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Covina-Valley Unified Schools Shine as Seven Elementary Schools Earn Prestigious ERP Honor Roll Recognition

COVINA, CA – Seven Covina-Valley Unified elementary schools have been named to the Educational Results Partnership’s (ERP) 2023 Honor Roll Schools list, highlighting the schools’ exceptional performance, commitment to closing achievement gaps, and dedication to accelerating student learning.

The ERP is the only school recognition program presented in partnership with state and local business leaders, recognizing successful schools and districts that are preparing students with the skills needed to be successful in the workforce. This year, only 17% of all eligible schools in California made the ERP’s Honor Roll list. Honorees were chosen based on student outcome data on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress from 2019 through 2023.

In addition to these school recognitions, Covina-Valley Unified was named an ERP California Honor Roll District.

“These recognitions reflect the collective effort of our schools, educators, and administrators to ensure all students acquire the skills and knowledge needed for future success,” Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer said. “We are deeply honored to have our schools and District highlighted in this way and remain steadfast in our commitment to providing students with the resources and support they need to thrive.”

The seven ERP 2023 Honor Roll schools — Barranca, Grovecenter, Manzanita, Merwin, Mesa, Rowland Avenue, and Workman Avenue elementary schools — each offer unique and innovative programs to set students on the path to success from an early age. Each school site offers a robust coding program, providing hands-on programming experience starting as early as transitional kindergarten.

“Grovecenter Elementary stands out due to its commitment to innovative teaching practices, a supportive learning environment, and consistent academic success across a diverse student population,” Grovecenter principal Ann Anderson said. “We are honored to receive this recognition that reflects the hard work of all our students, teachers, and staff.”

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Strong reading comprehension is a priority across all school sites, with personalized one-on-one classroom attention to help students achieve their reading goals. Teachers, staff, and administrators work to ensure every student has access to the opportunities and resources needed for success, including offering numerous after-school programs to support students with their homework.

Additionally, Mesa and Manzanita elementary schools offer dual language immersion programs in Mandarin and Spanish, respectively, giving students the unique opportunity to become bilingual and bi-literate while developing unique cultural perspectives.

“As a Dual Language Magnet School, Manzanita exemplifies a learning environment where students and language are valued, and education thrives with limitless possibilities,” Manzanita principal Beth Mossman said. “This recognition underscores the collective effort of Manzanita’s teachers and staff in advancing every student toward proficiency in Math and English Language Arts and beyond.”

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

CVUSD_ERP1: Mesa Elementary students celebrate Lunar New Year’s Day with a parade and assembly while wearing traditional Mandarin robes and gowns. Mesa Elementary offers students a robust Mandarin Dual Immersion program and was recently named to the Educational Results Partnership’s 2023 Honor Roll Schools list.

CVUSD_ERP2: A Barranca Elementary kindergarten student participates in a class activity. Seven Covina-Valley Unified elementary schools were named to the Educational Results Partnership’s 2023 Honor Roll Schools list, highlighting the schools’ exceptional performance, commitment to closing achievement gaps, and dedication to accelerating student learning.

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