



The Plunge

Winter/Spring 2018

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A Note from the Principal

Dear College Park Families,

Report cards will be available on Parent Portal at 2:30 pm on Friday, March 16th. Spring conferences will be held March 21st-23rd. Teachers have sent notes home to all families letting you know whether or not they need to conference with you. As always, if you have some concerns to discuss with your child's teacher, please contact them as you can always request a conference. Parents are our partners and students will benefit most if we work together in their education.

In this Plunge, I have outlined some tips for parents in working with our **SBAC** testing. SBAC is Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium – this is the test all 3rd-6th graders take each year. There are some nice, new practice activities this year that would be good for your child to try out before they actually take the test in late April/early May.

As we begin to plan for the 2017-18 school year, the Residency Verification forms, which everyone in IUSD must complete, is the way we will know how many children will attend our school next year. Likewise, a yellow "Are You Returning" form should be returned to school from all Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students on which you can communicate to us your plans for next year. These are both vital pieces in the puzzle that let me know how many staff members I will need in the fall. It will also help ensure your child's continued enrollment, without which your child will be dis-enrolled and you may be assigned to a different school in the fall.

We hope that you have been enjoying our new Flag Deck every first Friday of the month if you have been able to attend. We have decided as a staff to make part of that time be for awarding students who are showing growth mindset and risk taking, two of our big

goals for your children. Please continue to talk to your child about growth mindset (never giving up) and taking risks to grow in their learning, both at home and at school.

As we move into spring, there are many fun events at school that I hope to see you attend, including the World's Fair, concerts, and other end of year activities – I can't believe this year is already nearing the end! Our final PTA meeting of the year on March 27 at 8:30am will be fabulous and we hope you can take some time out of your busy schedules to join us. We will be discussing technology safety for kids, and EVERY PARENT needs to see and hear this presentation!

Respectfully,

Meg Gwyn

Teacher of the Year



The votes are in and Amy Hakola, 5th grade teacher, has been chosen as College Park's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year! Amy Hakola has been teaching for 18 years in both public and private schools. She has taught 5th, 4th, 4/5 combos, and 1st grade. Ms. Hakola received her BA in Sociology from Cal State Fullerton and then continued on to Concordia University where she received her credential and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. She loves teaching for the fact that she is able to impact lives in a positive way that has effects on students' lives forever. Whether she gets to encourage them academically, socially, or personally, it is a privilege. She also loves watching the lightbulb go on after she's taught a lesson to a student who might not have understood the first time. These lessons are the ones where she learned most about her teaching and finds better and new ways of instruction. In recent years, the fruits of her labor have become apparent as past students who are

college graduates want to take her to coffee to say thank you, another wants to go to dinner with her before she heads to New York for college, others come to her current classroom and share their talents or fulfill their observation hours to become a teacher. She cherishes these memories and looks forward to more. When Ms. Hakola is away from school you can find her cuddling with her two nieces, at the theater watching a Broadway show, traveling, singing at church, or crafting and hanging out with her friends.

Talent Show



College Park's Annual Talent show is quickly approaching. This year's performances will include the following acts: singing, dancing, playing of musical instruments, joke telling, skits, and much more! The acts have been approved so read below for the important dates:

3/26: Upper Grade Shows (4-6th) 8:10-9:30 or 10:45-12:00

3/19: Lower Grade Shows (K-3rd) 8:20-10:00 or 10:15 or 11:30

For questions, please see: Mrs. York, Mrs. Fimreite or Mr. Garrett

Or Please email
cptalentshow123@gmail.com

SBAC Testing

SBAC testing for grades 3-6 will occur from **April 23rd through May 18th**. A tentative schedule will be sent home soon, but please be aware that this schedule is not set in stone and that your child's teacher may let you know about any changes as testing gets closer. [Click here](#) to practice at home!

Here are a few reminders about how to help prepare for SBAC at home:

- No parent volunteers are allowed in the testing room during the weeks of testing. Thank you for your help and dedication to our school, but we cannot compromise the security of the assessments.
- As always, make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast.
- Make sure your child attends school. Please do not schedule any outside appointments (doctor or dental) during this time. The testing is all done on the computers in the lab and MPR, and the times that your child's class will be using the lab are scheduled accordingly.
- If your child wears an assistive device such as glasses and/or hearing aide, please be sure he/she brings and wears them during testing.
- Ask your child about the testing each day.
- Wish your child good luck!



IUSD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SUMMIT

As part of IUSD's Continuous Improvement Efforts, College Park's teachers were hard at work learning about technology and teaching best practices at our February 12th professional development day. IUSD hosted a learning summit with the assistance of the EDTECHTEAM. At this summit, College Park's teachers were able to choose breakout sessions for various trainings that support our teachers and students. For our 2nd -6th grade teachers, they attended the full-day professional development at Portola High School. Kinder and first grade attended a similar training at Irvine High School. [Check out some](#) of the action photos from this amazing day.



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Astounding Inventions

The votes are in! Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to all of the students that entered this year's contest. Every year, our inventors and their creativity are astounding! We are proud of every single one of you. [Click here to see a video about our winners and their projects!](#)

Here are our winners:

1st Place: Ela with Oil Terminator System

2nd Place: Shanaya with Smart Walking Stick

3rd Place: Yana with the Car Communicator.

All students who entered were able to attend the 31st Annual Astounding Inventions Competition, which was held at IVC on Jan 27th. They are:

Ela - Oil Terminator System

Shanaya - Smart Walking Stick

Yana - Car Communicator

Vanessa - Wild Fire Alarming System

Mithran - Piezo Phone



WINTER BOWL

We are so proud of all of our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students that participated in IPSF's Annual Winter Bowl. With over 700 students who participated in the fourth annual Winter Bowl Tournament, our boys walked away with an incredible lifetime experience. We are so fortunate to have an incredible community of supporters who will come together in support of education, and to cheer on their school's team. We would like to especially thank all the coaches, coordinators, and parents who made the event such a success. Also, we wanted to give a special shout-out to our 6th grade boys who took home 1st place and to all of our amazing coaches: Eric Spivey, Andy Thewes, David Griggs, Mike Shaffer, Casey Huffmire, and Heath Knisely for all of their hard work.



SCIENCE Fair

Our College Park 6th graders did a fantastic job working and completing their science fair projects this year. They have all worked hard over the last month to study, create and test an investigation. This year, IUSD changed the process of the science fair from a home project to a mostly school based project during their science lab time. The goal of changing the project from home to classroom-based projects was to have the students collaborate in groups of 2-3 students while receiving additional support from their science teacher. In addition, the students were able to pick a project based on their interests. Instead of assigning a project like in previous years, students were able to choose a project based on their passions. We really wanted to empower the students in the process of completing an Inquiry or Engineering project that they are passionate about. Also new this year, students were able to choose different presentation platforms. Students were able to choose a digital presentation on Google slides or a traditional presentation using a 3-fold board. February 27th was our District Science Fair, where the most outstanding projects of our truly budding scientists were able to present their projects. Please take a moment and congratulate these students that presented during IUSD District Science Fair: Maryam, Baylee, Sarira, Jack, Sadie, Derek, Isabelle, Paige, Gwen, Rishabh, Julian, Alex G, Tudor, Ishaan, Alex J, Melina, Rayna, Eric, Alan, London, Liliana, Chloe, and Riley. Look [here](#) to see some of the projects and students in action. Also, [click here](#) to see a clip that our Media Tech, Julie Hicks, put together!

PTA REFLECTIONS ART

The theme for this year's PTA Reflections was "Within Reach". This year, College Park received 67 wonderful entries for photography, film production, visual arts, literature and dance choreography. An awards reception was held in December to honor all participants and our school winners. [Click here](#) for pictures of our entries.

Twenty-six of our CP entries were submitted to the district level competition so College Park was well represented. A very special congratulations to the following 7 College Park students who placed at the Irvine Council Level (District Level).

Primary Level:

Yige 3rd Place in Literature

Dean 2nd Place in Photography

Intermediate Level:

ChloeLux 2nd Place in Visual Arts

Kotone 3rd Place in Dance Choreography

Middle School Level:

Elina 2nd Place in Visual Arts

Max 3rd Place in Film Production

Kiera Honorable Mention in Dance Choreography



PTA Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: LAST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR – On **March 27th at 8:30am** in the MPR we will be having our last PTA Association Meeting of the year. Come and hear a presentation by IUSD Ed Tech Director Shaney Berzansky on technology use in the classroom and how to keep kids safe online at home. We hope you can join us for coffee, treats, and some important information that every parent whose child uses technology should hear.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY! PLEASE VOTE ONLINE!

This grant would allow for the purchase of shelving, carts/containers, technology, seating, basic Makerspace supplies, hands-on materials, and teacher training to support the exploration of communal creativity, DIY projects, construction, and engineering as needed for appropriate inquiry at all grade levels. Several grants will be awarded to the schools that receive the **MOST VOTES**. Please vote for our school every day, once per day, per email address (multiple addresses means multiple votes!) from March 12 to 23, 2018.

http://www.myscholardollars.com/vote/?show_school=1262

- The first time you vote, you will register and watch a 1 ½ minute video, and then verify your address in an email they send you (check your Junk Mail if it does not show up quickly).
- Subsequent votes are quick with just a couple of clicks!
- Please pass this along to friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else who has an email address.
- Consider putting the link on your social media.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Thank you to all the families that joined us on Astronomy Night! It was a wild success and the highlight of the night was definitely the dancing to the laser show. A special thanks to all the teachers and parents that volunteered this year! Thank you Joey Malohn for your hard work and dedication. In addition, we want to say thank you to Ms. Hakola and Mrs. Chanda for their support that night. [Click here](#) for some pictures.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Wow is time flying! Our 6th graders have already attended outdoor education for this year. The weather was beautiful and the students had the time of their lives. We want to thank our 6th grade teachers Mrs. York, Mrs. Counseller, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Nguyen, and Mrs. Morgan for devoting the week to their students. Without them, we would not have had such a successful week! Take a look at some of the pictures from this amazing week. Also, look at [these reflections](#) from a few of our 6th grade campers.

COLLEGE PARK FAMILY NIGHT:

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018
5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

MAKE IT EASY AND GRAB DINNER!
 THE 5TH GRADE COMMITTEE WILL BE SELLING DINNER FROM **CRONIC TACOS**. IF YOU PRE-ORDER, MEALS WILL COST ONLY \$6.50 TO \$8.50 PER MEAL! ALL ORDERS FOR THE EVENT WILL BE **CASH ONLY**. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE DINNER DETAILS.

STARTING AT 5 PM
 JOIN US FOR DINNER AND THESE EXCITING CRAFT AND EDUCATIONAL STATIONS:

- ★ ROCKET BLAST WITH OUR SCIENCE TEACHER, MRS. CHANDA
- ★ COME HEAR IRVINE HIGH ASTRONOMY CLUB TALK ABOUT "DRAKE'S EQUATION: LIFE BEYOND THE STAR" AND ITS USE TO PREDICT THE PROBABILITY OF ALIEN LIFE. AN ACTIVITY WILL FOLLOW THE DISCUSSION.
- ★ EDIBLE MARSHMALLOW CONSTELLATIONS AND CREATE YOUR OWN CONSTELLATION CRAFT
- ★ GALAXY JAR NECKLACES WITH RAINBOW RISING
- ★ MOON SAND WITH STUDENT COUNCIL
- ★ IT WILL BE AN OUT OF THIS WORLD TIME YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

6:15 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.
TELESCOPE VIEWING PROVIDED BY UCI OUTREACH

6:50 P.M.
GALAXY LASER SHOW IN THE MPR

WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED ALL OF THE FAMILY NIGHTS THIS YEAR!
 SEE YOU ALL THERE FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING!
 QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL: PRESIDENT@COLLEGE PARK PTA.ORG

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March

3/14/18:	Jump Rope for Heart Jump Rotations – during PE
3/15/18:	6 th Grade DARE
3/16/18:	Report cards released to Parent Portal
3/19/18:	Talent Show – Lower Grades, 8:20-10:00 and 10:15-11:30 MPR
3/20/18:	ELPAC – CELDT testing
3/20/18:	6 th Grade Panoramic Picture, CP Field, 8:15 am
3/21/18:	Spring Parent Conferences
3/22/18:	Spring Parent Conferences, Minimum Day
3/23/18:	Spring Parent Conferences, Minimum Day
3/26/18:	Talent Show – Upper Grades, 8:10-9:30 and 10:45-12:00 MPR
3/26/18:	PBIS Game Day, Courtyard, During Lunch
3/27/18:	PBIS Movie Day, 11:00-1:00, MPR
3/27/18:	College Park School Tour for New Families, 10:30 am
3/28/18:	3 rd Grade Field Trip
3/29/18:	5 th Grade Field Trip
3/29/18:	6 th Grade DARE
3/30/18:	Minimum Day – Last Day Before Spring Break (Kindergarten on Modified Schedule – Everyone on AM Schedule)

April

4/2 – 4/6:	Spring Break – No School
4/9 – 4/13:	Staff Appreciation Week
4/12/18:	6 th Grade DARE
4/13/18:	Flag Deck, CP Blacktop @ 8:15 am
4/18/18:	36 th Annual Donald Bren Honors Concert, Segerstrom Concert Hall, 7:00 pm
4/19/18:	Spring Picture Day
4/19/18:	6 th Grade DARE
4/20/18:	6 th Grade Visit to Venado, 8:30 am – 9:45 am
4/23/18:	Meet the Master's Assemblies
4/26/18:	5 th Grade Guys Night, MPR, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

May

5/3/18:	6 th Grade DARE
5/3/18:	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 7:30-9:00, MPR
5/4/18:	Flag Deck, CP Blacktop, 8:15 am
5/6/18:	Irvine Junior Games
5/7/18:	4 th Grade Gold Dust or Bust Play Performances
5/14/18:	Meet the Masters Assemblies
5/17/18:	DARE Graduation, MPR, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
5/18/18:	World's Fair, CP Field, 2:15 pm – 6:00 pm
5/24/18:	Vocal Music Concert, MPR, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
5/25/18:	Minimum Day before Memorial Day Holiday
5/28/18:	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
5/30/18:	Spring Instrumental Concert, Northwood High School, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

June

6/1/18:	Flag Deck, CP Field, 8:15 am
6/4/18:	6 th Grade Splash Water Park Trip
6/4/18:	Kindergarten Modified Schedule – Everyone on AM Schedule
6/4/18:	Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony, MPR, 8:30 am – 9:30 am
6/4/18:	3 rd Grade Play Performance, 1:00 pm – 2:10 pm
6/5/18:	Voting Day – Statewide Primary Elections, MPR / All Day
6/8/18:	Last Day of School – Minimum Day / Kindergarten Modified Day
6/8/18:	6 th Grade Promotion Ceremony, CP Blacktop, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
6/8/18:	Report Cards Released to Parent Portal, 1:30 pm