

Spotlight on Summer Learning

Superintendent Jane Russo opened the first Board of Education meeting of the 2010-11 school year with a wrap-up report on the summer enrichment program in which 11,000 K-8 students took part in five weeks of summer learning. The sessions culminated with year-end showcases of experiential-centered themes such as “Night at the Museum” at the elementary level and a “Walk Through Time” at the intermediate level. Superintendent Russo also noted the remaining weeks left in the free summer meal program offered to youths. The program is made possible through the school district’s partnership with the City of Santa Ana and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Rounding out the superintendent’s opening report was a summary of college acceptances received by the Class of 2010. More than half of the students from the Class of 2010 were accepted into prestigious institutions of higher learning including several state colleges and universities, community colleges, private and out of state institutions and at least one student received an acceptance to study abroad this year in Switzerland. Class of 2010 scholars earned \$2.8 million in scholarships and awards to help pay for their college education. To complete her report, Superintendent Russo reminded students and parents to mark their calendar for August 30 — the first day of instruction for students.



Martin Elementary 5th grader Diana Ramos personifies Amelia Earheart at her school’s Summer Enrichment Program year-end “museum” event.

Board Presentations and Approvals

- Chief Business Officer Michael Bishop shared the latest budget **presentation**.
- Approval of submission of bridging Healthy Eating, Active Communities and Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities Grant application to the California Endowment. (Agenda Item 3.0)
- Ratification of participation in full-service community grant with Orange County Children and Families Commission Partners for 2010-11 school year. (Agenda Item 4.0)
- Approval of memorandum of understanding with Central City Community Health Center, Inc. (Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County) for 2010-11 school year. (Agenda Item 5.0)
- Authorization to award contracts for bid packages under overcrowding relief grant projects at **Century High School**. (Agenda Item 20.0)
- Authorization to award contracts for bid packages under overcrowding relief grant projects at **Santa Ana High School**. (Agenda Item 21.0)
- Authorization to award contracts for bid packages under overcrowding relief grant projects at **Spurgeon Intermediate School**. (Agenda Item 22.0)

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