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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Big Smiles All Around to Kick Off School Year

(Fullerton, CA) – The smiles and high energy was contagious as the 2023-24 school year kicked off for all schools in Fullerton School District. From the young transitional kindergarteners to veteran 8th graders, students were excited to see friends and start off the school year. All trepidation of new students and meeting new teachers was quickly forgotten as schools welcomed students with fun, upbeat signs, activities, and staff.

“It was a great first day at Acacia. Students were welcomed with a yard sign and a Photo Booth. Parents had an orientation meeting in the MPR, and students enjoyed a great day,” shared Rachel McCormick, Principal at Acacia School. Also contributing to the excitement and activities, Woodcrest School Principal, Christopher Wilkins, shared photos of students enjoying a bubble welcome and navigating lunch provided by FSD Nutrition Services. Not to be left out, even our junior high school students were greeted with fun activities.

Adding to the celebratory mood, Fullerton School District is pleased to be named the Parenting OC Reader’s Choice 2023 Best North Orange County School District. This honor is especially notable because it is awarded by the citizens in Orange County. “This achievement is in recognition to all staff in FSD who work tirelessly to innovate, inspire, and educate our students as well as engage our families. This is a great way to start off the 2023 school year,” shared Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent.

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,600 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 21 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, three middle schools, and a distance learning and home school model. The mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as

productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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