

# Community CALENDAR



## Improvements bode well for GGUSD students

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The Garden Grove Unified School District has become one of five school districts to win the Broad Prize for Urban Education, according to an article in the Los Angeles Times. Although the schools in some cases differed drastically, what all had in common were five straightforward approaches.

While, districts in Massachusetts, New York and Texas went onto win the award following the GGUSD, more local school districts are now applying similar methods.

Although some steps noted in the Los Angeles Times such as the first point, having a clear curriculum may be a given, others can be less clear. For instance, the second step stresses only pursuing six long-term district-wide goals at a time.

Peter Daniels, the Director of Communications and Public Information for the Anaheim City

School District when contacted by the Orange County News referenced a handful of programs his district is currently working on. Among them is the enVision program, which teaches math to English as a second language (ESL) students.

"It has a lot of technology involvement including doing math on the computers...you would not have to read directions...a lot of it visually is just looking at a computer screen and [using] games," Daniels said.

Prior to winning the Broad Prize, GGUSD had only two long-term district-wide goals, to meet or exceed state standards and achieve a level of accomplishment for ESL students.

Even given the straightforward nature of these steps, some are more difficult to attain than others. The third step involving attracting and keeping teachers has been a challenge for some according to Sheri Loewenstein, the Cypress School District Su-

perintendent. This is not by choice, but rather because of budget reductions.

"It is a tragedy that we have lost the good teacher's we've had," Loewenstein said.

The fourth step, making sure the faculty evaluates its methods had proven effective for Garden Grove prior to winning the Broad Prize. For instance, educators had to connect programs and materials to the district's overall educational goals before a purchase could occur.

Today pilot programs are being considered before money is spent. One mentioned by Daniels is a program that would base an entire learning experience on an artistic focus.

Lastly, community outreach has shown to be vital. This may be even truer given the tough economic climate, which has resulted in districts such as the Anaheim City School District having 3,000 homeless stu-

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### Jewelry Making

Learn the Art of Jewelry Making. Techniques such as bead weaving, pearl knotting, basic stringing and more, will be taught. Multiple projects including necklaces, bracelets, and earrings will be taught using crystals, beads, pearls and other pretty beads.

Instructor: Flora Jung

Location: Stanton Community/Civic Center, 7800 Katella Ave.

Ages: 18 years and older

Fee: \$20/6 weeks

Session 2: Wednesday 8/4-9/8 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Session 3: Wednesday 9/15-10/20 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### Beginning Piano or Keyboard For Adults and Seniors

Now is your chance to learn how to play the piano (it's never too late!) and play those old, popular, and classical tunes that you've always loved! In this enjoyable, small group class (where only real pianos are used) you'll learn how to read music, using melodies and chords. Basic music theory and keyboard technic will also be covered. No practice or keyboard is required to take this class; just show up and try your hand(s) at it! A \$10.00 material fee will be due to instructor.

Instructor: Dr. Robert Rios

Location: The Piano Place, 14441 Beach Blvd., Westminster Suite 106

Ages: 18 and older

\$44/4 weeks

Session 2: Thursday 7/29- 8/19 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Session 3: Monday 8/30-9/27 (no class 9/6) 6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Beginning Piano or Keyboard For Children

Students will take their first steps in reading music, playing the piano by ear, and making up their own songs. Piano technique, music theory, and performance skills will also be covered. All classes will be given on REAL quality acoustic pianos. This class won't just make your child smarter, it is a great alternative to private lessons, which can often prove expensive and boring. And, children enjoy learning and making music together! Have your child be prepared to HAVE FUN! A material fee of \$10.00 will

be due to instructor. No class 7/3 and 9/6.

Instructor: Dr. Robert Rios, Teresa Rios, and Staff

Location: The Piano Place, 14441 Beach Blvd., Westminster, Suite 106

\$44/4 weeks

Ages: 4-7 years

## Xclaimed Ministries Hosts Stanton Carnival

On July 23-25, 2010, Xclaimed Ministries is reaching the community in a whole new way!

A jam-packed Carnival is coming to Stanton this weekend near the intersection of Katella Avenue and Beach Blvd!

In the past, Xclaimed Ministries has provided free concerts giving away toys, bicycles, Bibles, t-shirts and BBQ meals. This event is different than any event in the past.

Paul Karanick, President of Xclaimed Ministries, says, "We

are looking to reach more people with this event than our normal bi-monthly concerts. This is a carnival and concert combination. There will be about 14 carnival rides, games and lots of food. We are looking for thousands of people to attend. Our objective is to reach the community and assist them with current needs and by all means, introduce them to an extraordinary life of hope through Jesus Christ."

Besides the carnival, there

will be a concert with three bands, a drama musical and two messages of Hope given on Saturday. Xclaimed Ministries will keep with their status quo of giving away bicycles. Karanick says that Xclaimed Ministries will be giving away at least 16 bicycles at this event! Bring the entire family for a weekend of fun!

For additional information about Xclaimed Ministries or the Carnival / Concert event, visit the website at <http://www.xclaimed.org> or call (714)803-9692.

## LIFE:

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"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take...but by the moments that take our breath away." Relay for Life will astound you! An event filled with fun, food, and surrounded by people of all ages joined together to honor cancer survivors, remember the lost ones and fight back against this disease. "Fun in the Sun" is our event name for the American Cancer Society relay. My daughter Michelle and I are co-chairing this event on Saturday, Aug. 14 and Sunday Aug. 15 from 9 am to 9 am at the Stanton City Park. The

event is for 24 hours because cancer doesn't sleep. If you are a cancer survivor, please register at our website, which is [www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca](http://www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca).

Show up at the event and receive gifts of honor as well as be a guest to celebrate your survival of this awful disease. You can take your victory lap in the beginning of the event, and then join us for a survivor reception immediately following. No cost to the event for survivors. Consider it your birthday.

The event will be fun all day and all night long. If you are a registered person on a team, you can pitch a tent and stay the night for free. Hope to see you

there.

Michelle and I are in need of donations to meet our \$100 for each goal set. If you want to join our team, just sign on and follow the instructions. \$100 is expected fundraiser. If not you could donate to our team and we will walk.

Here is the link where you can join our event, donate to our event, do a luminary in honor of a loved one, or register as a survivor [www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca](http://www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca). Won't you please help us reach our goal and join our team?

For information, visit the event's website [www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca](http://www.relayforlife.org/Stantonca).




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