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SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3rd - WELCOME BACK!

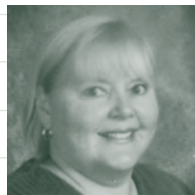
JUAN de ANZA SCHOOL

Kindergarten - Fifth Grade

12110 S. Hindry Avenue * Phone: 310-725-2100



Mr. Jones
Principal



Mrs. Collins
Secretary

Kindergarten: 8:30-12:10 and 10:05-1:45

Grades 1 and 2: 8:50-2:00 and 9:50-3:00

Gr. 3: 8:30-2:00 and 9:30-3:00 * Gr. 4 and 5: 8:30-3:00

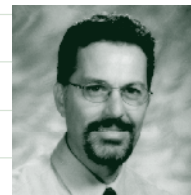
Wednesdays Grades 1 and 2: 8:50-2:05

Wednesdays Grades 3, 4 and 5: 8:30-2:05

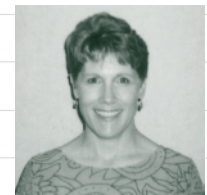
PETER BURNETT SCHOOL

Third - Fifth Grade

5403 W. 138th Street * Phone: 310-643-1046



Mr. Gumina
Principal



Mrs. Conde
Secretary

Grade 3: 8:30-2:10 and 9:20-3:00

Grades 4 and 5: 8:30-3:00

Wednesdays Grades 3, 4 and 5: 8:30-2:05

JUAN CABRILLO SCHOOL

Kindergarten - Second Grade

5309 W. 135th Street * Phone: 310-643-5235



Mrs. Comitz
Principal



Mrs. Juarez
Secretary

Kindergarten: 8:30-12:20 and 10:00-1:50

Grades 1 and 2: 8:45-2:00 and 9:45-3:00

Wednesdays Grades 1 and 2: 8:45-2:00

R.H. DANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sixth - Eighth Grade

13500 Aviation Blvd. * Phone: 310-643-6165



Mr. Wunder
Principal



Ms. Nunez
Secretary

All classes: 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Pupils should arrive no more than
15 minutes before class starts.

Tobacco Free Policy

Wiseburn School District is tobacco-free! This ban on smoking applies to all District buildings, whether operated by the District or leased to a tenant. It also covers District vehicles and campuses, including use of fields. Signs have been posted in appropriate locations, and the prohibition will be enforced as needed.

SOUTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

Individuals with handicaps have a right to an education.

If you have someone in your home or know of someone, birth through 21, who may have a physical, mental, emotional, or language problem, call 310.643.3008.

All inquiries will be held in confidence.

2003-04 School Lunch Prices and Ticket Purchase Schedule

Full Price Lunch:	
Anza, Burnett & Cabrillo	\$2.25
(weekly)	\$11.25
Dana	\$2.25
(weekly)	\$11.25
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
(weekly)	\$2.00
Milk (per week)	\$1.00

Elementary Purchase Day - Tuesday
(Please purchase in blocks of 5 tickets)
Dana students may purchase tickets Monday through Friday before school.

MESSAGE

Wiseburn Hires Chief Business Officer



*Dr. Don Brann,
Superintendent*

Do you realize that it's almost time for schools to open again for yet another school year! Whew, the summer of 2003 passed quickly. I am excited about the new year and the promise that it holds. We've worked hard to make 2003-04

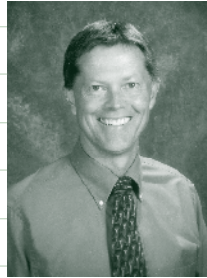
another successful one for students in Wiseburn. While the last ten years have been wonderful, I believe the best is yet to come.

On September 3, you'll find the facilities are ready, the teachers are in their classrooms and another school year will get off to a smooth start. I trust it will be a memorable one for you and your family. Thank you for your continuous support of our school district.

In this issue you'll read about the South Bay's longest serving school trustee, our own Walter Guerrero. Thirty years straight, how about that! He's the best. Also, there are stories about our three new administrators coming aboard. They will all share their experience and talents with us and help us improve and grow.

Thanks to the Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF), our students in grades 4-8 will enjoy a vocal music program this year. They'll love and benefit from it and you'll enjoy their performances. Hopefully, this will be the start of an ever-expanding arts program consisting of dance, drama, the visual arts and music. The arts build student self esteem and unite a community around its schools and their students. Support the WEF!

Let's work together to make this a super year for the children. It's all about their success!



*Tom Cox, Chief
Business Officer*

The Wiseburn School District has hired former Redondo Beach Unified School District Deputy Superintendent Tom Cox as its new Chief Business Officer.

Wiseburn is very excited to again have a Chief Business Officer in the District. "Tom is an excellent candidate to fill this position," said Dr. Brann. "He has 25 years of expertise and is already familiar with our school district because of his work in the area and the fact that he is a South Bay native."

The position is being filled at an opportune time, with the District preparing to begin the new construction of Dana Middle School and Cabrillo Elementary School.

For the last 13 years Mr. Cox has worked for Redondo Beach, where he assisted the Superintendent and Board of Education in a successful 1993 K-12 school unification. He also prepared all facility information and assisted in the successful passage of Measure E, a \$52,000,000 general obligation bond, in November 2000.

A former CPA with an M.B.A. from UCLA's Graduate School of Management, Mr. Cox is well prepared for the work ahead.

Mr. Cox is looking forward to working with Wiseburn. "It's a wonderful school district, with a great reputation and a wonderful community," he said, adding that he is also looking forward to working with Superintendent Dr. Brann. Mr. Cox will begin his new position after Labor day.

Welcome aboard Tom!

Uniform Complaint Procedures

The Wiseburn School District has established uniform complaint procedures for all its state and federal education programs. Copies are available by request. Complaints will be responded to in a timely manner. Resolution of complaints will be done at the point closest to the area of concern, if possible. Please do not hesitate to register your concerns with the appropriate staff member. Contact the District Office, Dr. Don Brann, Superintendent, Compliance Procedures and Title IX Coordinator, at 13530 Aviation Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250, (310) 643-3025.

Wiseburn Schools Welcome New Faces

Richard Henry Dana

With the retirement of Dr. Bruce and the selection of Mr. Matt Wunder as the new Principal at Dana, a new Vice Principal has been named. Wiseburn welcomes Karen Mohr to the District as Dana's new administrator. "We are very excited to have such a talented and enthusiastic leader join the Dana staff," says Dana Principal Matt Wunder.



*Karen Mohr
Vice Principal, Dana
Middle School*

Mrs. Mohr has had the opportunity to work with Dana in the past through the Region R partnership with several middle schools. "I have had the pleasure of working with Dana Middle School students, teachers and administrators who displayed tremendous enthusiasm and dedication toward academic achievement," says Mrs. Mohr. "I was amazed at Dana's ability to cultivate such a positive learning environment."

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Mrs. Mohr says she is looking forward to starting an after school program that will bring additional activities to Dana Middle School students. "I'm most excited about working with such dedicated teachers and helping to be a part of the success of the students," said Mrs. Mohr.

Prior to accepting a position at Dana, Mrs. Mohr was the Dean of Students and Activities at Will Rogers Middle School in Lawndale. She has a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of La Verne and she earned her Bachelor's at UC Santa Barbara. She has been an educator for over fifteen years and recently completed her Tier II Administrative Education at National University.

Juan de Anza

Last year Anza students celebrated a new school, this year they welcome a new principal. Dr. Christopher David Jones has been named as the new Anza Principal.

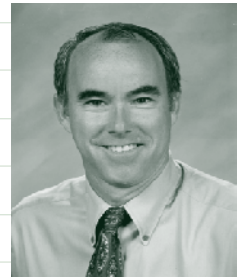
Dr. Jones earned his Doctor of Education degree in Institutional Management at Pepperdine University, his Master's at UCLA and his Bachelor's at Loyola Marymount University. For the last seven years he has

been the Principal at Hermosa Valley School and prior to that he was Assistant Principal at El Segundo Middle School.

Dr. Jones is impressed by the family atmosphere within the District. "In the short time I've been here it's already apparent that this is an incredible school within an incredible school district," said Dr. Jones adding, "I'm looking forward to becoming a part of that."

As Anza's new principal getting to know the people who make up the Wiseburn community is a top priority. He is also excited about becoming acquainted with the incredible technology at Anza.

Dr. Jones lives in the South Bay with his wife, Kim and two boys, Matthew, 7 and Sam, 5.



*Dr. Christopher Jones
Principal, Anza
Elementary School*

Congratulations On Your Retirement



*Connie
Malstrom*

Best wishes to Connie Malstrom and Connie Elliott on their retirement. In 1966 Connie Malstrom started as a P.E. teacher at Dana. In 1973 she began teaching 7th grade science. From 1986-90 she took a short break from teaching, while she was the District computer coordinator, but returned in 1991 as an 8th grade science teacher at Dana.

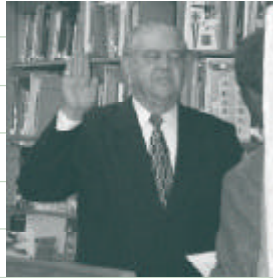


Connie Elliott

Beloved kindergarten teacher Connie Elliott has also retired. Connie began her Wiseburn career in 1960, teaching first grade at Anza School. In 1966 she began teaching kindergarten in room 1 at Anza, a room number she retained for the rest of her career. (Last year when Anza moved to the new school the kindergarten teacher was also given room 1.) Good luck on your retirement ladies.

Board Member hits 30th year

First elected in 1974, Walter Guerrero is going into his 30th year on the school board, which makes him the longest serving K-12 school Board Member in the South Bay and one of the most enduring in the state.



Walt Guerrero being sworn in after winning another term in the last election.

Walt has seen Wiseburn through some tough challenges and great accomplishments, most recently the opening of a new Anza school. His dedication to Wiseburn was recognized when it was decided to name the new community center at Anza School—The Walter P. Guerrero Multi-Purpose Center—after the long-time Board Member.

Walt is currently Board President, a position he has held 14 times over the last 30 years.

Student Technology Camp

In June, 11 Dana students attended a 5-day technology camp at Cal State Dominguez Hills. The camp offered students the opportunity to learn about making movies—using iMovie—networking on the computer and even designing their own web pages. “I got to make a web page that I can still work on and keep,” said Nikkol Denney, one of the Dana students to attend technology camp.

The program, sponsored by ADTECH (the South Bay Advanced Educational Technology Consortium) also provided students with a mentor for the week. Nikkol’s mentor worked for the campus television station so Nikkol, and her group, got to see the in’s and out’s of the broadcast business.

Other Dana students who attended the camp were Tim O’Neill, Bryan Mahnke, Marissa Putnick, Ryan Connor, Justin Chow, Ashley Riler, Nneka Anyakapor, Brian Crist, Rocky Rojsirivat and Armon Washington. A total of 60 students from area schools participated in the camp.



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<u>Calendar Highlights</u>	
<u>September</u>	
3	Schools Open
9	Anza Back to School Night
10	Burnett Back to School Night
11	Dana Back to School Night
17	Cabrillo Back to School Night
19	No School —Staff Development