



NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter provides an opportunity to catch up on some of our organizational highlights. Here is a four-minute read of this past month's exciting news, including:

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WE ARE DISTRICT 9 COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

Ocean Discovery Institute is starting the year off with a bang! Council President Sean Elo-Rivera awarded Ocean Discovery the prestigious "Community Partner of the Year Award" during the 2024 State of the District. This recognition is a testament to Ocean Discovery's dedication and impact on our community.

A huge shoutout to our amazing supporters, dedicated staff, and incredible students – your collective efforts played a significant role in our being a model community partner.

Thank you for being the driving force behind our success! And thank you to Council President Elo-Rivera and District 9.



INTRO TO RESEARCH SIGNING NIGHT

It is only the beginning of the year, and our Ocean Leaders are getting ready for their summer adventures! At our Intro to Research signing night, Ocean Leaders and their families had the opportunity to learn about their upcoming summer trip and ask any questions to prepare them for this amazing experience.

This year, 30 Ocean Leaders will have the opportunity of a lifetime when they travel to Bahia de Los Angeles, Baja California, Mexico, and experience living in a remote location and the biodiversity of this amazing location.



Do you know a student who will be starting at Hoover High for 9th grade next school year?



Apply to become an Ocean Leader here!

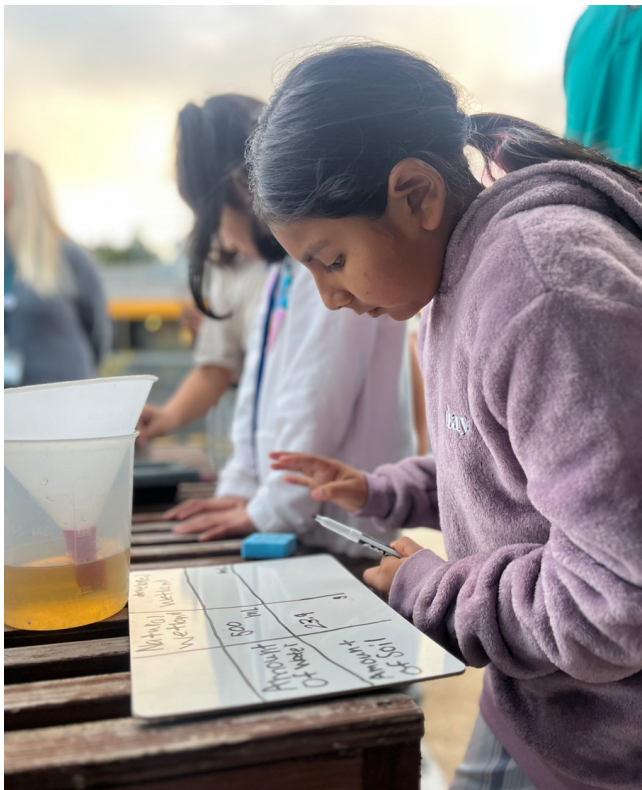
NEW MURAL AT THE LIVING LAB

Exciting news echoes through the Living Lab as we proudly unveil a vibrant addition to our space – a brand-new mural! And it's not just any mural; it's a masterpiece created by our Ocean Leaders, dedicated students, and their families in partnership with the talented artist Dominic Dettore. The large wall of our parking lot now showcases a unique work of art that truly reflects the creativity and spirit of our students.

What makes it even more special is that our students can proudly declare, "I did that!" This remarkable mural, crafted with passion and enthusiasm, will grace our space for many years to come, serving as a cherished memory of collaboration, creativity, and achievement.



OUT-OF-SCHOOL MATH PILOT



This month, students in our Out-of-School Program were the first to tackle our newest math and science program called "Wonders of the Watersheds and Wetlands."

Together, we explored wetlands and watersheds using math, and we found out how math can be super useful in our everyday lives to make positive changes. It was so much fun learning and discovering new things together!

Save the Date

SPLASH!

OUR ANNUAL COCKTAIL FUNDRAISER!

May 18, 2024

Ocean Discovery Institute
4255 Thorn St. San Diego, CA 92105

Join us as we transition from our black-tie fundraisers of the past to *SPLASH!*, an unforgettable evening at the Living Lab!

With opportunities to give throughout the evening, this cocktail-style event will include drinks and appetizers, opportunities to mingle with other Ocean Discovery supporters, alumni, and volunteers, and, of course, chances to hear directly from our students about their experiences!



More details and a formal e-invitation will follow soon.