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Fontana Unified's West Randall Elementary Celebrates 70th Anniversary, Campus Makeover

FONTANA, CA – West Randall Elementary students, clad in poodle skirts, tie-dye shirts and neon colors, sang and danced their way through seven decades of history to commemorate the school's 70th anniversary.

Nearly 400 families, teachers, staff and community members were delighted as students performed the hand jive, strummed toy guitars to "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," and donned Troll headbands to sing along to "Can't Stop the Feeling!" at the school's fall festival on Nov. 15.

Children also enjoyed face painting, balloon animals, a photo booth and carnival-style games as parents viewed the recent campus beautification projects sponsored by United Way and Hillside Community Church.

"We are thrilled to honor our school's history with a new look to propel us into the future," West Randall Elementary Principal Tammy Stringer said. "Our parents, students and staff have a stronger sense of pride that will motivate us to continue working to make West Randall Elementary the best school it can be."

West Randall Elementary, which opened in 1947, is the first of two Fontana Unified schools to receive a school makeover this year from United Way and Hillside Community Church.

Volunteers from United Way, Hillside Community Church, Nordstrom, UPS and Gerdau brightened the campus exterior, playground, multipurpose room and library with seven murals and cleaned up the school garden with new mulch and stepping stones.

The front of the school is decorated with icons representing Fontana, such as the Auto Club Speedway, Route 66 and the Lewis Library. Other murals depict the school's bulldog mascot, Dr. Seuss characters, college and career-friendly visuals, and West Randall's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) motto.

"Congratulations to past and present West Randall Elementary School teachers and staff for providing 70 years of outstanding academic support to our community, and for working hard to continue this tradition of success," FUSD Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said. "We would like to thank the volunteers from United Way and Hillside Community Church for their work in enhancing the charm of West Randall Elementary."

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

112817_FUSD_WRANDALL1: West Randall Elementary students explore family-friendly games during the school's 70th anniversary celebration on Nov. 15. The event also unveiled recent campus updates made by United Way and Hillside Community Church.

112817_FUSD_WRANDALL2: West Randall Elementary students pose for photos at West Randall's fall festival on Nov. 15, which commemorated the school's 70th anniversary.

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