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## Exploring the "World of Words" at Wesley Gaines

Wesley Gaines Elementary was pleased to welcome Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre on campus for a bilingual parent workshop. Our parents were delighted with one of Kaiser's signature programs focusing on literacy and how it impacts a child's health and well-being. The workshop also supported our efforts to increase the school-to-home connection and expand parental involvement.

Parents were invited to explore a "World of Words" and learn ways to encourage reading at home. The workshop provided parents with the skills needed to support student learning as well as



tips to incorporate a print rich environment into their child's everyday life.

Parents were excited to leave the workshop with important tips and information regarding the positive im-

impact that literacy has in their child's reading and writing skills. They were also thrilled to receive a free book, and participate in multiple opportunities to win raffle prizes.

At Wesley Gaines, we be-

lieve in empowering parents with knowledge by providing them with workshops such as the Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre. "Through theatre and performing arts, we educate, engage and in-

spire students to make healthier life choices." We look forward to having them on campus again.

**Nadya Nieto**  
Counselor

## Mokler Celebrates Families

In this fast paced society there are many reasons it may be difficult to spend quality time with our families. However, the long term benefits of spending quality time are well worth the effort. Among many of its benefits is the promotion of social and academic achievement, problem solving skills, conflict resolution, teamwork and creating life-long family bonds.

At Mokler School, we believe it takes a village to raise healthy happy children. Parents and schools do not work in isolation but together build the strong foundation each child needs. With this in mind, our Counselor began a series of meetings and events called Focus on the Family.

These events included:

- Family Fun Night - defining quality time to ensure family bonding
- Daddy Daughter Dance - raising girls to be young ladies and the impact of fathers on self-esteem
- Mom and Son Date Night - teaching boys to be gentlemen and the important role a mother has in her son's life
- Hero Day - people in our community make a difference and so can you
- Cultural Awareness through Literature - understanding through diversity that everyone is special
- College Awareness Week - preparing for academic success through goal-setting.

Although these activities were fun, they were also informative and enriching to the lives of our families. Events included information on why it's important to engage in certain types of activities with children, how to do these things with fidelity and where to access additional resources. Students who have their emotional and physical needs met at home tend



to perform better academically and socially at school. We strive to set a strong foundation for our students' academic, social and

emotional success not just for today, but for a lifetime.

**Ayanna Holland, Counselor**

## Reminder to Fill Out Your Student Meal Benefits Application

The Student Nutrition Services Department encourages all families who have students enrolled in Paramount schools to complete a new 2015-16 meal benefits application. A new meal benefits application must be filled out each new school year. Families only need to fill out one family application even if they have children at more than one school. Your student's current lunch/breakfast pin number will continue to work in the 2015-16 school year, whether they stay at the same school or transfer to another Paramount school.

There are several options for you to complete a "new" 2015-2016 Meal Benefits Application. You can log onto the Paramount Unified School District website, and fill out your application online. You can also go to your children's school office or cafeteria and complete an application or you can attend our 2015-16 Meal Benefits Application Open Enrollment being held at all elementary and middle schools. Open Enrollment will take place Monday, August 3, 2015 through Friday, August 7, 2015. Cafeteria staff will be on site to assist anyone with filling out the new, 2015-16 Meal Benefits Application. School meal benefits are offered to all families who qualify. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application, please contact Student Nutrition Services at 562-602-6031.

Remember to make healthy choices.

**Chris Stamm, Director**  
Student Nutrition Services

## Graduation Dates

Paramount Adult School \* July 16, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Buena Vista High School \* July 23, 2015 - 2:00p.m.

Paramount High School \* July 23, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE

July 8, 2015

Board of Education meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. and are open to the public

## Polly Pirate

### Grisel Vazquez

#### Accomplishments:

Principal's Honor Roll of 3 years  
2nd Place in Rotary Speech Contest  
Captain of PHS Song for 2 years  
Secretary of Debate Club, 2012-2013  
Commissioner of Rallies of PHS ASB for 4 years  
Competitive dancing for 5 years  
Dance Teacher at Kimberly's Dance Studio for 2 years and ongoing  
Class of 2015 Council Member for 3 years



#### Plans after High School:

After high school, Paramount's Polly Pirate will begin an exciting new chapter in her life. In the fall following graduation, she will be attending NOVA Southeastern University located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She will major in Business Administration which will eventually allow her to own a business where she will be involved in the entertainment industry. Good luck, Grisel!

## Pete Pirate

### Luis Garfias

#### Accomplishments:

4 years in ASB  
Principal's Honor Roll for 2 years  
Commissioner of Outreach for 2 years  
Honor Roll for 1 year  
Paramount Youth Soccer coach for 2 years  
Over 500 community service hours



#### Plans after High School:

After high school, Paramount's Pete Pirate will start a brand new chapter in his life. Following graduation, he will be attending Cerritos College in the Fall. There, he plans on getting his Associates Degree in Organic Chemistry and will transfer to Cal State Long Beach to obtain his Bachelor's Degree. He hopes to one day become a successful scientist in his field of study. Good luck, Luis!

## Enrollment Spaces Still Available for Preschool for 2015-16

#### Half-day preschool sessions at the following locations:

Eligibility based on family income. Families must be of low income and child must be 4 years old on OR before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**Collins State Preschool-AM**  
6125 Coke Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90805

**Mokler State Preschool**  
8571 E. Flower Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

**Gaines State Preschool**  
7340 E. Jackson Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

**Wirtz (Jackson) State Preschool**  
8535 Contreras Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

**Hollydale Preschool**  
5511 Century Blvd.  
South Gate, CA 90280

**Zamboni Preschool**  
15733 Orange Avenue  
Paramount, CA 90723

**Keppel State Preschool**  
6630 Mark Keppel Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

#### Full-Day Preschool provides preschool to children ages 3-5.

Families must be low income, parents have to be working, going to school, training, or seeking employment. Families may need to pay a fee depending on income level and family size.

**Gaines Full-Day Preschool**  
7340 E. Jackson Street  
Paramount, CA 90723

**Alondra Preschool**  
16200 Downey Avenue  
Paramount, CA 90723

Call the ECE Office for more information at (562) 602-6900 or  
7340 E. Jackson Street, Paramount, CA 90723

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## Valedictorian

### Gisel Lopez

"Becoming Valedictorian is an honor, but I am most thankful for the kindness my friends showed me, the encouragement from teachers, and the many laughs we were able to share. For some, this is one of the hardest goodbyes of your life. Welcome it with smiles and open hearts instead of tears and anxiety. Remember that some of your biggest mistakes were your best moments, some of your worst fears became your motivation, and for you the unknown future will be a blank slate. Use BOLD colors! Be your own strong and guiding force. Pirates, look out into the world searching for adventure because everyone knows "once a pirate, always a pirate". Gisel is planning to attend UC San Diego to major in Bioengineering. Gisel was involved in various clubs, such as MESA, Corsaires, and Student Government. She was also a part of Earthwatch in which she traveled to Belize to study Shark conservation.



### Jorge Cardenas

"I was dumfounded and confused when everyone congratulated me on this achievement since I was the last one to know. I appreciate the honor and the sense of self-confidence on becoming Valedictorian. However, I know that this success is not one for myself to celebrate rather an achievement amongst my community, that consists of my family, friends, teachers, and all my advisors that I've met. It was through their support and aid that I am the individual who I am today. Everything that I have achieved and all my success I view as a group success, in which I will always be grateful to those that have helped me throughout life."

Jorge is planning to major in Biochemistry at UCLA after high school. He was involved in various clubs, such as MESA, and CSF for a majority of his time during high school. Jorge was also involved in Youth and Government in which he went to Sacramento.



## Salutatorian

### Judith Santano

High School has been an interesting experience for everyone. As for me, I'm happy to say that although it was tough, I very much enjoyed the past four years. I'm grateful to say that I had a great group of friends along for the ride and that I had the opportunity to meet many amazing people. I know my high school experience would be drastically different if it weren't for the incredible adults that were part of my journey. As we enter a new chapter of our lives, always remember, Raise up to YOUR ability.

Judith is planning to major in Biochemistry at Stanford University after high school. She was involved in multiple clubs, such as, Class of 2015, Interact Club, CSF, and was a member of Student Government for 4 years. She was involved in Earthwatch where she went to Wyoming to study song birds.



# Paramount West Celebrates Student Excellence

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, over 350 students, parents, and staff members gathered at the Paramount High School West Campus gym to partake in the seventeenth annual Night of Recognition. The purpose of this event is to recognize some of the highest achieving and hardest working students. The students in attendance were nominated for various awards by their teachers. Nominations are accompanied by a submission of student work that demonstrates the academic achievement level of each student. West Campus departments examine and evaluate the student submissions to make their selections. After much reflection and discussion, the recipient of each award is agreed upon. Each student receives a medallion and certificate which lists their accomplishment.



Principal Morrie Kosareff with Principal's Award student Brandon Mikhail



Principal Morrie Kosareff with Principal Honor Roll students

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| <p><b>Athletes of the Year</b><br/>Eric Fuller<br/>Mariah Stewart</p> <p><b>Career Technical Education Awards</b><br/>Engineering:<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn, Excellence<br/>Brianna Villaverde, Outstanding<br/>Edward Mendoza, Pirate</p> <p><b>Media:</b><br/>Miguel Diaz, Excellence<br/>Donnovan Spruell, Outstanding<br/>Keiven Beltran, Pirate</p> <p><b>Medical:</b><br/>Elise Espinosa, Excellence<br/>Andrew Torrico, Outstanding<br/>Amber Sandoval, Pirate</p> <p><b>Counselor Awards</b><br/>Alyssa Baca<br/>Rosemelly Jimenez<br/>Alexis Armando Torres</p> <p><b>English Awards</b><br/>Language Arts 1:<br/>Citlali Jimenez, Excellence<br/>Miguel Diaz, Outstanding<br/>Pam Pabla, Academic<br/>Rosie Rodriguez, Pirate<br/>Makayla White, Pirate<br/>Language Arts 1 Honors:<br/>Bryanna Paz, Excellence<br/>Chloe Phanuekthong, Outstanding<br/>Chenyin Wu, Academic<br/>Fernanda Corona, Pirate<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn, Pirate</p> <p><b>JROTC Awards</b><br/>Melissa Chavez<br/>Martin Corona</p> <p><b>Mathematics Awards</b><br/>Algebra 1:<br/>Lesley Avina, Excellence<br/>Leonel Molina, Outstanding<br/>Guadalupe Hernandez, Academic<br/>Adrian Jacobo, Pirate<br/>Andrea Lazano, Pirate<br/>Ruben Perez, Pirate</p> <p><b>Plane Geometry:</b><br/>Maximianne Castaneda, Excellence</p> | <p>Cesar Arzate, Outstanding<br/>Alexa Medina, Academic<br/>Maricarmen Ayala, Pirate<br/>Paulina Salas, Pirate</p> <p><b>Maroon and White Awards</b><br/>Andrew Gonzalez<br/>Andrea Lozano<br/>Anjelica Morales<br/>Alberto Hernandez</p> <p><b>Modern Languages Awards</b><br/>Spanish 1:<br/>Samantha Carvajal<br/>Vanessa McKay</p> <p>Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1:<br/>Maximianne Castaneda<br/>Juan M. Lopez</p> <p><b>Perfect Attendance Awards</b><br/>Carlos Anaya<br/>Maricarmen Ayala<br/>Arellys Burgos<br/>Eloisa Carlos<br/>Giovanny Castaneda<br/>Ruben Chacon<br/>Librado Corona<br/>Klara Doe<br/>Bryan Erazo<br/>Elise Espinosa<br/>Angel Fierro<br/>Maritza Fregoso<br/>Judith Galdamez<br/>Anjel Gallegos<br/>Anselmo Hernandez<br/>Felix Hernandez<br/>Priscila Herrera<br/>Adan Huerta<br/>Alexis Juarez<br/>Karen Lira<br/>Andrea Lozano<br/>Jessica Martinez<br/>Richard Martinez<br/>Suzy Mejia<br/>Joseph Mendez<br/>Miriam Mercado<br/>Leonel Molina<br/>Daniel Montalvo<br/>Edgar Ornelas<br/>Alberti Peregrina<br/>Elen Poza<br/>Jaylene Pram<br/>Luisa Robles<br/>Damian Rivera<br/>Jacqueline Rodriguez<br/>Susan Romero<br/>Andreasiel Ruiz</p> | <p>Alejandro Sandoval<br/>Joann Seals<br/>Yesenia Sifuentes<br/>Jennifer Vasquez<br/>Gustavo Gonzalez Vasquez<br/>Alexander Verdin</p> <p><b>Physical Education Awards</b></p> <p>Female:<br/>Anna Munguia, Excellence<br/>Juliana Chavez, Pirate<br/>Karina Cortes Garcia, Sportsmanship</p> <p>Male:<br/>Manuel Contreras, Excellence<br/>Axel Juarez, Pirate<br/>Dalarion Angulo, Sportsmanship</p> <p><b>Science Awards</b><br/>Biology<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn, Excellence<br/>Heidi Castillo<br/>Dianna Chaidz<br/>Fernanda Corona<br/>Karina Cortes Garcia<br/>Noah Endo<br/>Maritza Fregoso<br/>Rosemelly Jimenez<br/>Angel Macias<br/>Guadalupe Marquez<br/>Jessica Martinez<br/>Vanessa McKay<br/>Edward Mendoza<br/>Jocelyn Meraz<br/>Chisom Omorojie<br/>Pam Pabla<br/>Bryanna Paz<br/>Chloe Phanuekthong<br/>Jesus Ramirez<br/>Lilianne Romero<br/>Jocelyn Romo<br/>Paulina Salas<br/>Yesenia Sifuentes<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn<br/>Josh Adrian Taitano<br/>Alexis Armando Torres<br/>Angel Vazquez</p> <p><b>Student Government Award</b><br/>Alexis Armando Torres</p> <p><b>Visual and Performing Arts Awards</b><br/>Art 1:<br/>Maritza Fregoso, Excellence<br/>Mitzi Moreno, Outstanding<br/>Brian Ramos, Pirate</p> <p>Dance:<br/>Cristiline Magana<br/>Takea Wilson</p> <p>Music:<br/>Andreasiel Ruiz, Advanced<br/>Band<br/>Hector Garcia, Beginning<br/>Strings<br/>Vanessa Jacobo, Advanced</p> | <p>Strings<br/>Adrian Valadez Orozco, Beginning Band<br/>Susan Romero, Concert Choir</p> <p>Theater Arts 1:<br/>Maximianne Castaneda<br/>Shirnee Flewelen</p> <p><b>World History Awards</b><br/>Chloe Phanuekthong, Excellence<br/>Cesar Arzate, Outstanding<br/>Angel Vasquez, Academic<br/>Arellys Burgos, Pirate<br/>Bryanna Paz, Pirate</p> <p><b>Principal's Honor Roll</b><br/>Oscar Sierra Aguirre<br/>Cesar Arzate<br/>Maricarmen Ayala<br/>Humberto Brena<br/>Arellys Burgos<br/>Eloisa Carlos<br/>Maximianne Castaneda<br/>Heidi Castillo<br/>Dianna Chaidz<br/>Fernanda Corona<br/>Karina Cortes Garcia<br/>Noah Endo<br/>Maritza Fregoso<br/>Rosemelly Jimenez<br/>Angel Macias<br/>Guadalupe Marquez<br/>Jessica Martinez<br/>Vanessa McKay<br/>Edward Mendoza<br/>Jocelyn Meraz<br/>Chisom Omorojie<br/>Pam Pabla<br/>Bryanna Paz<br/>Chloe Phanuekthong<br/>Jesus Ramirez<br/>Lilianne Romero<br/>Jocelyn Romo<br/>Paulina Salas<br/>Yesenia Sifuentes<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn<br/>Josh Adrian Taitano<br/>Alexis Armando Torres<br/>Angel Vazquez</p> <p>Principal's Award<br/>Brandon Mikhail Sorn</p> |
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# PHS Senior Scholarship Winners 2014-2015

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| <p><b>Elks Most Valuable Student - \$800 Scholarship</b><br/>Max Herrera<br/>Gisel Lopez</p> <p><b>RMHC/HACER (Ronald McDonald Charities) \$5000 Scholarship</b><br/>Max Herrera</p> <p><b>Teacher's Association of Paramount (TAP) \$2550 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Noemy Gomez<br/>Yulissa Perez<br/>Erika Munoz<br/>Daisy Macias<br/>\$550 Scholarship Lee Besler Memorial Hestefania Garcia</p> <p><b>Rotary Club of Paramount - \$5000 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Gisel Del Carmen Lopez<br/>Laura Quirarte<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Aaron Morrow<br/>Grisel Vazquez<br/>Jesus Amador<br/>Dary Garcia<br/>Christopher Cano<br/>Pamela Romero<br/>Karen Winter Gonzalez</p> <p><b>Paramount Women's Club Scholarship - \$2000 \$400 Academic Scholarship</b><br/>Amy E. Flores<br/>Laura Quirarte<br/>Diana L. Hernandez<br/>\$400 Vocational Scholarship<br/>Pamela Rodriguez-Olvera<br/>\$200 Music/Art Scholarship<br/>Guadalupe Bonaparte<br/>Diana Montano</p> <p><b>Margaret McCarthy Teaching Scholarship \$30,000 Scholarship CSUDH</b><br/>Laura Quirarte<br/>Maricruz Gurrula</p> <p><b>PTSA - \$2000 \$250 Scholarship</b><br/>Diego Ayala<br/>Karla Caballero<br/>Sergio DeLaTorre<br/>Amy Flores<br/>Jennifer Garcia<br/>Luis Garfias<br/>Stephanie Melero<br/>Patricia Ortiz</p> <p><b>Dr. Sumie Imada Scholarship - \$5000 \$1000 Scholarship</b><br/>Edgar Lopez<br/>Roberto Cardenas<br/>Brianna Hodge<br/>Salvador Sanchez<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela</p> <p><b>Randy Cantrell Memorial Scholarship - \$3000 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Brianna Hodge<br/>Mouthcheata Se<br/>Salvador Sanchez<br/>Edgar Lopez<br/>Dante Valenzuela<br/>Jorge Cardenas</p> <p><b>Dr. Don Warner - Scholar Athlete Award \$10,000 \$1000 Scholarship</b><br/>Gisel Lopez<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Dhamar Lopez<br/>\$500 Scholarship<br/>Andrea Murillo<br/>Cristhian Godines<br/>Jennifer Garcia<br/>Pamela Sandoval<br/>Vanessa Soto<br/>Daisy Macias<br/>Marc Ruiz<br/>Claudia Cortez</p> | <p>Roberto Cardenas<br/>Alfredo Garcia<br/>Angel Franco<br/>Noe Sandoval<br/>Dajanae Chandler<br/>\$250 Scholarship<br/>Gissel Fargas<br/>Kathleen Uribe Gomez</p> <p><b>Class of 1963 Bob Brandon Memorial Scholarship - \$4700 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Ricardo Santos<br/>Amy Morales<br/>Gisselle Moreno<br/>Karla Caballero<br/>\$450 Scholarship<br/>Grisel Vazquez<br/>Kathleen Uribe-Gomez<br/>Christian Vazquez<br/>Judith Santano<br/>Luis Garfias<br/>Sergio DeLaTorre</p> <p><b>Ken and Peggy Teeple Scholarship - \$500 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Justin Peña</p> <p><b>Class of 1964 Scholarship - \$1350 \$450 Scholarship</b><br/>Leticia Andrade<br/>Erika Zamora<br/>Angelo Pastelin</p> <p><b>Justice for Dreamers Scholarship - Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach \$2000 Scholarship</b><br/>Yessica Garcia Castaneda</p> <p><b>Tepic Sister Cities - \$900 \$300 Scholarships</b><br/>Casey Jimenez<br/>Jovan Sedano<br/>Omar Gutierrez</p> <p><b>Management Association of Paramount Schools (MAPS) - \$2000 \$500 Scholarship</b><br/>Karla Barriga<br/>Karen Janette Gonzalez<br/>Karina Sorto<br/>Brianda Ruiz Chavez</p> <p><b>Elk's Student of the Month - \$50</b><br/>October 2014<br/>Amy Flores<br/>Gisselle Moreno<br/>Jesselyn Moreno<br/>November 2014<br/>Max Herrera<br/>Karen Anaya<br/>January 2015<br/>Diana L. Hernandez<br/>Daisy Macias<br/>Jasmine Calderon<br/>Jennifer Garcia<br/>February 2015<br/>Jorge Cardenas<br/>April 2015<br/>Fernando Garcia<br/>Josue Reyes<br/>May 2015<br/>Christopher Cano<br/>Claudia Cortez<br/>Laura Quirarte</p> <p><b>CALSOAP - \$4000 \$2000 Scholarship</b><br/>Christian Andrade<br/>Edgar Lopez</p> <p><b>Paramount Education Partnership - \$85,000 \$4000 Scholarship</b><br/>Yulissa Aguilar Luna<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Jaileene Garcia<br/>Brianda Ruiz Chavez<br/>Mouthcheata Se<br/>Dante Valenzuela<br/>Jorge Cardenas<br/>Claudia Cortez<br/>Diana L. Hernandez<br/>Jesselyn Moreno<br/>Judith Santano</p> | <p>Tae R. Song<br/>Alex Chavez<br/>Edgar Lopez<br/>Jason Rivera<br/>Alexandra Salcedo</p> <p>\$3000 Scholarship<br/>Rickie C. Wombold Jr.<br/>Miguel A. Hurtado<br/>Josue A. Reyes<br/>Karla Barriga<br/>Josefina Lopez<br/>Fabian Perez</p> <p><b>California Scholarship Federation - \$2000 \$500 Scholarships</b><br/>Gisel Lopez<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Patricia Ortiz<br/>Xandria Ortiz</p> <p><b>2015 Graduates with Honors: 3.50-3.74 GPA</b><br/>Michael Madrigal<br/>Dianne Rodriguez<br/>Baudilia Ruiz<br/>Manuel Quirarte<br/>Jazmin Cervantes<br/>Sandy Romero<br/>Mark Floresca<br/>Jason Lezameta<br/>Jennifer Hernandez<br/>Kensley Estrada<br/>Mia Lopez Rodriguez<br/>Liliana Chavez<br/>Beyasmeralda Felix<br/>Viviana Castaneda<br/>Maricruz Gurrula<br/>Giselle Pelayo Fernandez<br/>Jasmine Calderon<br/>Mayte Gonzalez<br/>Amber Guzman<br/>Rickie Wombold, Jr<br/>Ana Oropeza<br/>Karla Barriga<br/>Julie Colorado<br/>Joel Osuna<br/>Roberto Cardenas<br/>Rachel Martinez<br/>Diane Ortiz<br/>Irving Bustos<br/>Lissette Cisneros<br/>Leonel Gurrula, Jr<br/>Stephanie Posada<br/>Adrian Martinez<br/>Ruby Ramos<br/>Erick Carrera<br/>Johasly Uriarte Ibarra<br/>Yadira Fernandez<br/>Daniel Sosa<br/>Samantha Duran<br/>Noemy Gomez<br/>Angel Franco<br/>Alfredo Garcia<br/>Aldo Avelar<br/>Melissa Martinez<br/>Yessenia Gutierrez<br/>Carolyn Ortiz<br/>Jose Ortega<br/>Regina Fuerte<br/>Noe Sandoval<br/>Genesis Cardenas<br/>Annie Chau<br/>Hairo Espinoza<br/>Carlos Gutierrez<br/>Cesar Garibaldi<br/>Sergio Polanco<br/>Kenia Gil<br/>Erika Zamora<br/>Dajanae Chandler<br/>Jessica Fombona<br/>Brandy Herrera<br/>Crystal Vega</p> | <p>Kevin Ramos<br/>Max Herrera<br/>Fabian Perez<br/>Jose Olmos<br/>Mouthcheata Se<br/>Eva Mora<br/>Alexandria Arellano<br/>Jazmin Mendoza<br/>Christian Andrade<br/>Cynthia Diaz<br/>Salvador Sanchez<br/>Antonio Sepulveda, Jr<br/>Macelino Gomez<br/>Karen Janette Gonzalez<br/>Josefina Lopez<br/>Dante Valenzuela<br/>Jaileene Garcia<br/>Jesus Peraza<br/>Angelo Pastelin<br/>Jennifer Perez<br/>Christopher Garcia<br/>Haroldo Altamirano Molina<br/>Melissa Perez<br/>Jocelyne Mendez<br/>Alexandra Salcedo<br/>Maria Tostado Flores<br/>Omar Vazquez<br/>Brianna Hodge<br/>Jessica Quiroz<br/>Casey Jimenez<br/>Andrea Murillo<br/>Amy Morales<br/>Gelsy Trujillo<br/>Michelle Sosa<br/>Kathia Munoz<br/>Julissa Ruiz<br/>Tae Song<br/>Jason Rivera<br/>Gisselle Moreno<br/>Patricia Ortiz<br/>Ariel Andrade<br/>Cesar Diaz<br/>Cristhian Godines<br/>Diana Hernandez<br/>Kenneth BarriosAbelarde<br/>Ariana Robles<br/>Christian Vazquez<br/>Genesis Ortega<br/>Zaira Beltran Pedrosa<br/>Dary Garcia<br/>Grisel Vazquez<br/>Jocelyn Lopez<br/>Jennifer Garcia<br/>Alex Chavez<br/>Jennifer Velazquez<br/>Jennifer Almejo<br/>Josue Flores<br/>Jesselyn Moreno<br/>Leslie Espinoza<br/>Lisandra Vega<br/>Graziela Frias<br/>Justin Pena<br/>Karen Cabrejo<br/>Jennifer Mendoza<br/>Yulissa Aguilar Luna<br/>Rocio Robles<br/>Karen Garduno<br/>Pamela Romero<br/>Andrew Salelo<br/>Jesus Amador<br/>Genesis Sosa<br/>Paulina Arroyo<br/>Pamela Sandoval<br/>Carmen Guerrero<br/>Josue Reyes<br/>Jesse Rios<br/>Jacob Ramos<br/>Valeria Contreras<br/>Mary Columa<br/>Ricky Alvarez Aure<br/>Stephanie Veliz<br/>Amy Flores<br/>Vanessa Soto<br/>Crystal Manzo<br/>Brianda Ruiz Chavez<br/>Idalia Mora<br/>Anahi Rodriguez<br/>Jonathan Quezada<br/>Daisy Macias<br/>Marc Ruiz<br/>Elena Robles<br/>Claudia Cortez</p> <p><b>California Scholarship Federation - 2015</b><br/>Life Membership (4 semesters)<br/>Karla Barriga<br/>Irving Bustos</p> | <p>Julie Colorado<br/>Dary Garcia<br/>Karen Garduno<br/>Angie Gomez<br/>Karen Janette Gonzalez<br/>Karen Winter Gonzalez<br/>Diana Hernandez<br/>Max Herrera<br/>Dhamar Lopez<br/>Crystal Manzo<br/>Jennifer Mendoza<br/>Gisselle Moreno<br/>Jesselyn Moreno<br/>Patricia Ortiz<br/>Angelo Pastelin<br/>Melissa Perez<br/>Laura Quirarte<br/>Manuel Quirarte<br/>Pamela Romero<br/>Baudilia Ruiz<br/>Brianda Ruiz Chavez<br/>Julissa Ruiz<br/>Salvador Sanchez<br/>Tae Song<br/>Dante Valenzuela<br/>Christian Vazquez<br/>Grisel Vazquez</p> <p><b>Life Membership Highest Honors (6 semesters)</b><br/>Jorge Cardenas<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Edgar Lopez<br/>Gisel Lopez<br/>Eva Mora<br/>Amy Morales<br/>Jose Olmos<br/>Xandria Ortiz<br/>Fabian Perez<br/>Kevin Ramos<br/>Judith Santano<br/>Mouthcheata Se<br/>Lisandra Vega</p> <p><b>Bi-Literate Diploma Seal 2015:</b><br/>Yulissa Aguilar Luna<br/>Haroldo Altamirano Molina<br/>Karen Anaya<br/>Leticia Andrade<br/>Alexandria Arellano<br/>Paulina Arroyo<br/>Jesus Cervantes-Canela<br/>Alex Chavez<br/>Valeria Contreras<br/>Daniel Cordova<br/>Carlos Corona<br/>Claudia Cortez<br/>Cesar Diaz<br/>Cynthia Diaz<br/>Kimberly Galvez<br/>Alfredo Garcia<br/>Jennifer Garcia<br/>Maricruz Gurrula<br/>Claudia Hernandez<br/>Diana Hernandez<br/>Valerie Hernandez<br/>Casey Jimenez<br/>Dhamar Lopez<br/>Edgar Lopez<br/>Gisel Lopez<br/>Jocelyn Lopez<br/>Peter Lucas<br/>Stephanie Melero<br/>Vitzonia Monje<br/>Eva Mora<br/>Gisselle Moreno<br/>Andrea Murillo<br/>Jose Ortega<br/>Patricia Ortiz<br/>Angelo Pastelin<br/>Laura Quirarte<br/>Kevin Ramos<br/>Anahi Rodriguez<br/>Hector Rajo<br/>John Ruiz<br/>Brianda Ruiz Chavez<br/>Stefanni Sanchez<br/>Ricardo Santos<br/>Christian Vazquez<br/>Omar Vazquez<br/>Daisy Velazquez<br/>Jennifer Velazquez<br/>Jessy Velazquez<br/>Stephanie Veliz<br/>Alonso Verdusco</p> |
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## Great Things are Happening at Los Cerritos School

Another successful year is coming to an end!! Reflecting on the past school year makes us realize how fortunate we are at Los Cerritos School. Our school has been successful due to the fantastic collaboration partnerships between students, teachers and parents. Our teachers tackled the new Common Core standards, Depth of Knowledge, Online Testing and bringing Technology into the classroom. Teachers' excellent teaching has prepared the students to face any academic challenges this school year. Los Cerritos has had great opportunities this year to give students amazing experiences such as:

Los Cerritos attends CSULB!! Our 3rd-5th grade girls who achieved a Proficient level in Math were selected to attend "Woman's Engineering at the Beach". Here the students attended mini workshops and science labs where they combined Science and Math to create robots. What a spectacular experience for our future engineers. As we continue down the Science Pathway, we had the opportunity to bring Science to life with a fantastic "MAD SCIENCE" assembly. The students learned the chemical reaction of fire and ice demonstration with Kosmic Kevin. The students were mesmerized to see Science come to life! Our school participated in the Battle of the Books at Buena Vista High School. The students worked hard reading all of the chapter books assigned and preparing as a team for this special day! Battle of the Books taught the students great lessons regarding teamwork, commitment and responsibility. Thank you Mrs. Cuevas and Mrs. Sanchez for your dedication and hard work with our students preparing for this special event!!!

As we wrap the school year up and celebrate our successes, our 5th grade students have taken advantage of



learning and preparing for middle school. They have learned to be organized, independent and confident learners. They have had fun collaborating as teams and preparing for next year! Thank you 5th grade teachers!!! We wish our 5th grade students much success as they start middle school!!

**Wishing you all a great summer!!!**

## Pirate Athletes of the Year

Paramount High School athletic department has named its 2015-2016 athletes of the year. At the freshmen level, the male athlete of the year was Eric Fuller Jr. Eric was a member of the varsity football team and frosh soph basketball team. Freshmen female athlete of the year was Mariah Stewart. Mariah was a member of the varsity basketball and track teams. The two sophomore athletes of the year were male soccer player, Bryan Ortega and female softball player and volleyball player, Sammy Roumeliotis. Junior athletes of the year were a pair of track and field students. Female athlete of the year was discus thrower Ailini Williams and male athlete of the year was sprinter Micquwan Wright. Senior Athlete of the Year winners include male soccer player Hector Rojo and female swimmer Angelina Florimon. The two all school athletes of the year were a pair of wrestlers. The female winner was junior Chazel Becerra and the male winner was senior Noe Sandoval. Congratulations to these outstanding pirate athletes!



Another huge accomplishment happened in track and field. Two Pirates finished in the top 5 in CIF division one and qualified for the masters meet which are the CIF southern section southern California championships. Junior Ailini Williams finished second in CIF Division I discus and Senior, Clinton Anderson, finished fifth in the discus. Both athletes had great years and the entire Pirate family is proud of their awards. In team sports, our baseball team qualified for the division two CIF playoffs and lost a tough first round game to Burroughs of Burbank 2-1. In volleyball, our boys team won their first round match against Heritage Christian of Northridge. They then hosted the number one seed, El Segundo. It was the first time in many years that Paramount had hosted a boys volleyball playoff game. The Pirates put up a great battle, but in the end the number one seed was too tough as their opponents went on to take the Division championship title.

It was an outstanding year for Pirate athletics. Twelve of our boys and girls teams qualified for the playoffs with football and boys soccer reaching the quarterfinals. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and student body, Paramount High school would like to thank all of those who came out and supported all of the athletes this school year. Next year promises to be another exciting campaign of Paramount athletics. GO PIRATES!!!!

## Superintendent's Message:



### Congratulations Paramount High School Class of 2015

On behalf of our entire Board of Education, President Alicia Anderson, Vice President Tony Peña, members Sonya Cuellar, Linda Garcia, and Vivian Hansen, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the Paramount High School Graduating Class of 2015.

We have had the distinct pleasure of witnessing a senior class of over 1,000 students successfully complete their high school experience. Their individual and group accomplishments in academics, activities and athletics is an outstanding example of young people who have prepared to take the next step towards a bright and fulfilling future.

We have no doubt that the Class of 2015 will carry that special "Pirate Pride" into their future careers and lives. They are also not likely to forget the work and dedication of the devoted staff, counselors, coaches, teachers and administrators who provided the support and skills they will require to reach their dreams.

Also a special appreciation to the parents, guardians, and families of our graduates who supported them with their love and guidance.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015.

Always remember, "Once A Pirate, Always A Pirate".

**Dr. David Verdugo and Delores Stephens**

## Summer Food Service Program

Children who eat nutritious meals and participate in safe activities during the summer are more creative and productive at school and at home. According to a recently released report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of families struggling to put food on the table has skyrocketed.

Paramount U.S.D. and the City of Paramount Parks and Recreation Department are collaborating in a joint effort to provide two nutritious meals a day and two hours of recreational opportunities at no cost to the students or their families to combat hunger and the increase in childhood obesity.

District and City staff will open all elementary and middle school campuses (except Jackson) Monday through Friday. The Summer Food Service program will run through Friday, August 7, 2015. The day will start with breakfast and board games from 9:00-10:00 a.m., Parks and Recreation staff will then take students to play areas where they will have a host of activities to choose from including, sports, arts and crafts and physical fitness from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. Star Program staff and children will then return to the dining area for a sizzling BBQ from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and will then be released after a nutritious day full of healthy activities that enrich their summer day.

