



Manhattan Beach Unified School District

# Superintendent's Newsletter

March 31, 2017

Dr. Michael D. Matthews, Superintendent

## Students Shine at Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind brings together teams of students from all over the world to work together with the guidance of teachers and parent volunteers to solve problems creatively. Well, this year we had many victorious teams: Pacific sent two teams to Regionals, one of which advanced to States, and last weekend Robinson's team took first place in the State event and qualified for Worlds at Michigan State University in May. Congratulations to all of our creative minds and good luck at Worlds! For more information about Odyssey of the Mind, click [here](#).



Robinson's 5th Grade Team



Pacific's 4th Grade Team

## MCHS Gym Replacement Open House

We are currently in one of the most vital stages of the gym replacement process: getting input from the community at large. If you want to learn more or give input on our new gymnasium, I strongly encourage you to attend our **Open House on Tuesday, April 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**. The architectural team from Gensler, along with school and district staff, will host a pre-design workshop at the MCHS Small Theater. Anyone is welcome to come share their ideas, ask questions, or voice opinions. For more information, click [here](#).



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## Inclusion

I have written to you several times this year about our Board Goal on creating a district of inclusion. I have witnessed powerful events and have seen our students, parents, employees, and community members develop a number of new groups in our schools and in our community, all of which have



celebrated inclusion, discussed bias, and examined ways to make MBUSD and our community more inclusive. But our work is not done. In fact, I am sad to report that over the last few months, there have been incidents that let me know this work and this goal are more important than ever. To learn more about our efforts and progress, please click [here](#).

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### **Mustang Morning** MCHS

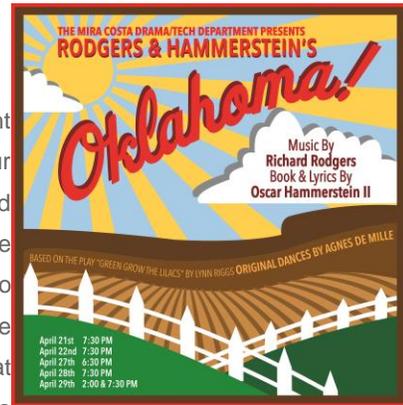
If you want to stay current on MBUSD, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Mira Costa happenings, check out La Vista, our student-produced newspaper, and Mustang Morning



News, our student-produced broadcast journalism program. Both are available to the public -- you can view and/or subscribe to La Vista [here](#) (You should subscribe. It's really good!) and/or stream current or view past episodes of Mustang Morning News [here](#). You'll learn from the fabulous work by very talented students!

## This Spring's Must-See

If you have not experienced a Mira Costa Drama/Tech Department spring musical, I highly recommend that you put this year's on your "To Do" list. Opening night is April 21 for the iconic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, *Oklahoma!* I guarantee you will leave the auditorium thinking you've seen a professional play. Every year, I go to the Costa musical with high expectations, and every year, the students wildly exceed my expectations. These students are that talented, from the set design and sound & lighting to the orchestra pit to center stage. Click [here](#) for ticket information.



Thanks for all you do to support our students and our schools. Have a wonderful Spring Break with your families!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Matthews'.

Mike Matthews

MBUSD Superintendent



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