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Drive-through Starbucks to debut in Duarte

Duarte Coffee lovers have something to stir about. The City will soon have a new state of the art Starbucks drive-through on the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street. The 1,850 square foot location will fill a key corner location in our City and replace the existing Starbucks in the Huntington-Buena Vista Shopping Center.

For the last few months, Duarte city staff have been working with the developer, Arbor Capital Group, on the project that includes the Starbucks and an additional 2,600 square foot retail building. The Planning Commission approved the project at its meeting on June 15, 2015. At the Planning

Commission, Charlie Arbing, store development manager for Starbucks Corporate, revealed that this location will include the unique Clover Brewing System featuring a single cup coffee brewing technology providing “exquisite balance, depth of flavor, and aroma.” These characteristics, along with the drive-through, make this a prime location for Starbucks.

The corner project also exhibits excellent architectural design and will be a welcome

addition to the community. “The community has been waiting for some time for a great project on this corner and we finally have it. The Tuscan inspired architectural design is just beautiful and we are fortunate to have a developer that can deliver a National retailer at this location,” said Craig Hensley, Duarte Community Development Director.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early fall and the location should be completed by early 2016.

DUSD receives funds to expand band programs

“The creative arts enrich our lives both as a culture and as individuals,” stated Duarte Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino. “Why some believe creativity and personal expression became unnecessary to our growth as a society, I do not know. What I do know is that the children of Duarte and our neighboring communities who attend Duarte schools will receive a world class arts education as a result of our partnerships with the VH1 Save the Music Foundation and Arts for All consortium.” Both of these esteemed organizations have selected to provide Duarte Unified School District with substantial grant funding to expand music education offerings within our elementary schools.

The VH1 Save The Music Foundation is dedicated to restoring instrumental music education in US public schools and raising public awareness about the importance of music participation for our nation’s youth. The Foundation works in school districts around the country to create equity in access to instrumental music programs for our nation’s children and to close the disparity between resource-rich



school districts and districts that are underserved.

After a rigorous year-long approval process initiated in 2014, Duarte Unified School District received official notification of our selection as a VH1 Save the Music Foundation grant partner this July, 2015. The Foundation

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Duarte “Raises the Banner” for South Africa Special Olympians

South Africa and Duarte united in a fun filled day of cultural exchange where traditional dance, friendship and food were embraced as the City of Duarte

Special Olympics Host Town Committee and the City of Hope on July 22 hosted a daylong se-

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Duarte School Board election Tues., Nov. 3; no Duarte CC election

There will not be a Duarte City Council election in November, because the number of candidates running for office (2) is the same as the number of City Council seats eligible for election during this cycle.

The City is now required to follow several legal steps in order to cancel its election. Specifically, a notice certifying that there are not more candidates than offices to be elected will be published in the newspaper, then, after a five-day waiting period, the City Council will adopt a resolution appointing the two qualified nominees to the office of City Council.

A special City Council Meeting will be held during the week of August 17 to adopt this resolution appointing John Fasana and Liz Reilly to serve four-year terms starting November 2015.

Although there may not be an election for City Council in Duarte, there will be an election for the Duarte Unified School District School Board and possibly other ballot measures that affect Duarte residents. Candidates who filed for three open positions on the school board by the closing date are: incumbent Tom Reyes, appointed incumbent Douglas Edwards, appointed incumbent Jim Dinsmore, Lillian Cabral, Robert Jole, Cheryl Taylor, and Lupe Valerio.

A candidates’ forum consisting of the school board candidates will be held in October 2015. This event will be sponsored by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce.

For additional information on this upcoming election, contact the LA County Registrar-Recorder of Voters (800) 816-2666.

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena opens its new ChapCare Lime health center in Monrovia



CHAPCARE LIME ribbon cutting with the Duarte and Monrovia chambers of commerce and many community leaders participating.

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) announces the opening of its new health center (ChapCare Lime) located in Monrovia, CA. ChapCare's state-of-the-art facility, brings a range of much needed, primary healthcare services to the under-represented, underserved, and underinsured families in the cities of Monrovia, Duarte, and Arcadia.

On August 3, families will

be able to access a vast array of primary healthcare services at ChapCare Lime including; medical (family medicine, women's health (OB/GYN), and pediatrics), mental health counseling, optometry, and health insurance screening and enrollment.

"This one-stop-shop offers the community the opportunity to access a comprehensive array of high-quality primary healthcare

services all under one roof," said Margaret B. Martinez MPH, ChapCare's Chief Executive Officer. "We are proud to be able to expand our nationally recognized primary health care model to the City of Monrovia and its surrounding communities."

ChapCare's new Monrovia facility is conveniently located at 513 E. Lime Avenue, Suite 101, Monrovia, CA 91016, just

4 blocks from downtown Monrovia. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm. ChapCare provides low-or no-cost health services (Medi-Cal and Medicare) and accepts many Covered California and private insurance plans.

"We have worked with ChapCare for many years to ensure access to primary healthcare services for our food bank clients in Monrovia and Pasadena," said Betty R. McWilliams, Foothill Unity Center's Executive Director, "They have been a wonderful partner, and we are thrilled that ChapCare is opening a new health center right here in the City of Monrovia."

For more information on ChapCare Lime, please call (626) 398-6300 or visit www.chapcare.org.

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About ChapCare

Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (ChapCare) was founded in 1995 by a group of community residents, city officials, and health care agencies to establish primary healthcare services for low-income, uninsured residents in Pasadena. ChapCare began providing medical services in 1998 and dental services in 2001. Today, ChapCare is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides health care services to countless residents of the San Gabriel Valley. ChapCare operates 4 health centers in Pasadena, and 2 health centers in the El Monte/South El Monte region. ChapCare provides over 58,000 primary healthcare visits annually to over 14,600 patients.

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Foothill Family awarded prestigious LEED® Green Building Certification

Foothill Family builds brighter futures not only by empowering community members to overcome challenges and achieve success in relationships, school, and work, but also through sustainable environmental practices. Following months of renovation, Foothill Family's Duarte Center has been awarded LEED® Gold certification.

When Foothill Family opened its Duarte Center in 2008, it occupied only the second floor of a bank building at 1801 Huntington Drive. Since then, the center has served thousands of children and families, focusing on early childhood development, parent education, and school- and community-based clinical, emotional,

and behavioral support services, among other programs.

When the 12,100-square-foot property became available to purchase in 2014, Foothill Family carefully assessed the site's potential to help meet the region's growing demand for services in the eastern San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.

"The investment in environmentally conscious renovations to the Duarte Center reinforces the Foothill Family mission of building brighter futures," said Steve Allen, Foothill Family Chief Executive Officer. "We believe that healthy families are the foundation of strong communities, and environmental sustainability is tantamount to every community's

thriving future."

The Foothill Family Duarte Center re-opened in May 2015 with double the space including 12 individual therapy rooms, three family therapy and support group meeting rooms, two Parent-Child Interaction Therapy rooms, and two intake rooms. In addition, the building features expanded staff and office space, children's activity center, health screening room, and community spaces, including a featured meeting room available for use by community partners.

The Duarte Center achieved LEED certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in sustainable site development,

water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The LEED rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is the foremost program for buildings, homes, and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

"Buildings are a prime example of how human systems integrate with natural systems," said Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. "The Foothill Family Duarte Center project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations to come."

Foothill Family was founded in 1926 and provides a range of

community-based mental health and social services to at-risk populations in the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, Glendale, and Burbank. Foothill Family Service has earned a reputation for providing high-quality services aimed at empowering families and strengthening communities. Programs include mental health and school-based counseling for children, child abuse prevention and treatment, domestic violence prevention and treatment, early child development programs, services for pregnant teens and their babies, family counseling, and youth development. Last year, more than 22,000 children and their families benefited from Foothill Family Service's life-changing programs. For more information, please call (626) 993-3000 or visit the website at www.foothillfamily.org.

Duarte City Commission opportunities deadline extended to August 31

Duarte residents can become involved in the City's decision making and planning process by serving on a City Commission. Currently the City is recruiting for two openings on the Planning Commission and one opening on the Public Services Commission and will be accepting applications through August 31.

The Planning Commission serves as the City's planning agency, reviews development projects, appeals, applications for conditional use permits, variances, and tractmaps, performs architectural review for certain projects, and makes recommendations to City Council pertaining to development agreements and amendments related to the development code, general plan, specific plans, zoning map, CEQA environmental documents, and

other applicable policy/regulatory matters related to the City's planning process. Meetings are open to the public and held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Duarte Community Center. Two positions are available and one is a partial term and will expire on December 31, 2017.

The Public Services Commission performs an advisory role on issues concerning cable television, refuse and recycling matters, transit issues, environmental quality, public utilities, and green technologies. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Duarte Community Center. There are five members with one current vacancy.

To be eligible for appointment, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Maintain a current residence in the City of Duarte
- No felony convictions
- File a City application

If you are interested in applying for this Commission vacancy, please obtain an application form at the City Clerk's Office, Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive or you can download the form from the City website at www.accessduarte.com. The application deadline is Monday, August 31, at 6 p.m.

Interviews and appointments are slated to occur at the September 8 City Council meeting. The Commission term will begin immediately following appointment. For additional information, please contact the City Manager's office at (626) 357-7931, x221 Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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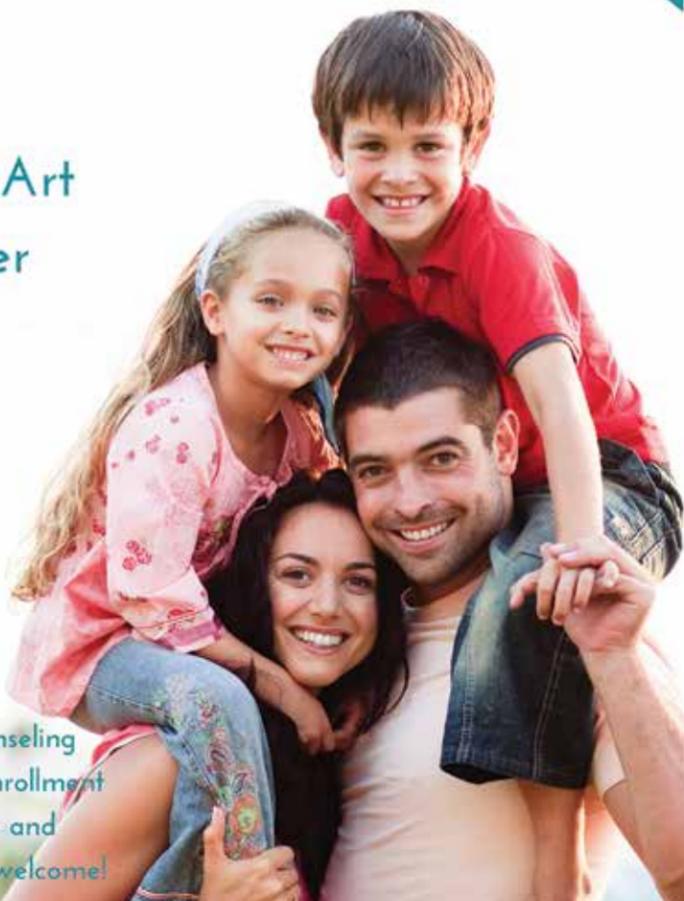
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1945-2015 – The World America Made

By Neil Earle

This spring and summer both the Duarte Public Library and the Duarte Historical Society feature displays of some of the events of the years 1945 to 1950 in American diplomatic history, but touching on some of the country's public life as well.

May 8, 2015 was the 70th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe, that horrendous tragedy that ranks as the worst human-inflicted catastrophe so far. September 2 will be the 70th of the surrender of Japan to the Allied Powers in Tokyo Bay. Upwards of 50 million people died around the world by the time the Pacific War ended in August of 1945 with the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Yet out of all this United States of America emerged as the world's strongest military and economic power. American ships and air-bases dotted the globe. The U.S. held about 60% of the world's gold supply thanks to the country's role from 1939 to 1945 as what President Franklin Roosevelt called "the arsenal of democracy."

How the American people under creative and improvisational leadership put together a world system by the late 1940s that is only now showing serious signs of strain and decline, that was the subject of the talk given at the Duarte Public Library on May 30 to an enthusiastic audience.

Historical anniversaries are important. They offer a chance to get our collective bearings and to see how far we have come, or regressed. This year 2015 may truly mark the "last hurrah" for the veterans who fanned out from the Normandy Beaches, beat back a tough and resourceful foe and achieved total victory in Europe and Asia. Today, with threats from Russia, Iran and ISIS often making the Western powers look weak and ineffectual it might be timely to tell again the story of those years 1945-1950 again.

Those were years, it seems, looking back, when the United States did everything right.

Truman and Stalin

The rejoicing and euphoria at the defeat of the Axis powers in 1945 ushered in springtime of glorious hope. Perhaps now "the lights really could go on" – as British songstress Vera Lynn had sung – "all over the world." Surely the United Nations Organization, then being formed in San Francisco, would succeed where the old League of Nations had failed. After all, didn't the Anglo-Americans and their Russian allies possess the military power to smother aggression anywhere on the planet?

Most were unaware of the intense jockeying among the war-time powers to control the post-war settlement. Russian troops occupied northern Iran. Greece and Turkey's communist parties were practicing subversion. In Europe the Soviet Union – bleeding from 20 million casualties in the war – was not about to vacate countries such as Poland, root cause of the conflict in the first place.

"The accidental President" Harry S. Truman in the White House was increasingly frustrated with Soviet and Stalinist intransigence and overt designs on Greece and Turkey. He sent U.S. warships to the Eastern Mediterranean, pushed for a U.N. Resolution (No. 2) to get the Soviets out of Iran and called in former Allied leader Winston Churchill to sound the alarm with his "Iron Curtain"

speech at Fulton, Missouri in 1946. Churchill painted a bleak picture, envisaging a long struggle to counter and contain Soviet designs on the most strategic zone for America and Britain – the nations of Northwestern Europe.

Even young Congressman Richard Nixon of California felt Churchill was too alarmist, but he was soon to change his mind.

1947 – the Crucial Year

In 1947 a devastating and costly winter hit the British economy hard, undermined London's efforts to keep the peace and counter the Soviets in the Eastern Mediterranean. Truman threatened and cajoled a still pacifist-minded Congress to pass a multi-million dollar assistance package to Greece and Turkey, the first of what was to come. Though few realized it, the Cold War was on! (See Walter LaFeber, American, Russia and the Cold War: 1945-1990).

However, unknown to most, the sinews of American post-war leadership had already been laid during World War Two. The World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund had been implemented as early as 1944 to guard against the kind of sharp depression that followed the end of World War One in 1918-19. The United States would exchange dollars at the rate of \$35 an ounce, an arrangement that lasted until 1971. America's economic strength made possible one of the signal acts of American statecraft – the Marshall Plan, whereby the United States Treasury guaranteed the rebuilding of Western Europe's economic infrastructure with as much 17 billion dollars in overseas credits.

This was a monumental sum at the time. Even the Soviets were offered Marshall Plan dollars but coldly refused. Stalin was more interested in harassing the British, French and American occupation forces in Germany. On June 24, 1948 the Soviets cut off electricity and rail traffic to West Berlin, 150 miles behind the Soviet lines.

What to do?

"Operation Vittles"

The response was brilliant, combining that American yen for technology with the ability to keep the Cold War from becoming hot. The British started it but "Operation Vittles" soon defined the Berlin Airlift. The Allies were flying 4500 tons a day of supplies to isolated West Berlin by December, 1948 and 81,000 tons a day by spring, 1949. *More vital goods were arriving than before the Soviet blockade!*

On May 12, 1949 the Russians climbed down. What historian Paul Johnson called "the first, large-scale formal confrontation of the Cold War" had ended in a brilliant propaganda victory for the Anglo-American coalition.

Meanwhile, on April 4, 1949 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was cemented in Washington between the United States and eleven other countries. This was the military fist behind the olive branch of the Marshall Plan. British historian Andrew Roberts has called NATO, "the most successful military alliance in history." When war-time commander Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived in Brussels to take charge of NATO Winston Churchill's exultant outburst made good sense: "America has saved the world."

Hard-edged power politics lay behind this American reshaping of the postwar world. During the Berlin blockade Truman had sent three B-29

squadrons to Germany. He was furious to learn the U.S. had materials for only twelve atom-bombs since 1945, none of which were ready for shipment. But Truman knew Stalin did not know that. The cat-and-mouse game we call the Cold War was off and running by 1948 (LaFeber, page 77).

Panic and Response

Looking back, it was just as well American planners were guided by a hard-nosed realism. In 1949 the Nationalist Chinese were forced off the mainland and Communism took over the largest nation on earth, and still rules. This, together with the explosion of a Soviet A-bomb in 1949 threw an ominous new light on world affairs. In the United States it triggered an anti-Communist witch hunt around the cry "who lost China" which cost too many American public figures their careers and reputations.

The years 1945 to 1949 were thus a decisive period in world history. Beneath the hue and cry the foundations of a stable world order were steadily being laid. And in the middle of all this the United States found time to recognize

For one thing tiny South Korea hosts the largest Christian congregation in the world. In Asia General MacArthur's wise stewardship had already turned Japan – the real prize in the Pacific – into a key American ally. That alliance still lasts 70 years later.

Political editor Christopher Bertram in the German *Die Zeit* magazine summarized these early Cold War years well. "What distinguishes a superpower is its willingness and ability to design and maintain a framework of international order that not only serves its own interests, but also accommodates the interest of the large majority of weaker countries. It is the commitment not only to its own well-being, but to that of the international community as a whole."

By those standards the United States qualified as a true superpower after May 8, 1945 and still does.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Neil Earle teaches history for Grace Communion Seminary and co-authored Images of America: Duarte.

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ries of activities designed to give the delegation a “Day in the life of Duarte” experience.

The day began at the City of Hope with a welcome parade followed by a luncheon featuring an inspirational youth keynote speaker and six interactive, scientific activities.

The delegation enjoyed the remainder of the day at the Duarte Teen Center for games, a traditional American BBQ, and “hip-hop” lessons provided by “Duarte Dance.”

The action-packed day ended at the Duarte Community Center, which had been transformed into an island paradise, DJ Dance Party where over 50 community members, including the Senior Center Line Dance team, both welcomed and celebrated them.

As a Host Town, the City welcomed the 2015 Special Olympics World Games South African delegation consisting of approximately 91 coaches and athletes on July 22.

Azusa Pacific University provided housing for the entire delegation of athletes and coaches during the three-day Host Town visit from July 21-24.

The City of Duarte, in partnership with the cities of Azusa and Glendora and Azusa Pacific University (APU), opened their doors as Host Towns for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles the remainder of the days.

The day of events could not have been possible without the support of a variety of key sponsors.

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Numerous volunteer contributors include but are not limited to: City of Duarte Senior Center, the Friends of the Duarte Library, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Woman's Club, the Duarte Kiwanis Club, the Duarte Education Foundation, Duarte Emblem Club, Duarte Area Resource Team, City of Duarte Mayor's Youth Council, City of Duarte Senior Line Dance Team and the Duarte Dance Team.

Before the Special Olympics World Games began on July 25, more than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries were welcomed to Southern California through the Host Town program consisting of over 100 communities from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

In anticipation of “Duarte Day,” the City hung a series of festive street banners displaying both the City and Special Olympics logos along Huntington Drive in front of the Duarte Civic Center.

Ray Bradbury exhibit at Duarte Historical Museum

Honorary Duartean Author Ray Bradbury (1920-2012) is the subject of an exhibit at the Duarte Historical Museum in Encanto Park. Compiled by Jack Collins and former Duarte Librarian Peter Rosenwald, the display features articles, books, photographs, and other memorabilia and will remain through August.

The Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, is open Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday each month from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Bradbury made several appearances in Duarte over the years, donating all proceeds from his book sales at those visits to the Friends of the Duarte Library.

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HOT LUNCHES

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The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage.

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AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering an AARP Driver Safety Class for persons 55 and older and there will be two different classes offered: 8-hour class on Tuesday & Thursday, September 15 & 17, from 1-5 p.m.; 4-hour refresher course on Thursday, November 12, from 1-5 p.m. The eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. If you take the 8-hour course your attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$15 for members (AARP card required at registration) and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required prior to class. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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BINGO

Every Tuesday from 12:45-2 p.m. bingo is held. The fee is 25 cents per card. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for further information.

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BOOK CLUB

The Senior Center's Book Club promotes enjoyable reading and lively discussion. Please join them on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to see what book they are reading this month.

CLASSES

The Duarte Senior Center began taking registration for summer classes on June 8. Classes began the week of June 22.

Fee Classes: Aquatic Exercise, Cross Fit, Exercise With Shelly, Get Fit, Intro to Computers, Living the French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, Yoga.

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All classes are for adults 55 years and older. For more information, please contact the Duarte

Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department began taking registration Monday, June 8 for the following excursion: Las Vegas Golden Nugget Casino, Tuesday, September 15, 9 a.m.-Thursday, September 17, 6 p.m. \$165 per person double occupancy, \$235 single occupancy. Meals on your own.

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Join Duarte's "On the Move Rider's Club for one of our upcoming trips. It's a great way to learn more about our public transportation systems. Reservations required and forms must be filled out prior to trip. Come by the senior center and grab a flyer to their next destination or call the senior center at (626) 357-3513.

Trail Trekkers

Do you like to hike? Come join the rest of us in a hike. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat and sunscreen. Remember: no dog's allowed/rain cancels. Tennis shoes OK on this hike. Sign up at the front desk or call the Center at (626) 357-3513 to RSVP and see where the next hike is going to be.

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Adventure Club/Excursions Citrus College Milestone: 100 years of serving the community

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Each day will be highlighted by a trip to places such as the beach, museum, miniature golf, Universal Studios, Raging Waters, and more! Registration is going on now at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information, please call the Duarte Park and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Music

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was impressed by our district's dedication to building and sustaining music education in our schools. They will be providing Beardslee Elementary and Royal Oaks Elementary each with brand new instruments in the amount of \$30,000 per school to help launch band classes for 5th grade students this year. The Foundation has also committed to continue to fundraise within the Los Angeles County area to provide Maxwell Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Andres Duarte Elementary each with a \$30,000 endowment for instrument purchases within the next two years. This means the VH1 Save the Music Foundation will be a benefactor to every elementary school in our district to the tune of \$150,000. Because of their generosity, every 5th and 6th grade student in our schools will have access to high quality band classes and a brand new instrument to use when learning how to play.

In addition, Los Angeles County Arts for All has awarded our district an Advancement Grant in the amount of \$19,800 to also support the expansion of our elementary music programs. Duarte Unified proudly became an Arts for All designated school district in 2013 as the provision of visual and performing arts education is a district priority. With support from individual donors and community partners, last year the district was able to implement K-12 choral and instrumental instruction that included 6th grade band programs at every elementary school. As a result, for the first time, Duarte Unified was able to host both an all-district band showcase and an all-district choral showcase in the Spring of 2015 featuring the new elementary band and choir programs along with our established middle and high school band and choir students. These inaugural events were huge successes and much appreciated by the entire DUSD learning community.

By awarding Duarte Unified the Advancement Grant for a second consecutive year, Arts for All recognizes our continued commitment to student learning in the arts. The grant application was reviewed by knowledgeable representatives of the arts education community. In the letter notifying DUSD of the award, Arturo Delgado, Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Laura Zucker, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission stated, "We applaud the work happening in your district and

the continued commitment you have made in arts education." The Advancement Grant funds received for this year will be used to expand the district's music offerings to include the launch of band programs for 5th grade students.

The Duarte Education Foundation's Music Matters Campaign and backing from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation have also been crucial to the growth of the visual and performing arts programs within our schools, and our students have benefited greatly from their loyal support.

"The journey Duarte has been on to keep the arts alive since arts education was victimized by failed policies and unintended consequences, has been nothing short of spectacular," said Superintendent Mucicino. "The life-supporting partnerships we are privileged to participate in have made it possible for us to achieve our goals for improving educational outcomes for all of our students, including our low-income students who are often underserved in other communities."

As a result, starting fall of 2015, all students in both the 5th and 6th grade band programs will receive weekly music instruction that includes learning to play an instrument, reading sheet music, the proper care and upkeep of their instrument, and the fundamentals of playing in an ensemble taught by a highly qualified certificated music teacher hired by the district. This is music to all of our ears!

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

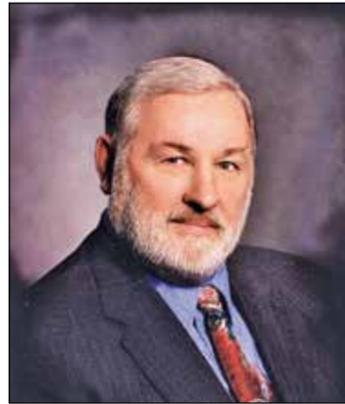
On the evening of June 5, 1915, the visionary board members of Citrus Union High School voted to establish Citrus Junior College, making it the oldest community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth oldest in the state.

Founded on principles similar to those that guide Citrus College today – access, affordability and academic excellence – the new junior college was designed to offer the first two years of a college education to students who might otherwise have no opportunity to attend college.

At the time Citrus Junior College was founded, Duarte School, a five-room schoolhouse for first through eleventh grades, served the Duarte community. Duarte School first opened its doors in 1909, and it was the only public school in the city until 1925. Today, Duarte's public educational facilities include one child development center, five elementary schools, one intermediate school, and two high schools.

Like our local schools, Citrus College has undergone tremendous change over the course of the last 100 years. From a junior college with 27 students offering seven classes in 1915, it has grown to a nationally recognized community college with an enrollment of more than 18,000 students, awarding degrees and certificates in 94 program areas.

Although Citrus College's Centennial has been a tremendous milestone in the history of our institution, the 2014-2015 academic year has been much more than a year of celebrations and special events. Rather it has been a remarkable year of setting new college records,



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

achieving college goals, and earning national, state and local recognition.

On the national level, Citrus College was ranked as one of the top 25 community colleges in the nation for the number of degrees awarded to Hispanic students by *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. Citrus College was recognized by PayScale, Inc. as one of the nation's top 10 public two-year colleges based on alumni earning potential.

The college received national recognition as a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Jobssm Approved College for 2015 by Victoria Media. In addition, *GIJobs* magazine named Citrus College as a Military Friendly® School for the fifth consecutive year.

A consistent leader among California's community colleges, this year Citrus College was recognized for both developing and awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs). These relatively

new degrees allow community college students to transfer to the California State University system with junior standing.

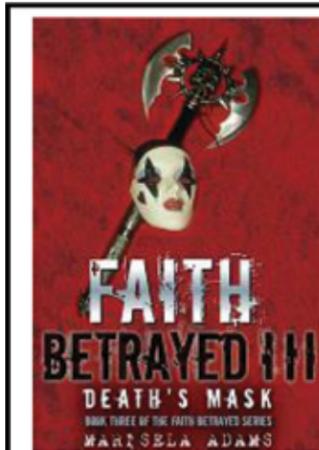
In the last three years, the number of Citrus College students awarded ADTs grew from 39 in June 2012 to 549 in June 2015, and Citrus College ranks number one in the state in awarding ADTs in science.

Locally, Citrus College was pleased to be named "Best Community College" in the San Gabriel Valley for the second consecutive year in a poll of readers of the San Gabriel Valley Newsgroup publications.

These publications include the *Pasadena Star News*, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, and the *Whittier Daily News*.

Given these and many other recent institutional achievements, it is easy to understand why *Community College Week* ranked Citrus College the 5th fastest growing community college in the nation among colleges of similar size.

At this historic time in Citrus College's history, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Duarte community for their support of Citrus College throughout the years. The success of public schools and colleges requires the confidence, loyalty and partnership of the communities they serve. It takes many people working together for a community college to grow and flourish. I am honored to serve such a distinguished institution as Citrus College on behalf of an outstanding community.



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At a recent Duarte Kiwanis meeting, Michelle shared the areas of focus for AYC – Education Enrichment, Youth and Family Services, Employment Services, and Community Outreach. They have an upcoming STEM program event coming up for Middle School Students on Saturday, July 18.

The link for registration is http://www.asianyouthcenter.org/events_252_4081823305.pdf.

For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.



DUARTE KIWANIS PRESIDENT and DLL CEO Mirna de Lira Lopez (left) and Michelle Freridge, Executive Director AYC.

Friends with Scholarships

The Friends of the Duarte Library were pleased to honor two high school seniors with scholarships.

This year, \$1000 went to Luisa Flores from Duarte High School. Luisa plans on becoming an immigration attorney in order to offer the kind of help she received when she came to the US from El Salvador.

Mount Olive Innovation and Technology High School senior, Alyssa Perez, will use her \$500 to help her achieve her goal of Dental Assistant.

Each year, FDL raises monies for the annual scholarships for Duarte seniors through various fundraisers: book sales, Junk in the Trunk Sale and the Wine Down with Friends.



ALYSSA PEREZ, MIT Senior, with FDL members Bobbie Wenrick and Wendy Wright.



DHS SENIOR Luisa Flores receives scholarship from Wendy Wright.



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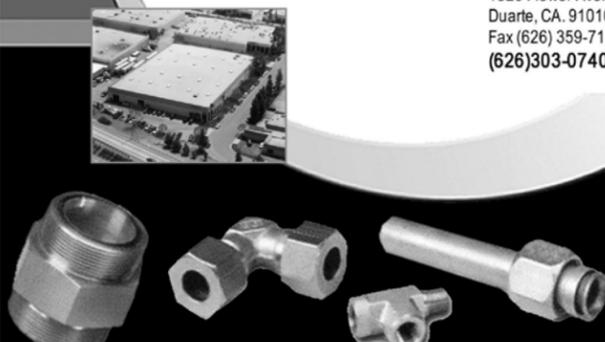
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At the elementary level, 450 students were immersed in fun learning activities that ranged from cooking to chess at the Andres Duarte Elementary School campus. All twenty three teachers, who are employees of the Duarte Unified faculty, developed engaging hands-on units created to peak the interests of their students in the S.T.E.A.M. disciplines. Highlights from the summer experience for the elementary students included building actual bridges based on scientific principles using a variety of materials, learning about the Chinese culture and speaking Mandarin, exploring artists throughout the ages, producing Green Screen news broadcasts, uncovering world cultures through literature including tales of Cinderella, and conducting laboratory experiments.

While at Duarte High School, 660 students in grades 7-12 participated in classes designed by thirty teachers to meet A-G requirements, provide for credit recovery and even enrichment opportunities. Among these comprehensive offerings were chemistry, geometry, Spanish, French, world history, business management and graphic design. As a special bonus, students in the 7-8th grade Theater Arts class delivered three performances that were enjoyed by the elementary summer school students. And, a delegation of students from Duarte High School participated in the summer intern program at the City of Hope where they conducted authentic laboratory research and gained work experience.

Even Superintendent Mucerino joined in the S.T.E.A.M. summer fun. He quipped, "I want to be a kid in Duarte! How awesome is this experience for our children? All summer long it's been a celebration of learning."

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Arts for All

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Change springs eternal

Dr. Allan Mucerino, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

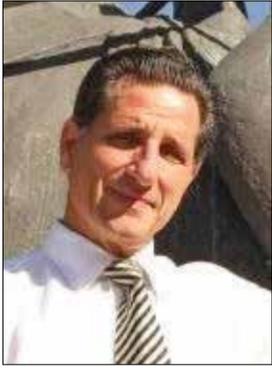
The idiom “hope springs eternal” is commonly expressed on the dawn of a new school year or sports season. With it comes a chorus of clichés that provide the soundtrack for our budding lives. In the world of education, a less optimistic version of this otherwise buoyant expression is “change springs eternal.” This sardonic twist on the expression is the result of what appears to be an annual metamorphosis (particularly to the harshest of critics of public education). It’s unfortunate because if we as educators are not changing, we’re not trying.

If, for the sake of argument, I substituted a common synonym for change, “evolve,” it would not illicit a similar reaction. Who among us does not want to be constantly evolving? The truth be known, many positive student outcomes have resulted from annual change efforts. The heartiest of educators reside on the cutting edge of learning research and are prepared on a moment’s notice to implement a strategy, practice, or program that has shown promise. We should not be restrained by naysayers and faultfinders who are too busy to do their homework. At Duarte Unified School District, we leave the splashy education reform wars to others. We focus on steady progress and continuous improvement. Just as we expect our students to make growth every year, so too do we expect nothing less of ourselves – both personally and professionally.

As the District’s new superintendent, having replaced the retiring Dr. Nichols on July 1, I am pleased to be joining an organization that values continuous improvement. Translating our Governing Board’s vision for student success into our daily practices is my primary role. Since I have arrived, I have been cordially welcomed and graciously accepted into the Duarte community. My outreach efforts to civic and business leaders and officials, as well as to my fellow regional education leaders, have been warmly received. With an entire community behind me I am certain that we will succeed in helping our students realize their dreams for the future.

Duarte Unified School District was handed off to me under the best of circumstances and conditions. I am blessed to be taking over a district on the rise. A district not satisfied by just being good. Nothing short of great is our goal, our mission, and our promise.

Stay tuned, I am looking forward to sharing more with you in future columns.



DR. ALLAN MUCERINO

A banner school year set to begin for Duarte Unified School District

Students attending Duarte Unified School District will start the 2015-2016 academic year on Monday, August 24, 2015. Faculty and staff have been eagerly preparing for their arrival, and it is sure to be an exciting year full of new learning opportunities led by our new Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino. Existing programs will be expanded and new ones launched to provide our students the means to achieve success in the 21st Century.

The district will continue to make advancement of the arts, integration of cutting-edge technology, construction of innovative learning spaces, and engaging instruction a top priority for our students. Common Core Standards have been incorporated district-wide and will be effectively implemented along with the 21st Century Learning Skills needed to prepare our students for college and career. Our dedicated faculty will stay on top of the learning curve, by participating in professional development opportunities offered throughout the year including GLAD training.

Duarte Unified will also continue to benefit from numerous community partnerships. Recently, the district has forged a new collaboration with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to foster healthy living alternatives as part of the SCALE (Spreading Community Accelerators through Learning and Evaluation) initiative. Made possible by a \$4.8 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, our partners in this work include the City of Hope, City of Duarte and Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA). Foothill Unity Center, D’Veal and Foothill Family Services are among the local agencies who also assist to provide medical, dental, vision and mental health services for many of our students and community members who are in need of health care assistance. The district’s own community mentor program referred to as S.T.E.P. (Shoulder-Tapped Empowered Protégé) offers students an additional support network comprised of over 40 community volunteers from varied professional, service and leadership backgrounds.

New this year is the inclusion of the Positive Behavioral Inter-

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ventions and Supports (PBIS) philosophy. This is a well-respected proactive approach to establishing supportive school cultures needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success that will be introduced at our elementary and middle school campuses. Plans are also in place to institute a comprehensive Parent Education program that will offer classes in ESL, technology and other informative topics that are of interest to our parents through the district.

Moreover, Duarte Unified is very proud to share that, as of June 25, 2015, Maxwell Elementary is an authorized Primary Years Programme International Baccalaureate World School.

Reflecting on the progressive movement that has swept Duarte, Superintendent Allan Mucerino took the liberty of paraphrasing FDR in a recent presentation to a student group, “I have never given up the hope, the belief, the conviction that a better life, a better world, a better future lies just beyond the horizon for our students.” Dr. Mucerino went on to say, “I am very excited about

joining Duarte Unified at such an exciting and pivotal period in its storied history.”

The district and school offices are now open during regular operating hours. Staff members are available to provide assistance to parents and students prior to the first day of school with information about start and dismissal times, registration, school supply lists, bus transportation, and vaccination requirements. School sites will be hosting a variety of events to welcome students back to campus including ice cream socials and pancake breakfasts that we hope you will attend. For further information about the activities taking place at your school, visit the district website at www.duarteusd.org.

We are asking our families to help us start the year off right and make the back to school transition as smooth as possible by arriving on time and ready to learn. With parents and community members working together alongside our excellent Duarte Unified certificated and classified personnel, 2015-2016 is sure to be a banner year in the history of our district.

What’s that in room #21 at Maxwell Elementary?

Ms. Stienstra’s 6th grade classroom is fondly referred to by Maxwell students as “The Learning Spot.” It’s well known as the place to be for exciting teaching and learning opportunities. Lately though, it is also gaining notoriety because of its unique newest member, Madame Lizzy Lizardton. She is no ordinary class pet. Lizzy is a Bearded Dragon and her arrival in Room #21 is no ordinary tale.

It all started when a grant opportunity offered by the Assistance League of Arcadia came across Ms. Stienstra’s desk. She opted to ask her students what they would use the money for, assuming they would request a game or some type of digital device. Alarming, they responded with a resounding “CLASSPET!” Ms. Stienstra was taken aback to

say the least, not being an animal person herself, but couldn’t bring herself to let them down with a flat out, “No!” So, she said “Okay, if you all really want a classroom pet, you will need to write a persuasive essay explaining what pet is best, why we should get it, and how you are going to help care for it. If you all write great persuasive essays, I will write a persuasive essay to the Assistance League trying to convince them to give us the money for a classroom pet.” She even instructed them that they were not allowed to use class time and that it had to be grade level writing.

Ms. Stienstra thought this would quickly put an end to the class pet idea since surely none of her students would take the time on their own to write this essay, and even if a few did, there’s no

way they would be at grade level because they had just started practicing this type of writing style. WRONG! Out of her 29 students at the time, 26 wrote the essays, and they were all AMAZING! Each one was chock full of research and compelling arguments. They even took into consideration a wide variety of pets, figured out the best options and their essays were very well-written. Ms. Stienstra realized her students were very serious about this and she’d have to honor her promise.

She used the essays about reptiles the students had written to model how to complete the grant application utilizing the SmartBoard to display for them real life persuasive writing in action. The class even helped to figure out the cost breakdown with the help of the Pet Smart and Underground Reptile websites. They sent the completed application in and eagerly waited for a response. They received the news just before Christmas that they had in fact gotten the grant! The students were so excited.



Two students even went with Ms. Stienstra to purchase Lizzy and all her supplies.

The origin of her name is a fun story as well. The class nominated names and Lizzy Lizardton won the most votes because they liked that she had a first and a last name. But, one student pointed out, “Ms. Stienstra, she needs a title.” When the suggestion of Ms.

was made, they said that wasn’t good enough for her. She needed something better. So, they decided on “Madame” and that is how the Bearded Dragon in Room #21 at Maxwell Elementary School became known as Madame Lizzy Lizardton!

When Lizzy first arrived in

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Schools recognized by business community for high achievement

Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce that Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary Schools have been selected by Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE) as recipients of the prestigious Honor Roll School title. Schools receiving this distinction from the California business community have demonstrated consistent high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement levels over time and reduction in achievement gaps among student populations.

Royal Oaks and Valley View Elementary received CBEE Honor Roll status and earned the "Star Schools" Award for showing a significant increase in the grade-level proficiency of their students over time that includes their significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population. Through the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, administration and parents, all Duarte Unified schools work to deliver a first class education by incorporating high expectations

and quality instruction. The result of this effort is demonstrated by record gains in student academic achievement. New Superintendent Allan Mucerino marvels at this accomplishment, "Given the CBEE's mission to close the achievement gap by harnessing actionable data and scaling the success of higher performing schools for the improvement of all schools, it is particularly rewarding to be recognized in such hallowed company. I am more than impressed by these awards, but not the least bit surprised. After all, the CBEE and DUSD share an identical mission. This award validates our efforts and encourages us to be even better."

The annual Honor Roll award is made possible with support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, Macy's, Wells Fargo,

Southern California Auto Club, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the California Business Roundtable, and several private foundations.

"The American education system has a secret. Many schools are doing well... the Honor Roll proves it. Students are achieving at higher levels than anyone admits and more students than ever are succeeding when given the opportunity," said Jim Lanich, CBEE president. "All schools, no matter what zip code they are in, can achieve this kind of success and leadership from the business community is critical to ensuring successes for all students."

Schools in the Duarte Unified School District benefit from a close working relationship with our local business and civic partners. This support bolsters our students' on-going success. Superintendent Mucerino echoed Mr. Lanich's sentiments in his



Maxwell Elementary teaching high-level academics to all

Maxwell Elementary School is now an official International Baccalaureate Primary Years

Programme (IB-PYP) school. The *See High-Level on page 14*

statement, "The more I learn about the Duarte business community through my relationship with Civic leaders and Chamber members, the more I have come to recognize that the community's and the school district's roots run deep. It's a partnership that few communities can boast. The

CBEE award is a celebration of not only Royal Oaks and Valley View, but Duarte." For more information about the CBEE Honor Roll and Duarte Unified's award winning schools, please visit the district website at www.duarteusd.org or www.ca.edresults.org/HonorRoll.

DUSD welcomes new staff members to the team

The Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce the hire of new staff members for the 2015-2016 school year including new principals at Valley View Elementary and Andres Duarte Elementary.

Angela Montalvo joins the district as the new principal of Andres Duarte Elementary. Angela's career in education began at UCLA in the Early Outreach Program where she worked with various inner city schools to prepare students for college. Since 1995, she has served as a teacher and site administrator within the Adelanto School District.

As an experienced elementary principal, Angela has provided effective Common Core training for both parents and staff, led the successful implementation of Professional Learning Communities and formed partnerships with community agencies including the Mexican Consulate.

Angela is credited with being an effective communicator and inspirational leader with a proven ability to create positive learning environments.

Margaret Rasmussen is the new principal of Valley View Elementary. Margaret is a highly qualified and experienced educator.

For the past eighteen years she has worked for Bonita Unified School District as a teacher, department chair and assistant principal. Prior, she taught science

in Monrovia Unified School District for twelve years.

Throughout her successful career, Margaret has been recognized for being an exemplary educator. The honors she has received include Teacher of the Year, Honorary Service Award and the Distinguished Teacher Award.

She has established a well-respected reputation within the education community for being a powerful leader, consummate professional and relationship builder.

Most importantly, Margaret has been acknowledged by her supervisors and colleagues for being a staunch advocate for students.

The entire community is invited to meet our two new principals in person at special Welcome Receptions scheduled to take place at each school site. The Welcome Reception for Angela Montalvo will be held in

conjunction with Andres Duarte Elementary School's annual Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, August 19.

The Welcome Reception for Margaret Rasmussen will be held on Friday, August 21, at 4 p.m. in combination with Valley View's Welcome Back to School Ice Cream Social. Current and prospective parents, business and civic leaders, community members and students are all encouraged to attend.

The Duarte Unified School District also extends a warm welcome to all of the new certificated and classified employees recently hired and those moving to different positions and/or locations within the district to begin the 2015-2016 school year.

This includes our new Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino. Dr. Mucerino brings a depth and breadth of experience as an edu-



DUSD BOARD MEMBERS (from left) President Douglas Edwards, Tom Reyes, Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino, Reyna Diaz, Jim Dinsmore, and Vice President Ken Bell at the Superintendent Welcome Reception held on July 16.

ational leader to his new role as our Superintendent. Throughout

his distinguished career, Dr. Mucerino has focused extensively on building a culture of collaboration.

"I am privileged to join a professional and highly successful team of educators as we roll our sleeves up and begin our work together," said Dr. Mucerino. "It is with great pride that I welcome back our returning team and welcome new principals Margaret Rasmussen and Angela Montalvo to the management team. We are poised, positioned, and prepared to make 2015-16 a banner year for our students and our community."

Welcome Reception for New Duarte Unified Principals

The Duarte Unified School District Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino invite the community to a welcome reception for

ANGELA MONTALVO, PRINCIPAL
Andres Duarte Elementary School
1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, CA 91010
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

MARGARET RASMUSSEN, PRINCIPAL
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237 Melcanyon Road, Duarte, CA 91010
Friday, August 21, 2015 at 4 p.m.

For questions or further details, please contact Lisa Stone by phone at (626) 599-5013 or by email to lstone@duarteusd.org



ANGELA MONTALVO
New Principal
of Andres Duarte Elementary



MARGARET RASMUSSEN
New Principal
of Valley View Elementary

Arts for All awards \$19,800 Grant to Duarte Unified

The Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) is pleased to announce that Los Angeles County Arts for All has awarded the district an Advancement Grant in the amount of \$19,800 to support the expansion of our elementary music programs.

“The creative arts enrich our lives both as a culture and as individuals,” stated Duarte Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino. “Why creativity and personal expression became unnecessary to our growth as a society, I do not know. What I do know is that the children of Duarte and our neighboring communities who attend Duarte schools will receive a world class arts education as a result of our partnership with the Arts for All consortium.”

DUSD proudly became an Arts for All designated school district in 2013 as the provision of visual and performing arts education is a district priority. With support from individual donors and community partners, last year the district was able to implement K-12 choral and instrumental instruction that included 6th grade band programs at every elementary school. In addition, for the first time, DUSD hosted both an all-district band showcase and an all-district choral showcase in the spring of 2015 featuring the new elementary band and choir programs along with our established middle and high school band and choir students. These inaugural

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Lizzy

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“The Learning Spot” she was about 6 inches total and after just 5 months, she has grown to approximately 18 inches from the tip of her nose to tip of her toes. The students love her! They check on her regularly and feed her daily from a menu of crickets, mealworms, and veggies. They are even responsible for cleaning her terrarium-not to be confused with an aquarium- as the students pointed out. They talk to her, watch her, and are fascinated by her shedding.

Madame Lizzy Lizardton is thriving in her new home and the students are employing the International Baccalaureate attributes they acquire at Maxwell to care for her. They integrate inquiry as they ask lots of questions about her, become knowledgeable as they are eager to learn and share all about her, and they are incredibly caring as they have really grown to have great affection for her.

She has even grown on Ms. Stienstra who reluctantly admits to finding herself talking to her, checking on her, and generally wondering about her. She has turned out to be a fun little creature to have in the classroom and the process of getting her as well as having her in the classroom has been an invaluable learning experience that the kids, nor Ms. Stienstra, will ever forget. If you happen to visit Maxwell Elementary, make sure to pop into the “Learning Spot” to get a look at Madame Lizzy Lizardton for yourself! To tour the Maxwell Elementary campus and learn more about the International Baccalaureate Program, please call (626) 599-5302 and visit the school website at www.MaxwellElementary.org.

to an answer will no longer suffice. For success in the future, our students must know how to ask the right questions. This is what the International Baccalaureate program demands and provides.

The Duarte Unified Board of Education, at its meeting on June 25, accepted a letter of authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) conferring the IB-PYP status on Maxwell Elementary. The authorization, dated June 19, 2015, makes Maxwell Elementary one of only 52 IB-PYP schools in California, and one of 444 IB-PYP schools in the United States.

“Offering the Primary Years Programme to the students at Maxwell is an opportunity for us to change the course of their lives. Developing students that can think critically about concepts and issues, be compassionate about the world around them and be creative problem solvers will undeniably change their lives and the communities they live in. Our students deserve the best educational experience possible. As an IB World School offering the

PYP, our teachers, students and parents will embark on a journey into learning that will propel them to take actions that can change the world,” said Principal Kelly Buckley.

Three years of dedication, pedagogical transformation, personal growth, and professional advancement by the Maxwell Team lead to this great achievement. Both students and teachers were challenged in their thinking, communicating, understanding and willingness to learn. As an IB World School, Maxwell is now part of a global community of schools committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who will be ready to negotiate their future successfully and make contributions resulting in a more harmonious and peaceful world.

Among the key components of IB-PYP at Maxwell Elementary are teaching international-mindedness: who we are in our school, in our community and in the world; focusing on the social, emotional and academic well-being of students; learning

a foreign language (all kindergarten through sixth-grade students study Mandarin); continuing professional development for teachers to expand their knowledge and expertise in teaching IB-PYP to high international benchmarks; and regular evaluation visits by the International Baccalaureate Organization to affirm the quality and fidelity of the program.

“Joining the IB global community of educators and students is a noteworthy feat,” said Principal Kelly Buckley. “I could not be more proud or honored to lead such an amazing group of true professionals and students. Our school’s mantra is Succeeding to the Max +1 and we are doing just that!” Maxwell Elementary will host a school-wide celebration commemorating their official IB PYP authorization in the Fall of 2015. Community members are invited to visit the school to see the IB Primary Years Programme in action at Maxwell Elementary. To schedule a campus tour and for school enrollment information, contact Principal Kelly Buckley at (626) 599-5301.

High-Level

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administrators, teachers, parents and students completed a multi-year training and implementation path to achieve recognition as one of an elite group of elementary school programs worldwide that teach high-level academics to all students. IB-PYP teaches students through the philosophy of educating the whole child to be an inquirer, both in the classroom and the outside world.

This three year process would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication shown by the faculty, staff, parents and students of Maxwell. In this age, knowing a rote response

Free and reduced-price meals in DUSD

Duarte Unified School District announced its 2015-16 policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price, or full-price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown here are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Children who receive Food Stamp (FS), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child’s “personal use” income. Application forms are being

distributed to all households with a letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal’s office in each school. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the school for processing. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits – applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)’s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, the application

must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member. If the household member who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate on the application that a Social Security number is not available.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the determining official(s), as designated by the sponsor/agency, shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with the sponsor/agency’s hearing official. Parents or guardians should contact their child(ren)’s school(s) for specific information regarding the name of the determining official and/or hearing official for a specific school, agency, or district.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household’s income falls at or below the levels shown above.

Households that receive Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits may not have to complete an Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR office that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamp or FDPIR benefits or an assistance unit receiving CalWORKs or Kin-GAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility, but those who do not want their child(ren) to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, and FDPIR households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by August 24, 2015.

| Household Size | Free Eligibility Scale for Lunch, Breakfast, and Milk | | | | | Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale for Lunch and Breakfast | | | | |
|--|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Year | Month | Twice per Month | Every Two Weeks | Week | Year | Month | Twice per Month | Every Two Weeks | Week |
| 1 | \$ 15,301 | \$ 1,276 | \$ 638 | \$ 589 | \$ 295 | \$ 21,775 | \$ 1,815 | \$ 908 | \$ 838 | \$ 419 |
| 2 | 20,709 | 1,726 | 863 | 797 | 399 | 29,471 | 2,456 | 1,228 | 1,134 | 567 |
| 3 | 26,117 | 2,177 | 1,089 | 1,005 | 503 | 37,167 | 3,098 | 1,549 | 1,430 | 715 |
| 4 | 31,525 | 2,628 | 1,314 | 1,213 | 607 | 44,863 | 3,739 | 1,870 | 1,726 | 863 |
| 5 | 36,933 | 3,078 | 1,539 | 1,421 | 711 | 52,559 | 4,380 | 2,190 | 2,022 | 1,011 |
| 6 | 42,341 | 3,529 | 1,765 | 1,629 | 815 | 60,255 | 5,022 | 2,511 | 2,318 | 1,159 |
| 7 | 47,749 | 3,980 | 1,990 | 1,837 | 919 | 67,951 | 5,663 | 2,832 | 2,614 | 1,307 |
| 8 | 53,157 | 4,430 | 2,215 | 2,045 | 1,023 | 75,647 | 6,304 | 3,152 | 2,910 | 1,455 |
| For each additional family member, add: | | | | | | | | | | |
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All Duarte teens grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free, but Teen Center registration packets must be filled out and returned.

For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Splash Madness Week!

On July 20-24 from 3-5 p.m., teens can come hang out at the Teen Center and join us for free water games all week, contests, super soaker fun, and more! Highlight of the week will be an excursion to Raging Waters on July 23 for a fee of \$30!

Amazing Acts Week!

On August 3-7 from 3-5 p.m. join us for a week of theater arts, skits, a poetry jam and the week will end with a Mardi Gras Celebration.

It's a Small World After All Week!

On August 17-21 from 3-5 p.m., the Teen Center will offer a free week full of exploring other countries and their traditions, music, beautiful displays and a special closing event with dinner! Global Peace and Unity is the theme!

Raging Waters Trip

On Thursday, July 23 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for a fee of \$30, the Teen Center will head to Raging Waters.

Hip Hop Dance Camp Explosion!

This FREE camp will be a high energy, fun, educational course breaking down Hip Hop movement for all levels of dancers. It will end in a culminating dance routine to a new and popular Hip

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Duarte Teen Center



Hop song.

Date: August 3-7
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Advanced Class!

Date: August 3-7
Time: 1-4 p.m.

Drive In Movie

On Thursday, August 13, from 6-10:30 p.m. teens can come enjoy a movie (TBA) at the drive in for \$12! Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Van transportation will be provided along with popcorn, soda, and a few snacks.

Duarte Boxing Show

Attention all boxing fans! The Duarte Youth Boxing Club is proud to announce the presentation of the Duarte Youth Boxing Club Boxing Show. This will be an exciting day for fans and supporters of amateur youth boxing in Duarte and surrounding communities. The show will be held on Saturday, August 29, at Duarte High School located at 1565 Central Avenue. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at the Duarte Teen Center. Children 11 years and under \$3, Children 3 years and under are free. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. First bout begins at 1 p.m.

Back to School Blastoff Barbecue!

On Thursday, September 10 the Mayor's Youth Council will host the back to school barbecue! Reconnect with friends, listen to music, and eat hot dogs and cheeseburgers. Seniors and Freshmen eat free. Fee: \$2

TOURNAMENT

3 Point Shoot Out Contest!

On Wednesday, August 12, at 3 p.m., come and "wet" the hoop in the Duarte Teen Center free 3 point shoot out contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3 point shots for a total

score, top winners will receive prizes! Come and get ya hoop on!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Boys Night Out!

This program is for boys grades 9-12. Participants will meet Wednesday, August 18, from 3:30-5 p.m. Come join our club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports, and much more!

Drama Club

Held Fridays from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The membership fee is \$5 every 6 months. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisations.

Girls Night Out!

This program is for girls grades 9-12. Participants will meet Tuesday, August 12, from 3:30-5 p.m. to discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self-esteem, relationships and much more.

Nutrition/Cooking Class

On Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. the Teen Center offers cooking classes for \$2 per class. Learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Amazing Family Race to the Finish!!!

The Amazing Family Race to the Finish is a special event to promote family unity and good health and exercise, while highlighting various city facilities.

The focus of the event is for teams of 4 family or friends to race by foot or transit bus through out the City of Duarte solving clues, competing in challenges, solving puzzles and overcoming obstacles. With the goal of being the first team to complete the race! Cash Prizes and more will be awarded! Call the Duarte Teen Center for more info! Space in the race will be limited so sign up now!!

Date: Saturday, October 17
Time: 8 a.m. Check In
Fee: \$40 per team
Registration Location: Duarte Teen Center, 1400 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, (626) 303-0863
Registration Date: Now until October 12

Rules

- Teams of 4 family or friends
- All team members must be age 10 or over
- One member of the team must be 18 or older
- You may only travel by bus or walking/running
- Teams MUST stay together during event at all times



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