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Lawndale Elementary School District Provides Summer Program for Students



LESD's Realizing Amazing Potential program (RAP) has partnered with Choose Health LA (CHLA) and LESD Master Gardener Kris Lauritson to provide meaningful opportunities for students to learn in the garden. After a summer of taking care of the Billy Mitchell garden, students held a farmer's market where they sold their organic and chemical/pesticide-free produce for donations to members of the Lawndale community. Photo provided by LESD

Wiseburn School Board Targeting 2016-'17 With New Programs and Staff

By Haleemon Anderson

As the summer months wind down, the Wiseburn School Board is focused on the 2016-'17 school year, with new hires and an aggressive new initiative designed to give each student an optimal educational experience.

At last week's board meeting, Superintendent Tom Johnstone introduced new principal Alberto Paredes, who will take the helm at Juan De Anza Elementary on August 29, the first day of school. Paredes was previously principal at Clyde Woodworth Elementary in Inglewood Unified. Johnstone said that after a national search, the board was very happy to find a candidate from the community.

Paredes thanked the board for the opportunity. He expressed his faith in the district, saying his children go to school here. "Once [my wife and I] had our son, the school district became very important overnight. That's when we moved to Wiseburn."

Deputy Superintendent Chris Jones reported on the curriculum and intervention initiatives. Three areas were targeted for increased focus and training. They are Common Core: Standards Based Instruction; Technology: Tools For Success and Positive Behavior: Supports for all Students.

Jones' report on "building future ready schools," has been the intense focus of the board over the past year. To that end, this summer 17 staff members were trained in "cognitively enhanced education techniques."

Johnstone further elaborated on the initiatives by phone, saying this programming allows for individualized, personalized instruction, usually right in the classroom. Students don't have to be sent to a specialist down the hall or at another site.

"So every kid can get the maximum amount of intervention," said Johnstone. With the Tools for Success initiative, the goal is to incorporate technology into curriculum as an integral component, not an afterthought or accessory.

Jones also reported that upgraded security cameras have been installed throughout the

district. He said that one of the first things new parents want to know is, "How is your security system?"

Dan Smith addressed the board on behalf of a large group of parents unhappy with the board's decision at the last meeting on July 21, to suspend use of the district ball fields. Smith is president over Hawthorne National Wiseburn Little League. He expressed great concern with the board's action, saying "the other side of the story" should have been heard before the ruling, which effectively interrupts the Fall Ball schedule.

Several parents also expressed grave concern, saying that other local Little Leagues run similarly to District 37 and had not received such harsh sanctions. The consensus among the group is the board's decision has unfairly targeted District 37, and further, the kids are being most affected by the lockout.

Board President Israel Mora responded, saying reinstatement of field privileges is contingent on the league providing an audit and holding an uncontested election.

Vice President JoAnne Kaneda expressed concern that the Board's role in Little League may be obscured. "Our function is schools and education not Little League," she said. "They have a responsibility to use our school fields properly, and we need to let the community know what constitutes a proper use of our fields."

Representatives from Johnson Controls provided an update on Proposition 39 initiatives. The state-sponsored grant provides funding for energy efficiency equipment and clean energy jobs at schools and other education agencies.

Johnson Controls is a leading manufacturer of HVAC equipment and control devices and is advising the district on the best use of the grant, for improvements at all eight Wiseburn sites. The agency is looking at current inefficiencies and fluctuations in energy usage.

Proposed upgrades will replace existing controls with smart thermostats that can be monitored and controlled remotely to decrease heating and cooling fluctuations and human

error. Johnson is also looking at installing solar energy devices and trying to mitigate costs associated with the three DaVinci entities being housed as one unit come next year.

By phone, Superintendent Johnstone clarified that Wiseburn is in the fourth year of the five year funding window. Upgrades to older systems, mostly lighting, heating and cooling have to be completed before remaining funds can be used to invest in solar projects.

Director of Facilities Planning Vince Madsen updated the Wiseburn construction project. The \$160 million multi-high school project is nearing completion with the main instructional building scheduled for completion in June of 2017.

Phase two, the pool, gymnasium and athletic field, is expected to have comments back this week from the Department of State Architects. Madsen said he anticipates approval and will bring those plans for Board approval in November. Johnstone said that pre-packages are already out and official bidding will finish in October with phase two construction scheduled to complete in December of 2017.

Kaneda reported that Boeing will partner with DaVinci to install an aerospace mural at the new high school. Dr. Matthew Wunder, founder of the DaVinci schools is spearheading the art installation.

Kaneda said the project will draw on the creativity of [district] kids and teachers, and will provide an opportunity for community outreach.

Chief Business Official Dave Wilson reported meeting with the district's attorney on compliance with the 200 Physical Education minutes requirement. Johnstone said PE is the only subject the state of California mandates the amount of classroom time that must be adhered to. Schools have flexibility in scheduling 200 minutes over each two-week period, but can be subject to liability if found non-compliant.

In September, the Board will return to its regular twice-a-month meeting schedule. The next meeting of the Wiseburn School Board is Thursday September 8, at 6 p.m. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
70°/62°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
70°/62°



Sunday
Sunny
74°/64°



PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Wowser Schnauzers



Russell

We are looking for volunteers to help with our pet adoption fairs which are held every Saturday at the Petco located at 537 N. Pacific Coast Highway Redondo Beach 90277, from noon to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least one Saturday a month, please contact us at info@msfr.org. You can also visit all of our Miniature Schnauzers & Friends rescues at the adoption fair or check out our website, www.msfr.org. If you have any questions about a particular dog's availability you can email us at info@msfr.org. Schnauzers! But you can't adopt just one!

If you believe everything happens for a reason you'll appreciate my story. I'm **Russell** a 5-year-old, male purebred Miniature Schnauzer. If I hadn't been confiscated, along with eight other dogs, due to neglect and taken to an L.A. County shelter, I never would have been rescued. Most of the dogs were adopted but my friend, Corky, and I were such a mess it's no surprise that no one wanted us. I don't think I had ever been groomed in my entire life and my ears were so infected that it hurt to be touched. I was terribly matted and it was extremely difficult to tell which end was which – even my natural tail didn't help much. Is it any wonder that folks were speaking to the wrong end trying to get my attention? At first I was put in the observation building and had no visitors. It wasn't due to aggression, but I

was in so much pain that I was fearful and couldn't stand to be touched. During my neutering the shelter folks did their best at grooming me so I look somewhat presentable. If I hadn't been in the observation building, I might not have been rescued. After being rescued, I immediately went to the Vet to get my ears taken care of. A little sedation to help diagnose the problem and three weeks of treatment – voila I'm feeling great and loving life. I never knew that being petted; receiving and giving affection and interacting with humans could be so wonderful. It's opened a whole new world to this 21-pound guy who is a real sweetheart and now looking for a family to let me love them. It will be worth everything to find my forever home. If you are interested in Russell, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

They call me **Corky** and I'm a 6-year-old, female purebred Miniature Schnauzer. Just like my friend, Russell, I was confiscated with eight other dogs and we all ended up at an L.A. County shelter. Most of the other dogs were adopted but Russell and I were pretty repugnant. In addition to being a stinky, matted mess, my eyes were all crusted over, due to an untreated dry eye condition, and my teeth were so bad that even I didn't want to be around me. The rescue folks, who by the way are very savvy, suspected that I had bladder stones and they were right! One procedure took care of the stones, the neutering and a dental, which resulted in the removal of 15 teeth. Looking



Corky



Randy

good, feeling even better than I look but I will have to remain on eye drops to keep my eyes clear and on Rx dog food to prevent reoccurring stones. I'm just a bit of a gal, only 12 pounds, but I get along great with other dogs and I'm very affectionate. I'm cute as a button with my natural plume of a tail and I know you'll love having me as part of your family.

If you're interested in Corky, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Hi there, my name is **Randy** and for a guy who's only 5 months old, I've had a pretty interesting life. I was born around March 12, but then I was dumped at an L.A. County shelter without any explanation. My previous owners called the next day and wanted me back but then never came to take me home. I think that it probably worked out for the best because it's obvious they really didn't love me. When I was rescued, I was extremely matted, not well socialized and clearly neglected. No wonder I was fearful of people and I sure didn't trust that groomer person with the clippers and scissors. I guess that why I ended up with a "mop top" makeover. Even if it's a bit unconventional, I think I look pretty cute for a tiny, 6 pound, Miniature Schnauzer/Shih Tzu pup. Since moving in with my foster family, I've gotten with the program and have proven that I am a sweet guy at heart who loves giving kisses. I'm still going to require an owner that is dog savvy and without small children to be the best guy I can be. Would you be willing to give me a home and show me that life can be loving and good? If you are interested in Randy, please email info@msfr.org for more information.

Have you ever seen a 2-year-old, 60-pound, male Catahoula mix dog? If you'd like to meet one, just ask for **Earl**. I was rescued from an L.A. County shelter where they called me a stray but I was just lost. I'm very intelligent and would be a great addition to your family. I have fine leash and car manners, I'm house-broken, crate and doggy-door trained. I aced my leadership-based obedience classes but like many large-breed adolescents, I can be stubborn. I would do best with an "alpha" handler who has experience and time to help me fulfill my potential. In fact, I thought I had found my forever home, but unfortunately I was returned after just a few months. My over-scheduled adopter decided that she did not have time for a young, very active dog who's a happy, playful and affectionate boy. I absolutely love people of all ages, sizes and genders. If you are interested in meeting Earl, please email Emread@verizon.net for more information. •



Earl

*Be kind. Save a life.
Support animal rescue.*

Happy Tails

Congratulations to Ziggy – the last of our "Bowie" trio – and her new family. Although we tried for six months to place Ziggy and her sister Stardust together, it just didn't happen. Last month after Stardust was adopted, Ziggy was a bit depressed and missed her sister but lo and behold, Ziggy truly hit the lottery. She now has an 11-year-

old, Maltese Terrier sister named Bella and they look so much alike they could be twins! Her mom has recently retired and spends all day providing attention and a great home for her furry kids in Pasadena. As a further sign that it was meant to be. Mom was also a big David Bowie fan! Wishing everyone a great life of fun and adventures. •



Ziggy found a new home and sister!

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If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.






There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!
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