



PRETTY IN PINK
Our Staff Lounge is all prettied up for a special occasion. Find out why and who we are appreciating and honoring on **THIS PAGE**



HAVE YOU SEEN MEG? HAVE YOU READ MEG?
Our Staff Writer Becca recommends that you take a bite out of *Meg*. Read all about it on **PAGE 4**



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Spotlight on Overland's Amazing 5th Grade Teachers

Overland parents "cooked up" a great brunch to honor our three Master Chef 5th grade teachers

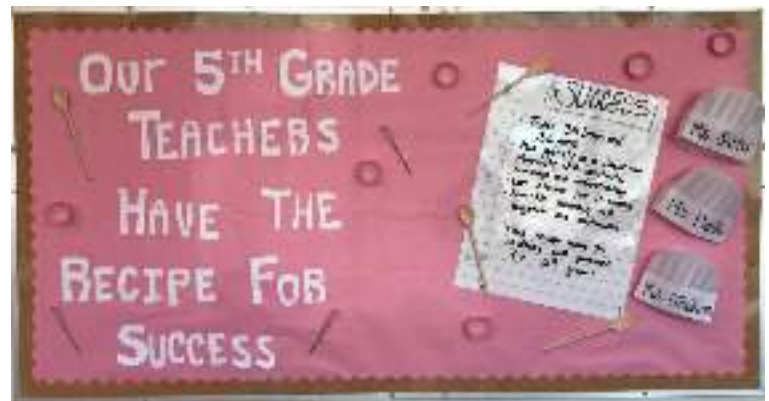
BY IAN G., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

We really love and appreciate all our teachers at Overland. In September, we honored and put the spotlight on our three amazing 5th grade teachers—Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Park, and Ms. Saito—at the Staff Appreciation Brunch.

Our wonderful 5th grade parents put on a fantastic brunch. Ms. Nancy Griffin (Allison's mom) is the creative genius behind the fun chef theme and decorations. Did you see how great and happy the Staff Lounge look that day?

Ms. Nancy based the whole idea on Ms. Jenkins', Ms. Park's and Ms. Saito's recipe for our success:

- Take 38 boys and 32 girls
- Mix gently in a classroom



AMAZING TEACHERS make amazing students

- Marinate with creativity, knowledge and understanding
- Let simmer for 10 months
- Sprinkle liberally with laughter and enthusiasm

This recipe makes 70 students well prepared for 6th grade!

My fellow 5th graders are truly grateful for our great teachers. Thank you for cooking up success for all of us!

Overland Students Join Water Campaign



E-MEETING our Water Campaign mentor

Eco-conscious students research and tackle water issues

BY DECLAN S., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

At Overland, we have just started out Water Campaign! In our Water Campaign we have a Grades of Green mentor and a partner team at another school. There are not many students in our Water Campaign but we can still make a difference. We do research on water and we meet on Tuesdays at lunch to discuss water problems. We will choose just one problem to focus on for our Water Campaign project. We will think of ways to help solve that problem. How can we save water? How do we make water clean and safe for drinking? What are some water problems? How can we help? Well, if you want to answer any of these questions, come to the Science Lab at lunch on Tuesdays! We need your help!!! Let's save water and save earth!

Meet Our Amazing 5th Grade Star Teachers

Getting to know Ms. Jenkins

BY IAN G. and DECLAN S., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writers

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

A: I'd say Math because problem-solving is such an important life skill. Health and Social Studies because students are curious about themselves and the world.



Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I love to empower the next generations of citizens.

Q: What grades have you taught and where?

A: I taught 4th and 5th grades at 32nd Street, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at Loyola Village, and now 5th at Overland.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: This year is my 23rd year of teaching! 22 years at LAUSD and 1 year in Tokyo, Japan.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I go to Portland, Oregon, I garden, make crafts and travel.

Q: If not a teacher what would you be?

A: I'd be a Park Ranger.

Q: What new place would you like to go?

A: I'd like to visit Nepal in the Himalayas.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: Elephants because they are big, beautiful and soulful. Also, they mourn their dead.

Q: What is your favorite place on earth? Why?

A: Interlaken, Switzerland because it is gorgeous.

Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching 5th grade this year?

A: I have a fantastic class and that makes teaching fun.

Getting to know Ms. Park

BY DECLAN S., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

Q: What is your favorite number?

A: I am partial to multiples of four.

Q: What is your favorite subject and why?

A: I love many subjects because I am interested in many different things. I enjoy seeing students experience knowledge in different subjects.



Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I wanted to devote myself to a career that coincide with the values and beliefs I have about life.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: A million years! Here's to a million more!

Q: Where have you taught before?

A: I student-taught at Lincoln Elementary and Overland.

Q: What is your favorite grades to teach and why?

A: 4th and 5th grades because of the curricular content and the kind of discussions I can have with the students. I also love being a part of how they develop at that age.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I travel, read, do outdoor and adventurous activities. I recently started painting and I love going to concerts.

Q: What was your favorite subject in Elementary School?

A: I absolutely loved reading and writing.

Q: What is your favorite book? Why?

A: My favorite book to share with students is *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry because of the special lessons it shares about life.

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching 5th grade this year?

A: The students, of course!

Getting to know Ms. Saito

BY IAN G., 5th Grade
Soaring High, Staff Writer

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: This is my 25th year.

Q: How long have you taught at Overland?

A: Eight years now. I taught 17 years at 28th Street Elementary.



Q: What grades have you taught?

A: I taught 6 years of 1st grade, 15 years of kindergarten, and 4 years of 4th and 5th grades.

Q: Have you had other jobs?

A: I've always been a teacher.

Q: Did you want to become a teacher since you were a kid?

A: Yes.

Q: What do you think you would be doing if you didn't become a teacher?

A: Probably a veterinarian.

Q: What were your favorite subjects in school?

A: I loved reading, writing, history, and geography.

Q: What was your favorite book when you were a kid?

A: I loved the *Wizard of Oz* series.

Q: What is your favorite part of being a teacher at Overland?

A: Everything! I love everything about Overland and everybody at Overland.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I love traveling back to Hawaii and seeing my family there.

Q: What is your favorite color? Animal? Food?

A: My favorite color is green. I love all dogs and I love pretty much any food.

Hello, Mr. Victorín!

Overland welcomes new Instructional Coordinator

BY CLARA B., SOPHIA H., IAN G., and DECLAN S.,
5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writers

Overland started the school year with a new man at the school office. A few curious students got to know him better and want to share what they learned about Dr. David Victorín:

Q: Why did you think Overland is a good school to work at?

A: Because the students are smart and the teachers and parents are very nice.

Q: What do you like about Overland?

A: Everyone is so nice. I've been at schools where everyone is mean and here everyone is so nice.

Q: What do you like about your job?

A: I really like being able to help the students and teachers. Everyone needs help and they don't know how to ask but now I can help everyone.

Q: What was your job before Overland?

A: I was an assistant principal at a charter school.

Q: Why Assistant Principal?

A: I was asked by the Superintendent.

Q: What other jobs have you had before?

A: Teacher, Data Analyst, Assistant Principal, College Professor, Evaluation Consultant, Coordinator.

Q: Why did you become a coordinator?

A: So that I can work at Overland. I was asked to work at another school but Ms. Born said there was a position at Overland and I said "Yes!"

Q: How long have you been working at schools?

A: 30 years.

Q: Do you like to be organized?

A: No, not really, but I have to.

Q: What was your favorite subject in Elementary School? Why?

A: I've always liked reading and writing because my mom always read to us and asked us to read and write to her.

Q: What was your favorite childhood book?

A: *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry.

Q: What is your current favorite book and why?

A: *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller. I like it because it is funny, sad, and it makes you think.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: Anything with James Bond and all the Star Wars movies.

Q: How do you want to add to Overland to make it better?

A: Two ways: 1) Look for things that need to be improved, and 2) listen better so I can help people who need help. Thank you and welcome to Overland, Mr. David!



DR. VICTORÍN goes by Mr. David or Mr. V at Overland

Changes Abound This Year

Overland students embrace changes

BY IAN G., 5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

What changes have you noticed at Overland this school year? We welcome our new Instructional Coordinator, Mr. David, new teachers—Ms. Leckie and Ms. Concotelli—and aides, and we also welcome new friends to our school. We

have a new staff parking lot and there are now nice park benches on the grassy lawn area. Old and broken garden beds have been replaced, the kindergarten yard just got a new play mat, and we have a cool, new Overland Eagle logo designed by an awesome Overland parent.

There are some changes coming in our neighborhood. My favorite West L.A. Islands Restaurant is closing on October 21. I will miss going there for delicious food. Did you know that this Islands Restaurant is the very first one to open of all the Islands Restaurants? It opened in May 1982! That means it has been here for over 36 years! The Westside Pavilion Mall, which opened in 1985, is closing and converting into modern office spaces. I will miss the food court but I am also excited about how nice the new place will look and new restaurants that will open there. Maybe Islands Restaurant will reopen there? That would be awesome because then it will be even closer to us!



FAREWELL Islands! Hope you'll return!



Meg Serves Up Mega Thrills

Want to take a bite?

BY BECCA A., 5th Grade

Soaring High, Staff Writer

This Summer I read a fascinating book called "The Meg" by Steve Alten. It is a story about a megalodon, or *Carcharodon megalodon*, that was believed to have become extinct millions of years ago when the Ice Age started. It died because of a lack of food, which is a good thing because they grew to be as big as school buses, or probably even bigger. In the story, Jonas Taylor, a young deep sea biologist, goes on a sea dive in the Mariana Trench, the deepest place on earth, to capture an abandoned sea vessel. Jonas sees the megalodon and he and his team go on a wild goose chase to capture the meg before too much harm is done. I first found out about this book when I saw a poster for the movie which came out on August 10th. At first I did not have a clue as to what the meg meant, but my mom told me it stands for megalodon. Since my brother is a freak about sharks and loves to talk about them, I already knew that it was the biggest shark to ever have lived. When I got home, I looked up the meg and found out more details about it. In my opinion, this movie makes it seem as if the meg were still alive today. But don't fret, even if the meg did survive the ice age, its eyes are so sensitive to sunlight that it couldn't possibly reach the surface of the ocean. The reason I love this book, which is part of a series and "The Meg" movie is because of all the humor, suspense, twists and turns. Steve Alten also has another shark series called "Shark Man" and other books that are also great. I would say it would be better for middle school kids because the violence may not be suitable for young kids, but if you are still interested, you should read the book. If you don't feel comfortable, he has written a lot of other books that are suitable for kids. Either way, I really hope this book review will make you want to take a "bite" out of "The Meg."



BECCA A. savored *Meg*

Halloween Fun

BY IAN G., 5th Grade *Soaring High, Staff Writer*

Riddles:

1. What's a ghost's favorite thing to wear?
2. What do they teach at witch's school?
3. What's a vampire's favorite fruit?
4. What is a ghost's favorite fruit?
5. What room do ghosts avoid?
6. When is it bad luck to see a black cat?
7. What's a ghost's favorite dessert?
8. How do you fix a Jack-o'-Lantern?
9. Why did the vampire take art class?
10. Where do baby ghosts go while their parents work?
11. What instrument does a skeleton play?
12. What kind of key does a ghost use to unlock its room?



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Word Search words:

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| Boo | Ghost | Spider | Vampire | Halloween |
| Bats | Scary | Spooky | October | Jack O' Lantern |
| Black | Witch | Zombie | Skeleton | Trick or Treat |
| Candy | Orange | Monster | Werewolf | Haunted House |

Soaring High Needs You!

You can still join your school newspaper staff. Share your photos, stories, reviews, interviews, art and jokes for the next issue. Check the bulletin board for assignments or ask Ms. Goffin or email soaringhighstaff@outlook.com. Turn in your submissions for the next issue by December 5th.

Answers to Riddles: 1. Boo jeans 2. Spelling 3. Neck-tarine 4. Boo-berry 5. Living Room 6. When you're a mouse 7. Ice Scream 8. With a pumpkin patch 9. To learn how to draw blood 10. Day Scare 11. Trom-bone 12. Spoo-key