

**Superintendent's Report**



**Saints Spelling Bee** – Attendees got a peek at a performance by Santa Ana High's cast members of their spring musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Presenting for the Board were Diana Ramirez, a senior who played Logainne and Noel Palacios, (left in photo) a senior, who played Leaf. Noel performed the song "I'm Not That Smart." But with a GPA of above 3.0, he's doing quite well in school. He intends to pursue a career in film or acting, while Ramirez aspires to be a drama teacher by studying at Orange Coast College. The play was performed under the direction of Terry Schwinge, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator. Laurie Cobb provided musical accompaniment during the Board performance. At its conclusion, several special guests professed their support for SAUSD arts. They included Pat Wayne of Arts Orange County, Diane Doyle of Santa Ana Arts Alliance, and Sarah

Murr of the Boeing Co. A list of upcoming spring performances is accessible at [www.saus.us](http://www.saus.us).

**National Nurses Week** – The Board proclaimed May 6-12 as National School Nurses' Week, therefore, the school district's 25 nurses were honored for their commitment to ensuring the wellbeing of our students. **(Agenda Item 17.0)**

**Pupil Support Services Gets State SARB Recognition** – The Board recognized the Pupil Support Services Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) for its work in improving attendance and reducing the truancy rate at SAUSD. Led by Director Nancy Diaz-Miller, the team earned a model designation from the State SARB for its impressive results. This recognition was given to only nine school districts in California.

**Classified Employee of Month for April 2011** – Edgar Espinoza, instructional computer lab technician at Muir Fundamental Elementary was lauded for his keen technical ability. "When describing Eddie, as he's called, two words come to mind," said Muir Principal Donna Kertman, "and they are knowledgeable and creative." Espinoza manages two computer labs, sets up countless systems, trains staff and works with the school's special education teachers and students, ensuring that they have access to appropriate learning software.



Edgar Espinoza

**Board Presentations**

- ◆ **High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School Update** – The Board voted unanimously to approve the partnership agreement with the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce to continue the High School Inc. Academies program, which prepares students for higher education and careers through the implementation of the UC and State UC system "a-g" requirements, while providing career technical training for immediate entry into the workforce. **(Agenda Item 2.0)** [view presentation](#).

- ◆ **Attention2Attendance Update** – Business Services and Pupil Support Services Staff provided an overview of the new school district attendance monitoring system. Staff reviewed the program's positive impact and effectiveness on attendance of its four components including notifications, conference management, data analysis and professional consultation on actual District attendance. [view presentation](#).
- ◆ **Enrollment and Budget Update** – The Business Services team also provided a snapshot of the school district's current enrollment and budget overview, based on the most current State budget adoption action. [view presentation](#).

## Approvals

- **High School Advanced Placement Art History Course for Adoption (Agenda Item 5.0)** The Board has approved the adoption of a new high school advanced placement art history course. The curriculum next goes through an approval process prior to being first implemented at Segerstrom High School next year, followed by additional high schools thereafter.
- **Approval to Name Pio Pico Elementary School Library in Recognition of Former Volunteer Librarian - Temi Acone Doty (Agenda Item 12.0)** Ms. Acone Doty was the school's librarian from its inception in 1991 until 2008. In addition to managing the library, Ms. Acone Doty mentored students and staff, provided office assistance and supported literacy development. Her presence created a positive, nurturing school climate that still exists today.
- **Adoption of Resolution No. 10/11-2875 – Proclaiming May 2-6, 2011, As National Teacher/Support Staff Appreciation Week And May 15-21, 2011 As Classified Employee Week (Agenda Item 16.0)** In recognition of the contributions and pivotal role all staff members play in supporting and encouraging the learning process.
- **Adoption of Resolution No. 10/11-2877 – Proclaiming May 2011 As Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (Agenda Item 18.0)** In recognition of cultural diversity and many contributions made by the local Asian Pacific American (APA) community including parents and students of the school district. A conference for APA parents, students, and teachers will be held on Saturday, May 21, at Segerstrom High School.
- **Adoption of Resolution No. 10/11-2878 – Proclaiming May 12, 2011 As Parents' Day (Agenda Item 19.0)** In recognition of the important role parents play in the educational process.



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The next regularly scheduled **Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011.**