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2024 ENTREPRENEUR EVENT

Newhall School District recently hosted the third annual Entrepreneur Event, which brought together students from all 10 schools in grades 3-6 nurturing creativity, problem-solving, and community engagement. Students were tasked to identify areas of a local park that required attention and presented a range of creative and thoughtful ideas that aimed to enhance the park experience for all visitors. A few examples of student ingenuity include:

- Safety: Wild Animal Detection Cameras
- Inclusion: Play Areas for All Ages
- Education: Promoting Park and Wildlife Stewardship
- Health: Vending Machines for First Aid
- Innovation: Allergy-Reducing Machines
- Beautification: Natural Shade and Landscaping

The Newhall School District Entrepreneur Event demonstrated the incredible creativity and forward-thinking of young minds in the community. Through their innovative ideas, the students presented thoughtful, practical solutions to improve the local park, addressing everything from safety and health to inclusion and environmental sustainability. This initiative highlights the potential of young people, and gives them the opportunity to develop and share their ideas, encouraging them to dream big, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. When implemented with fidelity, PBIS improves social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate. It also improves teacher health and wellbeing. It is a way to create positive, predictable, equitable and safe learning environments where everyone thrives.

- **TIER 1:** Tier 1 practices and systems establish a foundation of regular, proactive support while preventing unwanted behaviors. Schools provide these universal supports to all students, school-wide.
- **TIER 2:** Tier 2 practices and systems support students who are at risk for developing more serious problem behaviors before those behaviors start. These supports help students develop the skills they need to benefit from core programs at the school.
- **TIER 3:** Tier 3 students receive more intensive, individualized support to improve their behavioral and academic outcomes. At this level, schools rely on formal assessments to determine a student's need.

In 2015, California PBIS initiated a statewide effort to implement a recognition system to acknowledge schools for implementing PBIS with fidelity to the national framework. Schools may apply to be recognized as Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum PBIS schools.

The Newhall School District is thrilled to share its 2023-2024 recognized schools:

Gold Recognition

- McGrath Elementary School
- Meadows Elementary School
- Old Orchard Elementary School
- Peachland Elementary School
- Pico Canyon Elementary School



Silver Recognition

- Newhall Elementary School
- Oak Hills Elementary School
- Stevenson Ranch Elementary School
- Valencia Valley Elementary School
- Wiley Canyon Elementary School



Awards & Recognitions!

Congratulations to McGrath Elementary School's Behavior Support Specialist Jesus Hernandez who was nominated by his peers as September 2024's classified employee of the month! Jesus began his career with the District in March 2023 as a Safety Supervisor. He then promoted to a Behavior Support Specialist in October 2024. In his current position, Jesus provides a variety of strategies and techniques to serve students in need of behavior support in accordance with a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Congratulations to Meadows Elementary School's Library Media Tech Lilia Gucciardi who was nominated by her peers as October 2024's classified employee of the month! Lilia began her career with the District as a Library/Media Assistant in January 1996 at Newhall Elementary. In 1999 she transferred to Meadows Elementary and continues to support the students at Meadows Elementary by planning, coordinating and providing library media services in the school library

Congratulations to Newhall Elementary's Behavior Support Specialist Andrea Ramirez who was nominated by her peers as November 2024's classified employee of the month. Andrea was hired as a Behavior Support Specialist in May 2021 at Meadows Elementary then changed location from Meadows to Newhall in August 2021.

Congratulations to State Preschool Preschool Paraprofessional Patricia Flores who was nominated by her peers as November 2024's classified employee of the month. Patricia started as a Preschool Paraprofessional at McGrath Preschool in May 2007 and subbed in several other positions throughout her career. She was rehired as Preschool Paraprofessional at Peachland State Preschool in August 2008 and changed location from Peachland State Preschool to McGrath State Preschool.



Jesus Hernandez
Behavior Support Specialist



Lilia Gucciardi
Tecnica Bibliotecaria Multimedia



Andrea Ramirez
Behavior Support Specialist



Patricia Flores
Preschool Paraprofessional

STUDENT ENROLLMENT & TRANSFERS



Student Enrollment

Registration is open year round online for new students in grades UPK through 6th grade. Click on the Enrollment section of the website for more information at www.newhallschooldistrict.com. Currently, there are several schools impacted in specific grade levels. In those instances, students are diverted to the closest school until space opens up at the home school.

The enrollment window for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in January 2025. Visit the website at www.newhallschooldistrict.com for more information, including age-eligibility for grades and enrollment requirements.

Student Transfers

An intradistrict transfer or “open enrollment” is when parents/guardians wish to enroll their student(s) at a school other than the designated “home” school within the District. The open enrollment period for the current school year is closed for existing families, unless there is a change of residence.

An interdistrict transfer is when parents/guardians wish to enroll their student(s) in a school within the District, but live outside of the Newhall School District boundaries. Interdistrict transfers applications are accepted year round. The interdistrict transfer process begins with the district of residence.

Both open enrollment and interdistrict transfer applications will be treated with equal priority. Approval is subject to space availability in the district, at a school site, grade level, or within a specific program. An approved transfer into the District may not result in attendance at the site requested. In the event there are more requests than spots available, a waiting list for the school will be established. Parents must provide transportation to the selected school. The window to apply for open enrollment or an interdistrict transfer for the 2025/2026 year will open in January 2025. For more information, including age-eligibility for grades visit the website at www.newhallschooldistrict.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thanksgiving Break

No school.

November

25-29



Governing Board Meetings

Join us! Visit the District's website at www.newhallschooldistrict.com for more information on how to join.

December

10 & 17



Winter Music Concerts

Contact your school for more information on dates and times.

December

18 & 19



Winter Break

No school.

December

23

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January

10



Parent Workshop

Foundations of Inclusive Practices & Co-Teaching

January

15



Martin Luther King Holiday

No school.

January

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