



**September/October 2010**

### **TUSD Continues to Stand Out in Academic Excellence**

TUSD teachers, administrators, and staff members are preparing for the start of the new school year. The Maintenance and Operations Department has been doing a great job getting the schools ready for opening day. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade will return to school on Wednesday, September 1st.

Enrollment projections indicate that the District will welcome over 22,800 students – the largest enrollment in TUSD history.

Tustin Unified held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Foothill High School's new Aquatics Center. The Aquatics Center includes a 50-meter pool and new deck, shade structure, seating, lighting, heaters and mechanical pumps.

The project cost approximately \$3.7 million and was funded through the Measure L campus modernization program. In addition, the Orange County Board of Supervisors allocated \$750,000 towards the Foothill Aquatics Center.

We're very excited to open the new Orchard Hills School next week on the first day of school, September 1st. There will be a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7:50 a.m. prior to the start of school that day.

Orchard Hills will welcome about 475 students in grades five and six for the 2010-11 school year. Additional grades will be added in succeeding years.

The state-of-the-art school features a multipurpose room, media center, cafeteria, P.E. buildings, basketball courts, a track, baseball field, soccer field and gymnasium.

We hope the students, teachers, staff and parents will have a great first year at their new school. Go Orchard Hills Hawks!

Over 350 students from Beckman, Foothill and Tustin high schools have earned the distinction of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

About 18 percent of the more than 1.6 million high school students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Administrative changes for the 2010-11 school year include:

Principalships: Nancy Jenkins, Guin Foss and Estock elementary schools; Cindy Agopian, Hicks Canyon Elementary School; Ryan Bollenbach, Ladera and Veeh elementary schools; Will Nedderson, Red Hill Elementary School; Wendy Hudson, Tustin Memorial Academy; Rich Montgomery, Orchard Hills School; Christine Matos, Currie Middle School; Michelle Boudreaux, Hewes Middle School; Tracey Vander Hayden, Pioneer Middle School; and Tom Giebe, Utt Middle School.

New or newly-assigned assistant principals are Josh Porter, Columbus Tustin Middle School; Christa Glembocki, Utt Middle School; Joe Garcia, Beckman High School; Donald Rafter, Foothill High School; and Eric Mooney, Tustin High School.

During the school year, I encourage the community to visit our website at <http://www.tustin.k12.ca.us> for the latest news, information and calendar events. Have a great school year!