

Press Release

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Rosemead School District Congratulates and Celebrates Mildred B. Janson Elementary School on Being Named a "Legacy School" by Franklin Covey

Rosemead, California: The Rosemead School District Board of Trustees and District Administration congratulates and celebrates Mildred B. Janson Elementary School students, staff, and families on being named a "Legacy School" by Franklin Covey.

Mildred B. Janson Elementary School officially became a Leader in Me[®] (LIM) school in 2008. Three years later, Janson held its very first Leadership Day event. The event hosted over 120 educators, community members, and local business partners. Participants came from Japan, Australia, S. Korea, Utah, Nevada, and nearby school districts. Shortly after the event, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School was named a Franklin Covey Lighthouse school in the Spring of 2011, making it the first Lighthouse school in California.

Mildred B. Janson Elementary School continues to sustain and broaden the LIM culture. All staff members contribute to the school's culture and vision. The school utilizes the LIM Framework, which guides the school's vision. Staff are placed in one of three organizational groups:



- Academic
- Culture
- Leadership

As part of the Leader in Me culture, everyone is given a voice. Two lighthouse teams are also embedded within the school, one team composed of staff and another of students. The Janson staff believes that everyone can and is a leader. It is up to us adults to find the leader in every child.

Parents play a significant role in establishing and sustaining the school's LIM culture. Through various parent committees such as PTA, School Site Council, ELAC, and parent workshops, parents are encouraged to share their voices and contribute to the school's vision. Yearly student/teacher/parent conferences are conducted with the student leading the meeting. We strive to have students be in charge of their learning with the support of our Leadership Notebooks, school-wide "Wildly Important Goals" (WIGS), and school events such as Leadership Day, Open House, Back To School Night, and Leader in Me nights.

"This current year marks Janson's 10th year anniversary as a LIM Lighthouse school. As the school's principal, I am honored and humbled to know that Mildred B. Janson Elementary School was named the second Leader in Me "Legacy" School worldwide. Thank you to the countless hours and dedication of our fantastic staff, our bright students, and the entire Janson and Rosemead community for all that they do for our students," said Principal Dr. Gabriel Cardenas.

"We are extremely proud of the Mildred B. Janson school community for the great distinction. As the pioneer Leader in Me school in our district, the Jaguar team has provided a road map for implementation of this signature practice and an exemplar of implementation with fidelity. I would like to thank Franklin Covey for their mentorship and Panda Cares for their generous financial support of our schools," said Superintendent Alejandro Ruvalcaba.

"I can't express how excited and honored we are that Mildred B. Janson Elementary School was bestowed with the Legacy School award. The Rosemead School District continuously strives for excellence in academics and leadership skills. Congratulations to all the students for all their hard work and also to the teachers, Dr. Cardenas, and the support staff for their dedication and unwavering commitment to the success of our students," shared Board President Nancy Armenta.

A Legacy School recognition is the highest honor for Leader in Me[®] Schools. A Legacy School exemplifies a strong leadership culture, by unleashing the highest potential in all students, staff, and families. A Legacy School stands as a global beacon throughout the world that has cultivated greatness over time.

A Legacy School is a school that exemplifies the following criteria:

- Lighthouse School certification has been sustained for a minimum of eight (8) years.
- The school exhibits innovation and sustained growth to sustaining levels in the majority of Lighthouse criteria.
- The school has made and continues to make a distinctive contribution to the Leaders in Me community or the education community at large.

About the Rosemead School District

The Rosemead School District (RSD) was established in 1859 and is a Local Education Agency (LEA) led by Superintendent Mr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba. The District's education program includes students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1st through 8th. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: Full Day Kindergarten, English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4th-8th grades); Student in Need program; State Preschool; Transitional Kindergarten; Before and Afterschool programs: K.S.A.R.T. (Kinder After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.A.R.T. (After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.E.S. (After School Education and Safety) program; Migrant Education Program; Gifted and Talented Program (GATE); Science Olympiad; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Franklin Covey's Leader in Me® Program and 7-Habits©; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); Migrant Education; and Special Education programs. For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900 x213.

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