Ojai schools may get extra funding

Proposition 30 and other state grants, funds should provide some relief to OUSD's strained budget.

Misty Volaski

If predictions are correct, students in the Ojai Unified School District (OUSD) will get one more day added to their school year due to a budget surplus. The surplus will be the third district was able to "borrow" for the 2013-2014 school year, due to extra funding from the state and other sources.

The current school year, which started Tuesday, includes 176 instructional days, as well as one professional development day for teachers (no students). If the surplus and day is instituted, it would be placed on the record by the school board and be an instructional day for students. Further, district staff would then be free to look for, train new teachers, plan for non-teaching staff, seven and a half administrative, and hire for the superintendent.

"Cautionary optimistically a good term," OUSD supervisor Rob Mullane said. "But we're still talking about the addition of the third year of funds, if you will."
Novus student gets ACT score

Villanueva Prep School senior Eugenie Shuere, daughter of Lisa and Shuere Shuere, earned a composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. Nationally, while the ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, science, and reading and writing, only 1.8 million students take the test and the composite score of 36 varies from year to year, on average, less than one-tenth of 1% of students who take the ACT earn the top score.

Among test takers in Ventura County this year, only 1,162 of more than 1.8 million students earned a composite score of 36. ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, science, and reading and science, and a gauge of how well the student will do in college. The composite score is scaled on a scale of 1 to 36, and a student earns the average of the four test scores. Some students also take the optional Writing Test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

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Thursday, Aug. 30
COME PLAY WITH THE DOG. — Reserve your spot for the Off-Leash Kids classes beginning this week and enjoy great hours of fun for kids 7 to 14. (518-9083.)
Saturday, Aug. 31
BHAKTI-YOGA MASTERS CLASS — Sacred Space Studio, 414 A Bryant Circle, will host a kirtan with Girish, Jeff Beckman and friends Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets: $5 at the door; 640-6781. (A30)
Sunday, Sept. 1
MUSIC AT BARA CARRAS — Marjorie Nelson will perform live jazz music Sunday, Sept. 1, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Casa Barranca, 208 E. Ojai Ave., 640-1265.
Tuesday, Sept. 3
“CHIMAHUA CRAFTS AND GAMES” — The Ojai Historical Society, 1710 Montecito Highway, will have a “make a chipper, start a basket and learn other authentic Chumash arts” event Saturday, at 11 a.m. You must be at least 7 years old for the classes. Donations: $3 for adults, $2 for ages 4 to 18, kids 3 and younger are free admitted. Call 640-9080.
GRAND CHAIR WORKSHOP — Sacred Space Studio, 414 A Bryant Circle, will have a chair workshop on Saturday with artist Margot Samukit. The class will “introduce the tools” and techniques of chair making. Contact Theda Barishman, 6247 or jklosinski@dmaxwellstudio.com.
MUSIC AT AZU — Entertainment at the Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning will have free performances: Fridays 5-7 p.m. at 10340 Reeves Road, Ojai, will be “Sausage Party” by Saul and friends Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Call 640-4302, Ext. 1062.
DISCOVERY CLASSES — Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning will have free parent and toddler classes in both English and Spanish on “Discovery Art” Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday, through Oct. 3, led by Theodora Reyes, at the Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Call 640-4302, Ext. 1062.
TANTRUMS — “Tame Those Tantrums” — Group Discussion will meet Wednesday at 7-10 p.m. to discuss “Where Love is a Leaf Instead” by Ira Driver. The library is at 111 E. Ojai Ave. Everyone is invited to join the group. The only requirement for participation in the discussion is to have read the book and come willing to share your opinion and listen to others. Call 640-1439.
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LAND JR. — Ojai Youth Environment Studios, 1014 Main St., will host a discussion for “Plasma and Wonder,” beginning Sept. 6 for ages 8 and up. You can register now for full classes and a 3-though group that will begin Sept. 7. Call 640-930.
“JAMES & THE GIANT PECHE” — The Ojai Children’s Theater will present “James & the Giant Peach,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning play, 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 through Sept. 29, 4 p.m. performances on weekends. Matinees Sept. 7 through 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. at the library. Tickets: $10 general, $15 for students and Art Center members. Go to www.ojaiact.org or call 640-8797.
“KIM MAXWELL STUDIO OPENS” — The new Kim Maxwell Studios, 226 W. Ojai Ave., Suite 102, will host a party and open house with performances by the KMS Repair Officers Sept. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. Renowned Austin-based musical guest, Matt the Electrician, will perform Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. for more info. Visit www.kimmaxwellstudio.com.
“LEARNING MEDIA RETREAT” — Medi Wood, 13140 Reeves Road, Ojai, will be the site for the Third Meditation Retreat, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., hosted by Syn- drome, the Ojai Learning Media Center, and led by the local facilitator, Alex Krouss. For information and to register, contact 640-4302.
“SAVING THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR” — Ojai Valley Nature Center, 1100 Maricopa St., will host an “Eagle Vision” talk, 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. Donate $1 for a 10-minute free talk for youth 5 to 18, kids under 5 free. Tickets: $10, $20 for families. Call 640-9060.
AUTHOR AT LIBRARY — Paul Christensen, 113 S. Montgomery St., will present the “Pattison Prize-winning play,” “A Streetcar Named Desire,” Thursday, Sept. 6 through 29, at 8 p.m. performances, Thursday, Sept. 6 through 9 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. See this celebrated play in one price. Tickets: $10 general, $15 for students and Art Center members. Go to www.ojaiact.org or call 640-8797.
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First Baptist Church of Ojai 930 Grand Avenue 805-646-3333
A new year is upon us, and we’re excited to host a variety of events to celebrate the transition and look forward to the upcoming year. Our First Baptist Church of Ojai is a welcoming community where members come together to worship, grow, and serve one another.

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“Sacred Spaces and Haikus,” an exhibit of new works by Ojai artist Carlos Grasso, will be on display Sept. 6 through 21 at the Tool Room Gallery, 432 N. Ventura Ave. (inside Bell Arts Factory). A reception for the artist will be held Sept. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Grasso has studied music, graphic arts and painting in Buenos Aires, Paris and Los Angeles. His multi-faceted creative career began as a professional musician (flute) in Paris in the late ‘70s and ‘80s, eventually evolving into graphic design and fine arts. His painting apprenticeship started with still-life and portraiture in the classical realistic old master’s style. Later on, his artwork evolved toward pure abstraction, sometimes incorporating figurative elements within the abstraction, creating in these cases an interesting and new visual field of experience with the interplay of these two worlds.

Grasso is a member of the Los Angeles Art Association and the Ojai Studio Artists. His work has been featured in several magazines, represented by many galleries throughout the United States, and is part of private collections throughout the world.

Call 643-1960 for more information.

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Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, trash and recycling will be collected one day later than usual, on Tuesday, September 3, in the City of Ojai. Thank you and Happy Holiday.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church will have a free “Family Fun Day” Sunday September 8th from 12 to 3 pm on the church grounds, 409 Tropa Tropa Drive, the corner of Bristol and Ojai Avenue.

For children there will be a free Water Jolly Jump, snow cones, popcorn and a petting zoo. There will also be drawings for free door prizes throughout the day.

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I was in Target a while back and saw a little girl — her sister was about two years old — picking out things for her new backpack. She was carrying a shopping cart full of toys and books, and there were two plastic bags filled with candy and a whole assortment of little trinkets. Her cart was probably twice her height, and she was standing in the middle of the aisle, grasping the handles tightly while her sister scurried back and forth to add more items to the cart. The little girl looked so happy and excited, and it was clear that she was proud of her hard work.

As I watched her, I couldn’t help but think about how much our society values children who are confident and independent. We often see little girls like this as future leaders, and we want them to be strong and capable from a young age. However, I couldn’t help but wonder if we’re teaching them the wrong things.

We often tell little girls that they need to be sexy. We tell them that they need to look a certain way and dress a certain way to be noticed and appreciated. We tell them that they need to be perfect — that they need to have it all together. And we tell them that they need to be sexy. But what does it mean to be sexy? Is it about being attractive or intelligent? Is it about being strong or confident? Is it about being kind or caring? Or is it about being all of these things?

I don’t have all the answers, but I do know that we need to start teaching our children about what it means to be sexy in a more positive and healthy way. We need to start teaching them about the importance of self-worth and self-esteem. We need to start teaching them about the value of working hard and being successful. We need to start teaching them about the importance of loving and being loved.

It’s not enough to tell them that they need to be sexy. We need to show them how to be sexy. We need to give them examples of strong and confident women who have achieved great things. We need to give them examples of women who have been successful and happy without sacrificing their self-worth. We need to give them examples of women who have learned to love themselves and others.

I’m not suggesting that we shouldn’t teach our children about sex or relationships. We need to teach them about these things, but we need to do it in a way that is healthy and positive. We need to teach them about the importance of love and respect. We need to teach them about the importance of communication and empathy. We need to teach them about the importance of trusts and Honesty.

But we need to be careful. We need to make sure that we’re not teaching our children that they need to be sexy to be loved. We need to make sure that we’re not teaching our children that they need to be sexy to be successful. We need to make sure that we’re not teaching our children that they need to be sexy to be happy.

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Ranger gridders welcome Crescent Valley on Friday night to challenge for the season opener. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at 609 Shady Lane in Ojai.

Keys to the Game:

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As the Nordhoff Rangers welcome the Crescent Valley Raiders tonight, this is not the first time Crescent Valley and Crescent Valley have met. The games of the last three seasons have been close, but was there a...