



Board Briefs

Highlights from this week's Board of Education meeting

IUSD community encouraged to celebrate Red Ribbon Week

IUSD's Board of Education and others from the community were invited to take part in numerous activities associated with Red Ribbon Week, which spans Oct. 18 through Oct. 26. Speaking on behalf of the awareness and prevention campaign were Debra Bianchi, executive director of Irvine Community Drug Prevention; Nancy Colocino, coordinator of IUSD's Guidance Resources and director of the Irvine Prevention Coalition; Paul Mills, director of IUSD's alternative and adult education programs; and Irvine Deputy Police Chief Dave Mihalik.

Established in 1985, Red Ribbon Week urges students to embrace healthy lifestyles by steering clear of drugs and alcohol. This year's celebration – the theme is “Step it Up: A Call to Action!” – features a youth forum, health lessons, a community art and essay contest, and a number of other popular activities.

IPSF, IUSD honor the Irvine Korean Parents Association

Debbie Rugani, director of Community Initiatives and Programs for the Irvine Public Schools Foundation, honored the Irvine Korean Parents Association (IKPA) for its generous contributions to Irvine's schools.

Led by President Carol Choi, the association has raised critical funds to maintain lower student-to-teacher ratios during the state fiscal crisis, supported music through its annual Youth Gala Concert, paid for additional foreign language courses and fueled grants for innovative teaching strategies. In addition, IKPA has organized a number of valuable multicultural events, including a staff development workshop aimed at enhancing the understanding of IUSD's Korean student population through lessons on Korean history, culture and education.



Members of the Irvine Korean Parents Association are honored by the Irvine Public Schools Foundation and IUSD's Board of Education.

Rugani began her remarks with a reminder that IPSF's second annual Walk to School Day will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 15, kicking off with a 7 a.m. ceremony at the Woodbridge Village Shopping Center.

Board members updated on latest state budget developments

Dr. Vernon Medeiros, deputy superintendent of Business Services, offered the latest budget news out of Sacramento, where Legislators recently adopted a controversial state spending plan 85 days after it was due.

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