information about coming events from Nixon

Dear Nixon Parents,

Your child's progress report has come home today in the Friday folder. These are also available electronically using your individual code to access your child's online Infinite Campus information. I encourage you to celebrate the successes with your child and consider whether or not to set some goals for this final trimester of the year.

We have two events next week that we invite you to attend. On Tuesday, March 11 from 7:00 to 8:00pm we will be sharing information from the Palo Alto Safe Routes to School program, the Stanford Perimeter Trail Project and a new school-based carpooling program. Recommendations about safe walking and biking routes from close by or all the way across Stanford campus will be shared by experts who have examined our school's situation. Representatives from the Stanford Perimeter Trail Project will be present to answer questions about the coming improvements along Stanford Avenue. A new website for parents to find carpooling partners within the school community will be explained. This information will be shared at separate stations within the theater so you can focus on your specific area of interest. Please join us! You might even win a new bike helmet!

Next Friday, March 14 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm will be our annual Nixon Family Math Night. We hope that lots parents and children will come to play math games and take on math challenges together! No need to eat dinner first; the 5th grade will be selling pizza and drinks as a fund raiser for their end of year activities. Plenty of fun for all ages!

I look forward to seeing you at school,

Mary Pat O'Connell

03/08/2014

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Subject: March Testing Information - Bell Schedule

March 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I've attached the Bell Schedule for the week of March 17-21. The amended schedule can also be found at <http://www.gunn.pausd.org/events>

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03/09/2014 Jordan Middle School

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03/10/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update March 10</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department</p> <p>Third Quarter Ends on Friday (All Grades)</p> <p>The third quarter of the 2014-2015 school year will end this Friday (March 14). All grades will be posted online by Wednesday, March 19.</p> <p>Registration Closes Friday for 2014-2015 Classes (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)</p> <p>Infinite Campus is open so students can register. The window will remain open</p>
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#### Zero Period for 2014-2015 (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

For 2014-2015, we will continue to offer Zero Period classes. We expect to offer a variety of math classes along with some classes in other areas. If you're interested in being in a Zero Period next year, please go to your course registration and add selection "9980." By clicking this, you will be put on a list of students who are interested in Zero Period and if a course that you have signed up for is offered in Zero, we will enroll you.

Students who sign up for Zero Period are automatically placed in a G prep. The only exception is that to fit a class you want to take, you have to take in G. It was very rare this year that students who signed up for Zero had a G period.

Any senior who wants to be considered for having an F and G prep, must sign up for a Zero Period.

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#### Sophomore Conferences Finishing Up (10th Grade)

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**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: CAHSEE Testing Information and Room Assignments

Dear Sophomore Student and Parents,

The following is important information for the upcoming CAHSEE testing on Tuesday,

March 18 and Wednesday, March 19.

1. Click on the following link to find CAHSEE room assignments:  
<http://paly.net/testing-room-assignments>. They are also on the ERC and Guidance Office windows.

2. Testing starts promptly at 8:15 a.m. on both days.

3. Please bring your student ID and #2 pencils.

4. If you finish part I or part II and turn the test booklet and answer documents into your proctor, you are allowed to do homework, draw, read a book, etc. But you are NOT allowed to do homework or bring out the book for the section being taken that day (i.e. On Tuesday for English, you are not allowed to do English assignments (besides reading a novel) and on Wednesday for math, you are not allowed to do math assignments). You are also not allowed to bring out any electronic devices during this time, you will please turn them off and place them in your backpack at the front of the room before testing starts. After ALL students have completed Part II for the day and turned in their answer booklets and test booklets, students can do homework for all classes, talk, etc.

5. You will remain in the classroom until brunch, and then until lunch even if you finish testing early.

6. Please look at the calendar on [paly.net](http://paly.net) for the exact calendar for the day. Classes will be abbreviated in the afternoon on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday after lunch, periods 2, 4, and 6 will take place. And on Wednesday after lunch, periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will take place.

7. And remember CST science testing will take place on Monday, April 14th from 8:15 - 10:20. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you,

Paly Staff

Subject: Upcoming Testing Information and Room Assignments for Juniors

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

The following is information about upcoming testing for juniors. Room assignments for Smarter Balanced Assessment can be found at <http://paly.net/testing-room-assignments>, or they can be found on the ERC or Guidance Office windows.

On March 18, starting at 8:15 am, Paly juniors who still need to pass the ELA portion of the California High School Exit exam (CAHSEE) will take the California High School Exit exam (CAHSEE) in ELA instead of the Smarter Balanced Assessment field test. If you still need to pass one or both portions, a letter has been sent home.

On March 19, starting at 8:15 am, Paly juniors who still need to pass the Math portion of the California High School Exit exam (CAHSEE) will take the California High School Exit exam (CAHSEE) in Math instead of the Smarter Balanced Assessment field test.

On March 18 and 19, Paly juniors who have passed the CAHSEE in ELA and Math will participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment field test. For more details on participation, see the video from students perspective at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580>, and the letter that was sent home from Kim Diorio (<http://www.paly.net/news/smarter-balanced-field-test-information-parents-juniors>)

On March 18, juniors will start the Smarter Balanced Assessment at 9:40 am. It will end at 12:40 pm. After lunch, periods 2, 4, and 6 will take place.

On March 19, juniors will start the Smarter Balanced Assessment at 9:25 am. It will end at 11:55 am. After lunch, periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will take place.

On March 25 or 27 after 6th period, juniors participating in the Early Assessment Program (EAP) will take the English EAP essay. For more details on the EAP, please see the letter that was sent home on EAP from Kim Diorio (<http://www.paly.net/news/eap-clarification-letter-parents-juniors>).

On Monday, April 14 from 8:15 am to 3:20 pm, juniors participating in the EAP will take the multiple-choice portion of the English and Math EAP.

Reminder: We strongly encourage students who anticipate applying to the CSU system or Community College System to take advantage of this opportunity. To sign up for the EAP, please go to the following link: <http://goo.gl/6WIJrY>. If you do not sign up for the EAP, you will not come to school on April 14.

Thank you,

The Paly Staff

03/11/2014

Jordan Middle School

Subject: PALY invitation

03/11/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Please find a message form the PALY team below:</p> <p>Palo Alto High School would like to invite you to hear about the highlights of the Paly Freshman English program on Thursday, March 20th, 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Paly Library. The Freshman Lead teacher, Kindel Launer, will be able to answer your questions and address your concerns.</p>
03/12/2014	Escondido Elementary School	<p>Subject: Family Science Night</p> <p>Parents,</p> <p>Get ready it's finally here! Science Fair and Family Science Night events begin tomorrow morning, March 13th!</p> <p>Bring science projects (student board and props must be labeled with student name and room number) to school tomorrow morning.  Kinder -1st grades: Library  2nd -5th grades: MP Room</p> <p>Please leave all backpacks and large bags outside the MP Room and Library.</p> <p>Share Your Project with a Stanford Science Official from 6:00 to 7:30pm.</p> <p>Join us at 5:30pm tomorrow evening for a community dinner. Small bills are appreciated if you're buying pizza.</p> <p>The Science Fair and Family Science Night events are FREE to all Escondido students and their families! Come explore Discover Science Stations and speak to Stanford Scientists from 6:00 to 8:30pm tomorrow night. Please see the schedule of events posted on the bulletin board outside the front office for more details.</p> <p>We will have an Inteviewer-at-Large roaming campus, available to interview any interested parents and students.</p> <p>Participate in our crowd sourced video by emailing your favorite photos and video to <a href="mailto:EscondidoScience@gmail.com">EscondidoScience@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night, it's going to be a lot of fun!</p> <p>thank you</p>
03/13/2014	El Carmelo Elementary	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - Auction time!</p>



03/14/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Dear Incoming Freshmen Families,

Welcome to Gunn High School. We hope you have a great finish to 8th grade and we're looking forward to seeing the Class of 2018 arrive at Gunn this August.

Last night an email was sent out about 2014-2015 Course Registration. That course registration referred only to students who are currently enrolled at Gunn, the current, 9th, 10th and 11th students.

All current 8th graders have already sent in their course registration sheets and we have registered them for their classes.

If you have turned in your yellow course registration sheet, you have completed the process and do not need to do anything else.

We will be sending out course verifications sheets to the middle schools after spring break.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsy

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

**Hoover  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Important Parent Survey

03/14/2014

**Hoover  
Elementary  
School**

Dear Hoover Parents,

The Site Council Survey Committee has been busy refining the 2014 Hoover Parent Survey. The survey is distributed every other year, however your input is especially vital to our work in the upcoming year as we continue to align our academic programs with the Common Core State Standards and ameliorate our social-emotional learning programs. The survey will take about 15 minutes, and we ask that if you have more than one child at Hoover that you complete a separate survey for each of your children by April 16. We have set a participation goal of 50 %, however we want to exceed that goal so we have even more information to draw from as we move forward with this meaningful work. Please plan on taking the Hoover Parent Survey by clicking on the link below, or by entering it into the address bar on your computer. A paper version is also available in the office.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Hoover\\_SiteCouncil\\_Survey2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Hoover_SiteCouncil_Survey2014)

Thank you!

Katy Bimpson

Principal

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: REMINDER: International Fair



03/14/2014

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

International Potluck and Fair is tomorrow!

Come celebrate the diversity of the Briones community at the International Potluck and Fair from 12 to 3PM on Saturday, March 15th.

Bring a potluck dish for 10 people to share (please write down the name of the dish and its country of origin).

If you are hosting a country table, please come set up at 11:00 AM. Don't forget to bring a tablecloth, arts and crafts, books, games, and a poster for your country. All leftover country posters from last year are in the supply room behind the office.

As we do for all our events, we are trying to stay environmental friendly so please bring your yellow Briones cup to drink from. There will be compostable plates and utensils.

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Use the Jooners link <http://www.jooners.com/guest?l=-49bfa2c9:135e26f15bf:-3fd6> to sign up for a country table, potluck or international fashion parade- it is not too late!

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: Update on Smarter Balanced Testing Dates

03/14/2014

Palo Alto  
High School

Dear Junior Students and Parent/Guardian:

Earlier this morning, we were informed by the California Department of Education (CDE) that the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) has adjusted the Field Test window by delaying the opening of the window by one week. Instead of the SBA Field Test being available to students on Tuesday, March 18, it will now be available on Tuesday, March 25.

PAUSD district and Paly staff have been working collaboratively to make sure all the necessary technology preparation and staff training were completed in order to accommodate the initial March 18 start date. Additionally, teachers, parents, and students have been utilizing the SBAC Practice tests to prepare for this new testing experience. This was time well invested. Although PAUSD students, staff, and technology were prepared and ready to begin testing next week, we concur with the CDE that ensuring a smooth and productive experience with the test and interface is extremely important.

Due to these unforeseen circumstances, juniors will not take the Smarter Balanced Assessment on Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19th. They will start classes at 1:20 pm on Tuesday and 12:35 on Wednesday. The complete schedule can be found at <http://www.paly.net/events2>.

Further, we had originally planned for juniors to not attend school on Monday, April 14th besides students taking the EAP. We are now requesting juniors to come on Monday, April 14th from 8:15 am – 10:20 am to take a modified version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Room assignments will stay the same, and a reminder email will be sent in the week leading up to the test. Important note: if you are taking the EAP on April 14th, you will not participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Thank you for your understanding and patience,

The Paly Staff

Palo Verde  
Elementary  
School

Subject: Palo Verde - SB testing postponed one week

03/14/2014	Palo Verde Elementary School	<p>Dear Palo Verde 3rd - 5th Grade Families:</p> <p>Below is an announcement from Kevin Skelly regarding the one week delay of the Smarter Balanced testing window. We are well prepared and ready to start, but will change our testing to start the week after next. Have a great weekend.</p> <p>Anne Brown</p> <p>March 14, 2014</p> <p>Dear Parent/Guardian:</p> <p>Earlier this morning, we were informed by the California Department of Education (CDE) that the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) has adjusted the Field Test window by delaying the opening of the window by one week. Instead of the SBA Field Test being available to students on Tuesday, March 18, it will now be available on Tuesday, March 25. Only four schools in our district (Palo Verde Elementary, Addison Elementary, Gunn High School and Palo Alto High School) are impacted by this change and they are currently adjusting their schedules. All other schools are not affected by this change since their chosen testing dates were already scheduled after March 25. Please see this letter from SBAC for more information.</p> <p>PAUSD district and site staff have been working collaboratively to make sure all the necessary technology preparation and staff training were completed in order to accommodate the initial March 18 start date. Additionally, teachers, parents, and students have been utilizing the SBAC Practice tests to prepare for this new testing experience. This was time well invested. Although PAUSD students, staff, and technology were prepared and ready to begin testing next week, we concur with the SBAC that ensuring a smooth and productive experience with the test and interface is extremely important. If you have any questions regarding this adjustment, please contact our Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment Dr. Diana Wilmot at <a href="mailto:dwilmot@pausd.org">dwilmot@pausd.org</a>.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kevin Skelly, Ph.D. Superintendent</p>
03/16/2014	Jordan Middle School	Subject: The Jordan Weekly

03/16/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>Jordan Talent Show</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Field Trips &amp; Jordan International Fair</p> <p>In the Know: SBA Testing, Students v. Staff Basketball Game, Music to So. Cal &amp; PALY Site Council.</p> <p>Spotlight on: Jennifer K.</p> <p>March Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://app.box.com/s/gghuz8im50sdc2jd28n0">https://app.box.com/s/gghuz8im50sdc2jd28n0</a></p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:  <a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,  Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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03/17/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update March 17</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p> <p>Grades to Post on Wednesday (All Grades)</p> <p>All third quarter grades will be available online beginning the evening of March 19. A reminder that quarter grade reports are only progress reports and are not reflected on a transcript. The only area where quarter grades have an impact is for athletic eligibility. If a student has any questions about their grade in a certain class, they should check with their teacher.</p> <p>2014-2015 Course Registration Online is Closed (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)</p>
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The online registration for classes for 2014-2015 is now closed. Beginning on Thursday, the counseling department will be working with students who might have missed signing up for a class. After spring break, course selection verification forms will be available for all students so they can confirm what classes they signed up for.

Changes to the course selections will be limited based on availability of classes.

#### Alternative Schedule This Week (All Grades)

Because of this week's CAHSEE Testing for sophomores on Tuesday and Wednesday, Gunn will have an alternative schedule. Please check the Gunn website for this week's schedule.

There will be no school on Tuesday and Wednesday for freshmen and all juniors and seniors who have passed the CAHSEE Test.

#### Summer School (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

A reminder that summer school registration is now open for students to register online for summer school classes. Summer school registration is handled entirely at the district office and we highly recommend that you sign up early to ensure you will be able to get the class you want.

It is important for students who receive a grade of D+ or lower at semester in core academic subjects of English, math, science, world languages or history (with the exception of Contemporary World), to make up the class in the summer rather than waiting until their senior year.

Here is the link for Palo Alto Unified School District Summer School.

<http://pausd.org/parents/programs/SummerSchool/index.shtml>

#### Senior Grades (12th Grade)

With the third quarter over, seniors are getting a vital checkpoint to see where they are academically as they enter the final stretch of their Gunn career. It is critical that students finish up academically with grades that are commensurate with how they have done in previous years. All colleges look closely at how students finish up and if

there is a significant drop in grades, admissions may be rescinded. It is almost guaranteed that a grade of D or lower in a required class will result in a student not being allowed to attend the school they earned admission.

#### State Seal of Biliteracy (12th Grade)

The State of California is recognizing students who have demonstrated they are literate in two languages and will recognize this with a seal that will go on the student's diploma.

If your child is interested in applying for the seal, please have them contact their World Language teacher to pick up a form or download it here.

<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/forms-1>

All forms must be in by March 28.

#### Scholarships (12th Grade)

This time of the year our College and Career Center (C&CC) becomes a very busy place as many seniors inquire about scholarships for school. Our C&CC director, Leighton Lang, is here to help. Many scholarships require letters of recommendation and it is important that you give at least two weeks notice to the people that you would like to write a letter on your behalf.

If you have any questions about our College and Career Center, please feel free to contact Mr. Lang at [llang@pausd.org](mailto:llang@pausd.org)

#### PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacobowsky  
Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling  
Gunn High School

**Jane L  
Stanford  
Middle School**

Subject: JLS -- CCSS & Smarter Balanced Field Testing

Dear JLS Families:

Over the past few months you may have heard about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) being implemented across the country and right here in PAUSD. Some of you may have attended the district information evenings earlier in the school year. At JLS, we feel that it is essential for you to know about these changes since they impact your child.

In an effort to provide you with additional information, the JLS Instructional Supervisors and Administrative Team are hosting an information evening this coming Wednesday evening at 7pm. It has been on the calendar and advertised in e-news for a while so I hope that you are able to attend. We will be sharing how we are working as a school to shift our instruction to support these new standards.

We will also be able to share a bit about the changes in state testing taking place this school year. The attached letter provides you with additional resources regarding the Smarter Balanced Field Testing that is taking place this Spring so please download and read it.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

Sharon Ofek  
Principal

**Palo Alto  
High School**

Subject: CAHSEE Information and Reminder

Dear Sophomore Students and Parents/Guardians,

A few reminders about Tuesday's and Wednesday's CAHSEE testing.

1. Room assignments are on <http://paly.net/testing-room-assignments>, ERC, and guidance office windows.

2. Testing starts promptly at 8:15 am on both days.

3. Please bring your student ID and #2 pencils.

4. If you finish part I or part II and turn into your proctor, you are allowed to do homework, draw, read a book, etc. But you are NOT allowed to do homework or bring out the book for the section being taken that day (i.e. On Tuesday for English, you are not allowed to do English assignments (besides reading a novel) and on Wednesday for math, you are not allowed to do math assignments). You are also not allowed to bring out any electronic devices during this time, you will place them off and place them in your backpack at the front of the room before testing starts. After ALL students have completed Part II for the day and turned in their answer booklets and test booklets, students can do homework for all classes, talk, etc.

5. You will remain in the classroom until brunch, and then until lunch even if you finish testing early.

Thank you,

Paly Staff

03/18/2014	<b>Barron Park Elementary School</b>	Subject: Message from the Principal
		<p>Dear Parents of Room 9 students-</p> <p>I am attaching a letter with information about an incident that took place today.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have additional questions.</p> <p>Thank you -</p> <p>Principal Magdalena Fittoria</p>
	<b>El Carmelo Elementary</b>	<p>Subject: El Carmelo - Upcoming events!</p> <p>Wed. March 19 at 8:30am - Coffee with the Principal topic: "What is a Professional Learning Community and How does it Benefit Your Kids?"</p> <p>Wed. March 25 at 7pm - Stories Under the Stars - Come hear stories read by El Carmelo personalities; PJs and sleeping bags are welcome, not necessary. Cookies and milk after.</p> <p>Spring Break - March 31 to April 4 (there is NO minimum day on Fri 3/28).</p>
	<b>Ohlone Elementary School</b>	Subject: Change



03/18/2014

Ohlone  
Elementary  
School

Change

Change is such an interesting phenomenon. While it is possibly the one thing we can all count on in life, it is also one that often gives us the most angst. During moments of dramatic change, our levels of resilience and inner strength are tested.

That said, I have some bittersweet information for you. I've decided to retire from PAUSD and Ohlone at the end of this school year. While the decision was made fairly recently, it's something that I've been thinking about for some time.

As you might imagine this hasn't been an easy decision to make. There are so many aspects of this job that I've come to enjoy. Ohlone has become more like a treasured child to me than a school; it's philosophy more like a way of life than pedagogy. There are so many parts of this community that I am so proud to be a part of. There are so many wonderful kids and adults that I'll miss terribly. I have spent more than half my life at Ohlone, 35 years, + time spent student teaching. But, with my doctorate being in the final stages this next year, a possible move in where I live within the next year or so, and my desire to continue to grow personally and professionally, it seems to be as good a time as any. For those of you who know me, fulfilling one's potential and following one's passion is extremely important. Since I still have the energy, enthusiasm, and passion for education, I felt like it was a good time to challenge myself. There probably is never a perfect time to leave such an amazing place and the people who inhabit it. I'm not sure where I'll land, but I know what I'm looking for.

I have notified both the district and the Ohlone staff as to my plans. Scott Bowers, the Assistant Superintendent in charge of Human Relations, will be meeting with both staff and parents in the near future to review and begin the process for hiring my replacement. He will want and need to hear your thoughts. I plan on staying around, though, as long as needed to facilitate as seamless a transition as possible.

I realize that for some of you this change might create some discomfort. I am sorry for that, but am confident that with a little time, your own resilience will come forward. Remember that our kids will be watching how we handle this. I am completely confident that Ohlone will continue to grow and thrive. It still will have phenomenal teachers and support staff to help "steer the ship".

There is a double-edge to every change. If we focus on what could or should have been, we will stop growing and it will compromise the experience that our kids deserve. If we choose, though, to focus on the possibilities that this change provides, then we can envision an even greater school that does justice to the name, the rich history, and what it has tried to accomplish for the past 40 years or so. It is truly a very special place. This could be looked upon as the beginning of an even greater school.

I want to thank so many of you for your continued support, your trust in me, your smiles and humor, your willingness to try something new, and your eternal commitment to our children and their education. All of those have helped to create an almost perfect job for me. I know that there will be time to say good-bye and to make closure. It won't be easy for me, though. Ohlone will always have a very special place in my heart. It's pretty much been my life for a long time.

Take care.

Bill

03/19/2014

El Carmelo  
Elementary

Subject: El Carmelo - 3/26 Stories Under the Stars

Please note a correction from the last email with event dates:

Stories Under the Stars is Wed., March 26 at 7pm

Dear Escondido Families,

This is an exciting time for everyone at Escondido School.

As you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are participating in a field test of a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. Known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress – or CAASPP – these computer-based tests replace the STAR program. These tests are also called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA).

These tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010 to describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live.

Part of the goal of the field test this year is to determine how well individual questions allow students to demonstrate what they know and still need to learn. We are also taking this opportunity to see how well our technical capabilities meet the demands of computer-based assessments and to see what resources our teachers and school may yet need. For an excellent video describing additional rationale for participating the SBA field tests from a student's perspective, please click here:  
<http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580>.

Finally and importantly, this year gives us an opportunity to try out the new system without consequences. All of this combined means that there will no scores this year. Instead, we will use what we learn from this field test to help ensure a successful full launch of the system in the 2014-15 school year. AB 484 requires all California districts to participate in the field test. Students in grades 3-8 are expected to participate. We look forward to students and staff supporting us in this important effort and opportunity.

Our next step in that transition is to administer the field test to 3rd through 5th grade students from April 16 through April 29. Each classroom teacher will notify you of your child's specific testing day. To get a sense of the questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

If you would like more information, please visit the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact me. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Dana Reynolds, M.Ed.  
Principal, Escondido Elementary School

#### FAQ –Smarter Balanced Assessment

What does the Smarter Balanced field test mean? Why are we participating?  
The participation requirement for this field test is laid out by AB484 on October 2, 2013. Watch the high school students in this video describe the rationale for participating in the Smarter Balanced Field test. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580>)

Our students will participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test so we can: 1) test our infrastructure for administering online assessments to 400+ students at the same time, 2) give our educators a better sense of how college readiness and the Common Core State Standards will be measured, and 3) allow students the opportunity to experience this new online test and to provide important feedback about the process.

What is the Smarter Balanced assessment?

The Smarter Balanced assessment replaces the STAR test in English-Language Arts and Math in 2014-15 and in the future. There will be no scores generated during this first field test year because the test is still under development; that is, the purpose of the field test is to ensure quality of test questions, evaluate testing software, evaluate effectiveness of test administration and training materials, and establish scoring and reporting levels. In effect it is a "dress rehearsal".

Does my child need to study for the Smarter Balanced assessment?  
No. We only ask students to try their best and give it an honest effort.

Estimado Families de Escondido,

Este es un momento muy importante para todos en Escondido.

Como quiz&aacute;s ya sepa, nosotros, junto con miles de escuelas de todo California, estamos participando en la prueba de campo de un moderno sistema de evaluaci&oacute;n dise&ntilde;ado con el fin de ayudar a moldear la ense&ntilde;anza y el aprendizaje en los salones de clase. Estas pruebas basadas en computadora se denominan Ex&aacute;menes del rendimiento y progreso de los estudiantes de California (en ingl&eacute;s, CAASPP) y sustituyen al programa STAR. A estos ex&aacute;menes tambi&eacute;n se les llama Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA).

Estas pruebas coinciden con los Est&aacute;ndares acad&eacute;micos fundamentales en ingl&eacute;s y matem&aacute;ticas que California adopt&oacute; en el 2010 con el fin de describir los conocimientos y destrezas que los estudiantes deben tener para estar bien preparados para la universidad y las carreras profesionales, al margen de su procedencia o lugar de residencia.

Parte de la meta de la prueba piloto este a&ntilde;o es determinar lo bien que las preguntas individuales permiten a los estudiantes demostrar lo que saben y lo que a&uacute;n deben aprender. Tambi&eacute;n estamos aprovechando esta oportunidad para ver si nuestras capacidades t&eacute;cnicas satisfacen las exigencias de las pruebas basadas en la computadora y ver qu&eacute; recursos podr&iacute;an necesitar a&uacute;n nuestros maestros y escuela. Para un excelente video que describe las razones adicionales para participar en las pruebas de campo SBA desde la perspectiva de un estudiante, por favor presione aqu&iacute;: <http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580>.

Por &uacute;ltimo, e igualmente importante, este a&ntilde;o se brinda a los estudiantes la oportunidad de probar el nuevo sistema sin consecuencias. Todo esto, en conjunto, significa que este a&ntilde;o no registraremos los puntajes. En lugar de ello, haremos uso de lo que aprendamos con esta prueba piloto para procurar asegurarnos de que el lanzamiento integral del sistema durante el a&ntilde;o escolar 2014-15 sea todo un &eacute;xito. AB 484 requiere que todos los distritos de California participen en la prueba piloto. Se espera que los estudiantes de 3-8&ordm; grados participen. Esperamos ansiosos que los estudiantes y personal nos apoyen en este esfuerzo y oportunidad importantes.

Nuestro siguiente paso en esta transici&oacute;n es administrar la prueba piloto a los estudiantes de los grados 3 a 5 del 16 al 29 de abril. Cada maestra les dejara saber la fecha exacta cuando su hijo/a tomar&aacute; el examen. Si desea ver qu&eacute; tipos de preguntas se les har&aacute;n a los estudiantes o c&oacute;mo se presentar&aacute; la prueba, encontrar&aacute; una prueba de pr&aacute;ctica en l&iacute;nea en <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

Si desea m&aacute;s informaci&oacute;n, visite la p&aacute;gina web de Smarter Balanced en el sitio web del Departamento de Educaci&oacute;n de California en <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>. Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca de la participaci&oacute;n de su hijo, por favor comun&iacute;quese conmigo.

Atentamente,  
Dana&aacute; L. Reynolds, M

Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School

Subject: Unique Academic Opportunity for Next Year Juniors with American Studies

American Studies Has Openings for Next Year

Dear Sophomores,

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Taught by Lynne Navarro and Diane Ichikawa, the students take history for one period and then English in the other. American Studies allows students to connect the two disciplines together by concurrently studying a specific decade in American History and an accompanying work from that time period. (For example, studying the Roaring &#39;20s and The Great Gatsby together or the Depression and The Grapes of Wrath). These connections create a dynamic learning environment that features field trips, guest speakers and many memorable moments. In addition, students have the option of receiving a semester of Honors English credit.

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03/20/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: Unique Academic Opportunity for Next Year Juniors with American Studies

03/20/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>American Studies Has Openings for Next Year</p> <p>This is a follow up to what we sent last night about American Studies (see message below). We had a lot of interest today about this class and to clarify that while general registration is closed, this class is open for students to enroll. If you would like to enroll in American Studies, just email Mr. Tom Jacoubowsky at <a href="mailto:tjacoubowsky@pausd.org">tjacoubowsky@pausd.org</a>. If you would like to learn more about the program, please email Ms. Lynne Navarro at <a href="mailto:lnavarro@pausd.org">lnavarro@pausd.org</a> or Diane Ichikawa at <a href="mailto:dichikawa@pausd.org">dichikawa@pausd.org</a></p> <p>By enrolling in American Studies, it will replace your US History class and your English classes. You will receive full history credit and English credit by taking American Studies.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tom Jacoubowsky</p> <p>Dear Sophomores,</p> <p>Next year, Gunn will be offering a unique academic opportunity for all juniors with American Study. For nearly 20 years, Gunn has offered this interdisciplinary class every other year when students combine their United States History class with their English class. The class is looked upon very favorably by colleges and it is perfect for students who might not want to take AP US History but are looking for something that is different from the standard learning experience in history and English.</p> <p>Taught by Lynne Navarro and Diane Ichikawa, the students take history for one period and then English in the other. American Studies allows students to connect the two disciplines together by concurrently studying a specific decade in American History and an accompanying work from that time period. (For example, studying the Roaring &amp;#39;20s and The Great Gatsby together or the Depression and The Grapes of Wrath). These connections create a dynamic learning environment that features field trips, guest speakers and many memorable moments. In addition, students have the option of receiving a semester of Honors English credit.</p> <p>If you would like to learn more about the program, please feel free to email Lynne Navarro at <a href="mailto:lnavarro@pausd.org">lnavarro@pausd.org</a> and Diane Ichikawa at <a href="mailto:dichikawa@pausd.org">dichikawa@pausd.org</a>.</p>
03/21/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	Subject: Pejama Day Today

03/21/2014	Juana Briones Elementary School	<p>Dear Briones Families,</p> <p>Sorry for such late notice, but today (Friday, March 21st) is Pajama Day. Students can wear their pajamas to school. They may bring one small stuffed animal. Please have your child wear regular shoes. NO SLIPPERS ALLOWED. Hopefully, this will save you a few minutes this morning.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
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03/23/2014	Jordan Middle School	<p>Subject: The Jordan Weekly</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Jordan Families,</p> <p>Welcome back to the Weekly.</p> <p>This Week's Edition:</p> <p>March Madness</p> <p>This Week @ Jordan</p> <p>Music Trip &amp; The Jordan International Fair</p> <p>In the Know: Jordan Ceramics, C-SPAN comes to Jordan, NIOS Week &amp; PALY Site Council.</p> <p>Spotlight on: Student Council Summit</p> <p>March Calendar &amp; Important Dates</p> <p>The Jordan Cup</p> <p>Please Click on, or copy and paste the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://app.box.com/s/at3052j4u38im0eo3liw">https://app.box.com/s/at3052j4u38im0eo3liw</a></p> <p>The Weekly can also be read by visiting our school website at:  <a href="http://www.jordan.pausd.org">http://www.jordan.pausd.org</a> NEWS&gt;JORDAN WEEKLY.</p> <p>Gregory Barnes,  Principal, Jordan Middle School</p>
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03/24/2014	Henry M. Gunn High School	<p>Subject: Gunn Counseling Update March 24</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Gunn Community,</p> <p>Here is this week's update from the Gunn Counseling Department.</p>
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### Third Quarter Grades Are Online (All Grades)

All Third Quarter grades are now available online through Infinite Campus. A copy of the grades will be mailed home by the end of the week.

If you have any questions about the academic progress of your child, please contact their teacher.

### 2014-2015 Course Registration Online is Closed (Rising 10th, 11th and 12th Grades)

The online registration for classes for 2014-2015 is now closed. The counseling department is working with students who might have missed signing up for a class. After spring break, course selection verification forms will be available for all students so they can confirm what classes they signed up for.

Changes to the course selections will be limited based on availability of classes.

### G Period Prep (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

Many students have requested a G period prep for next year. The first priority goes to Gunn athletes, the second priority goes to students who have jobs, which must be verified by the counseling department. Also, any student who signs up for a zero period class, will receive a G prep whenever possible.

Some seniors have requested an F and G prep. The only way this could be considered is if a student signs up for a zero period class.

### Blended Courses (Rising 11th and 12th Grades)

For 2014-2015 we are again offering Blended Courses. These are courses that meet either two or three times a week with the student being responsible for following along via online work or self study in the time the class does not meet. We still have room available in Blended Courses such as Programming for Mobile Devices, Cold War (Social Studies) and Reading Between the Lines and Basic College Skills in English. If you have interest in being in one of these blended courses, please email me at [tjacoubowsky@pausd.org](mailto:tjacoubowsky@pausd.org).

To learn more about Blended Courses, please click the link below.

<http://pausd.org/parents/curriculum/high/BlendedLearning/index.shtml?>

#### Summer School (9th, 10th and 11th Grades)

Summer school enrollment for Living Skills and Econ is now closed. Summer school is open for students who need to take credit recover courses and counselors will be contacting students who fall in this category.

It is important for students who receive a grade of D+ or lower at semester in core academic subjects of English, math, science, world languages or history (with the exception of Contemporary World), to make up the class in the summer rather than waiting until their senior year.

#### UC's Notifying Students (12th Grade)

The University of California schools are in the process of notifying students on fall admissions. The final school will be UC Berkeley, which is slated to notify students this Thursday.

#### Senior Grades (12th Grade)

With the third quarter over, seniors are getting a vital checkpoint to see where they are academically as they enter the final stretch of their Gunn career. It is critical that students finish up academically with grades that are commensurate with how they have done in previous years. All colleges look closely at how students finish up and if there is a significant drop in grades, admissions may be rescinded. It is almost guaranteed that a grade of D or lower in a required class will result in a student not being allowed to attend the school they earned admission.

#### State Seal of Biliteracy (12th Grade)

The State of California is recognizing students who have demonstrated they are literate in two languages and will recognize this with a seal that will go on the student's diploma.

If your child is interested in applying for the seal, please have them contact their World Language teacher to pick up a form or download it here.



<http://www.gunn.pausd.org/forms-1>

All forms must be in by this Friday, March 28.

#### Scholarships (12th Grade)

This time of the year our College and Career Center (C&CC) becomes a very busy place as many seniors inquire about scholarships for school. Our C&CC director, Leighton Lang, is here to help. Many scholarships require letters of recommendation and it is important that you give at least two weeks notice to the people that you would like to write a letter on your behalf.

If you have any questions about our College and Career Center, please feel free to contact Mr. Lang at [llang@pausd.org](mailto:llang@pausd.org)

#### Junior Conferences (11th Grade)

Beginning after spring break, the Gunn Counselors will be meeting one on one with their juniors. This meeting is in addition to the meeting they had with Ms. Linda Kirsch in the College

Reviewing transcripts and graduation requirements, reviewing course selection for next year and roadmap of upcoming activities.

#### Upcoming Events

Author of "The Naked Roommate" Comes to Gunn on April 15

On April 15, at 7:00 PM, Harlan Cohen, author "The Naked Roommate," will come to Spangenberg Theater.

Cohen's talk will address some of the idiosyncrasies of college dorm life along with facts about what the adjustment to college life is like. His talk will help give tips for students to make the transition from high school and home life to life in college.

To learn more, just click the link below.

<http://www.nakedroommate.com>

PiE (All Grades)

Thanks to all of you who have supported Partners in Education (PiE). The donations to PiE have helped many programs at Gunn including our counseling program. Your donations have made a difference for all Gunn students.

Thanks for all of your support and see you soon.

Sincerely,

Tom Jacoubowsky

Assistant Principal/Head of Counseling

Gunn High School

03/25/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Subject: RE: Announcement and Update

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In August 2008, I returned to the district and was blessed to come back to the classroom at Gunn High School. It was what I needed as my health recovered.

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Sincerely,

Katya Villalobos

Principal

Gunn High School

**Nixon  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Curriculum Night this evening

I hope to see you this evening at our Curriculum Night from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Children, parents, grandparents, etc. are all welcome!

Mary Pat

03/26/2014

**Duveneck  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Duveneck Site Council Election - Candidates Needed!

Dear Duveneck Families,

I hope your week is going smoothly. As you may have read in this week's eNews, we are about to run our 2014 Site Council Election to determine our three new parent representatives who will serve the Duveneck Community for the next two years. We are currently seeking at least three parents to join our Council - and we need to have a formal election to complete the required process.

The Duveneck Site Council is a representative group of staff members and parents who work closely with the principal to:

Define and develop a sense of purpose, direction, and community for the school.

Build a capacity for change and improvements through collaborative decision-making.

More specifically, the purpose of our School Site Council is to develop, approve, monitor, and assess the School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) that is submitted annually to the PAUSD School Board.

The Duveneck School Site Council will have the following Election Schedule to identify our new parent representatives for the next two-year term: 2014-16.

March 26 - April 10, 2014: Parents who are interested in running for a Site Council seat will submit a short statement explaining their interests and why they would be a great Site Council Member. These statements should be no longer than 250 words in length. Please submit these statements directly to [cgrierson@pausd.org](mailto:cgrierson@pausd.org).

April 11 - April 18, 2014: Voting will take place. Ballots will be sent home to each family through Friday Folders on April 11, 2014, and they are due back to the Duveneck Front Office by 3:30 PM on April 18, 2014 in order to be counted.

April 18, 2014: Election Results will be communicated via Infinite Campus.

May 5, 2014: Newly elected Site Council Members will meet with existing members during regular meeting(s) to discuss goals and efforts to continue for next year(s).

Thank you for your consideration in serving our community through Site Council. If you have any questions about Site Council, please contact one of our current members listed below.

Thank you for your help,

Chris Grierson and the Duveneck Site Council

The 2013-14 School Site Council is co-facilitated by Jennifer Antonow and Doree Tschudy. The Site Council is an advisory board, made up of six Duveneck parents and six Duveneck teacher representatives. Representing the parent community this year are: Jennifer Antonow, Nana Chancellor, Richard Ho, Christine Meyer, Lisa Rimsa, and Julia Soderbery. School representatives are Jodi Gutierrez, Cathy Hsu, Carolyn Jones, Sarrie Paguirigan, Barbara Susco, Doree Tschudy. This group provides input to the Duveneck Principal, Chris Grierson.

**El Carmelo Elementary**

Subject: El Carmelo - Parent Input, etc.

Dear parents

As we plan for next year, one of our tasks is to form classroom groups. As we work to create classrooms that reflect a balance of ability, gender, learning needs, etc., we invite parent input on your child's learning style. This optional input form can be

found attached to this email or in paper in the Main Office. You are welcome to fill this out and return to Chuck Merritt in the Main Office. The deadline for the form is Monday, April 21 (the sorting process begins shortly after this date). Please do not request specific teachers on the form.

Also, Site Council invites your participation in their annual survey. The link, first sent out some weeks ago, will close this Friday, March 29, so you have a few more days to respond at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3P6MFQZ>

Finally, we hope that you enjoy our Spring Break beginning this Friday, March 29. We will see you back at El Carmelo on Monday, April 7.

Chuck Merritt

[cmerritt@pausd.org](mailto:cmerritt@pausd.org)

03/27/2014

**Terman  
Middle School**

Subject: La Escuela Terman - Smarter Balanced Exámenes de Abril

Smarter Balanced Field Test

Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Marzo del 2014

Estimado padre/apoderado:

Este es un momento muy emocionante para todos en la Escuela Terman.

Como quiz&aacute;s ya sepa, nosotros, junto con miles de escuelas de todo California, estamos participando en la prueba de campo de un moderno sistema de evaluaci&oacute;n dise&ntilde;ado con el fin de ayudar a moldear la ense&ntilde;anza y el aprendizaje en los salones de clase. Estas pruebas basadas en computadora se denominan Ex&aacute;menes del rendimiento y progreso de los estudiantes de California (en ingl&eacute;s, CAASPP) y sustituyen al programa STAR. A estos ex&aacute;menes tambi&eacute;n se les llama Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA).

Estas pruebas coinciden con los Est&aacute;ndares acad&eacute;micos fundamentales en ingl&eacute;s y matem&aacute;ticas que California adopt&oacute; en el 2010 con el fin de describir los conocimientos y destrezas que los estudiantes deben tener para estar bien preparados para la universidad y las carreras profesionales, al margen de su procedencia o lugar de residencia.

Parte de la meta de la prueba de campo este a&ntilde;o es determinar lo bien que las preguntas individuales permiten a los estudiantes demostrar lo que saben y lo que a&uacute;n deben aprender. Tambi&eacute;n estamos aprovechando esta oportunidad para ver si nuestras capacidades t&eacute;cnicas satisfacen las exigencias de las pruebas basadas en la computadora y ver qu&eacute; recursos podr&iacute;an necesitar a&uacute;n nuestros maestros y escuela. Para un excelente video que describe las razones adicionales para participar en las pruebas de campo SBA desde la perspectiva de un estudiante, por favor hagan click aqu&iacute;: <http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580> .

Por &uacute;ltimo, e igualmente importante, este a&ntilde;o brinda a los estudiantes la oportunidad de probar el nuevo sistema sin consecuencias. Todo esto, en conjunto, significa que este a&ntilde;o no registraremos los puntajes. En lugar de ello, haremos uso de lo que aprendamos con esta prueba de campo para procurar asegurarnos de que el lanzamiento integral del sistema durante el a&ntilde;o escolar 2014–15 sea todo un &eacute;xito. AB 484 requiere que todos los distritos de California participen en la prueba de campo. Se espera que los estudiantes de 3-8&ordm; grados participen. Esperamos ansiosos que los estudiantes y personal nos apoyen en este esfuerzo y oportunidad importantes.

Nuestro siguiente paso en esta transici&oacute;n es administrar la prueba de campo a los estudiantes de grados sexto ha octavode el 14 de abril hasta el 25 de abril. Si

desea ver qu&eacute; tipos de preguntas se les har&eacute;n a los estudiantes o c&eacute;mo se presentar&eacute; la prueba, encontrar&eacute; una prueba de pr&eacute;ctica en l&eacute;nea en <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>

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Atentamente,

Pier Angeli La Place

Directora

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Preguntas Comunes – Evaluaci&eacute;n Smarter Balanced

&quest;Qu&eacute; significa la prueba de campo Smarter Balanced?  
&quest;Porqu&eacute; estamos participando?

El requisito de participaci&eacute;n para esta prueba de campo fue especificado por AB484 el 2 de octubre, 2013. Vean a los estudiantes de secundaria en este video describir las razones para participar en la prueba de campo Smarter Balance. ( <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580> )

Nuestros estudiantes participar&eacute;n en la Prueba de Campo Smarter Balanced para que podamos: 1) probar nuestra infraestructura para administrar evaluaciones en l&eacute;nea a m&eacute;s de 400 estudiantes a la misma vez, 2) darles a nuestros educadores una mejor idea de c&eacute;mo ser&eacute;n medidos el estar listos para la universidad y los Est&eacute;ndares Estatales Acad&eacute;micos Comunes, y 3) permitirles a los estudiantes la oportunidad para experimentar este nuevo examen en l&eacute;nea y proporcionar opiniones importantes sobre el proceso .

&quest;Qu&eacute; es la evaluaci&eacute;n Smarter Balanced?

La evaluaci&eacute;n Smarter Balanced reemplaza el examen STAR en Ingl&eacute;s-Artes de Lenguaje y Matem&eacute;ticas en 2014-15 y en el futuro. No se generar&eacute;n puntajes durante esta primera prueba de campo porque el examen todav&eacute;a est&eacute; siendo desarrollado; eso quiere decir que el prop&eacute;sito de la prueba de campo es asegurar la calidad de las preguntas del examen, evaluar el software para la evaluaci&eacute;n, evaluar la eficacia de la administraci&eacute;n del examen y materiales de entrenamiento, y establecer niveles de puntuaci&eacute;n y reportes. En efecto esta es una "ensayo con vestuario ."

&quest;Mi hijo necesita estudiar para la evaluaci&eacute;n Smarter Balanced?

No. Solo les pedimos a los estudiantes que den lo mejor de s&eacute; y hagan un esfuerzo honesto.

Subject: Terman School - Smarter Balanced Field Testing in April

Smarter Balanced Field Test

Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

March 27, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This is an exciting time for everyone at Terman Middle School.

As you may already know, we, along with thousands of schools across California, are participating in a field test of a modern assessment system designed to help shape teaching and learning in the classroom. Known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress – or CAASPP – these computer-based tests replace the STAR program. These tests are also called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA).

These tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and math, which California adopted in 2010 to describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live.

Part of the goal of the field test this year is to determine how well individual questions allow students to demonstrate what they know and still need to learn. We are also taking this opportunity to see how well our technical capabilities meet the demands of computer-based assessments and to see what resources our teachers and school may yet need. For an excellent video describing additional rationale for participating in the SBA field tests from a student's perspective, please click here : <http://youtu.be/DXXd451e580> .

Finally and importantly, this year gives us an opportunity to try out the new system without consequences. All of this combined means that there will no scores this year. Instead, we will use what we learn from this field test to help ensure a successful full launch of the system in the 2014-15 school year. AB 484 requires all California districts to participate in the field test. Students in grades 3-8 are expected to participate. We look forward to students and staff supporting us in this important effort and opportunity.

Our next step in that transition is to administer the field test to 6th through 8th grade students during a testing window from April 14 – April 25. If you want to see what types of questions students will be asked or how the test will be presented, there is a practice test available online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp> .

If you would like more information, please visit the California Department of Education Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp>

You can also view a Terman parent presentation on our website at <http://www.terman.pausd.org> . If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact me. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Pier Angeli La Place

Principal

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FAQ –Smarter Balanced Assessment

What does the Smarter Balanced field test mean? Why are we participating?

The participation requirement for this field test is laid out by AB484 on October 2, 2013. Watch the high school students in this video describe the rationale for participating in the Smarter Balanced Field test. ( <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXd451e580> )

Our students will participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test so we can: 1) test our infrastructure for administering online assessments to 400+ students at the same time, 2) give our educators a better sense of how college readiness and the Common Core State Standards will be measured, and 3) allow students the opportunity to experience this new online test and to provide important feedback about the process.

		<p>What is the Smarter Balanced assessment?</p> <p>The Smarter Balanced assessment replaces the STAR test in English-Language Arts and Math in 2014-15 and in the future. There will be no scores generated during this first field test year because the test is still under development; that is, the purpose of the field test is to ensure quality of test questions, evaluate testing software, evaluate effectiveness of test administration and training materials, and establish scoring and reporting levels. In effect it is a “dress rehearsal”.</p> <p>Does my child need to study for the Smarter Balanced assessment?</p> <p>No. We only ask students to try their best and give it an honest effort.</p>
<p>03/28/2014</p>	<p><b>Escondido Elementary School</b></p>	<p>Subject: Homework Survey for Parents/Encuesta de Tarea para los Padres</p> <hr/> <p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>As you know, Escondido’s Homework Policy for the 2013-14 school year has been 30 minutes of reading, skills practice as needed and special projects for students in grades K-4. At 5th grade, in addition to reading, Everyday Math homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday and Language Arts projects will be assigned as needed. In my August Back to School letter, I shared with you that we would review this policy and elicit parent feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey below indicating your perspective about homework. To take the survey click:</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZY1pUkdps1rRGnfQOcyQDZnjqehrYvUfcLafM9s9g8c/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZY1pUkdps1rRGnfQOcyQDZnjqehrYvUfcLafM9s9g8c/viewform</a></p> <p>Warm Regards,  Dana L. Reynolds  Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p> <p>Apreciados Padres de Familia:</p> <p>Como ustedes lo saben, la política de tareas de Escondido ha sido de lectura por 30 minutos, práctica de habilidades necesarias y proyectos especiales. En quinto grado, además de la lectura, la tarea Everyday Math será asignado de lunes a jueves y los proyectos de Lengua y Literatura se asignarán sea necesario. En mi carta de regreso a la escuela de Agosto, mencioné que revisaríamos esta política y que pediríamos la opinión de los padres de familia. Por favor tómense unos minutos para responder esta corta encuesta a continuación, y denos su perspectiva con respecto de las tareas. Para participar en la encuesta, por favor haga clic en:</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bnWzYTV5ridNjdpGdVJs0R7YqEbZjdNfqBeM1Qz03ec/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bnWzYTV5ridNjdpGdVJs0R7YqEbZjdNfqBeM1Qz03ec/viewform</a></p> <p>Un cordial saludo,  Dana L. Reynolds  Principal, Escondido Elementary School</p>
	<p><b>Henry M. Gunn High School</b></p>	<p>Subject: Special Parchment Announcement to Seniors</p>



03/28/2014

**Henry M.  
Gunn High  
School**

Register on Parchment by April 15

Dear Seniors,

If you are planning to attend a four year college next year, it is almost time for you to decide on where you will be going to college! Remember that four year colleges need to receive your final high school transcript in order to verify grades.

This year, Gunn will be using Parchment to send your final transcript to your college of choice. Therefore, you will need to follow the Parchment registration instructions you recently received via email.

Please be sure to register by April 15 so you will be eligible to receive two (2) free official transcripts assigned

**Juana  
Briones  
Elementary  
School**

Subject: Spring Break/Upcoming Calendar Events

Dear Briones Families,

Next week is Spring Break! I hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable week off. The staff will look forward to seeing the students on Monday, April 7th. Today is a normal day and dismissal time is 2:30 PM for 1-3rd grades and 2:40 PM for 4th & 5th graders.

It's hard to believe that there are only eight weeks left of school when we come back from Spring Break. Please mark your calendar with some upcoming events...

FRIDAY, APRIL 25- 6:00 PM- PTA General Meeting- Room 6 - 7:00 PM- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT- MP Room

TUESDAY, MAY 6- 5:30-6:30 PM- SPRING PICNIC - 6:30-7:30 PM- OPEN HOUSE

Warm Regards,

Lisa Hickey



