

Del Rey NC Education Committee Highlights (2017 - present)

- Del Rey is home to several schools and other organizations that provide educational enrichment and programs
 - LAUSD 'traditional' : Braddock Drive Elem, Short Ave Elem, Stoner Elem, Playa del Rey Elem, Marina del Rey Middle
 - LAUSD charters: Animo, Goethe, ICEF, Ocean Charter
 - Private: Westside Neighborhood Schools
 - Continuation: Central HS (in Mar Vista Gardens)
 - Non-profit organizations (education-oriented supporting many low-income students/families) -- Mar Vista Family Center (MVFC); Venice Arts; Boys & Girls Club at Mar Vista Gardens (part of Santa Monica B&G C)
- [Support Marina Del Rey Middle School as a Community School](#)
 - Provided funding to Ukulele club -- benefits both students and retiree volunteers who teach/work with the students under teacher supervision
 - Support creation of a community garden
- DRNC has regularly supported (with funding & outreach to promote)
 - Annual Literacy/Book Fair at MVFC
 - Activities/camps at MVG Boys & Girls club
- Work with West LA College to bring English-as-Second-Language (ESL) classes at Mar Vista Gardens (photo below is of MVG ESL students taking a field trip to WLAC in Fall 2018)



- FY 2019-2020: provided \$10,000 in Education NPGs to Del Rey schools
 - Projects: aquaponics, community/learning gardens; art banners; robotics program; projector for community movie nights (to help with school fundraising - now on pause because of COVID closures)
- Initiated and organized for past 3 years the Del Rey Spelling Bee
 - Bring together 4th and 5th graders from Del Rey schools at annual Del Rey Day
 - Kids/teachers/parents love it!
 - LAUSD's Nick Melvoin and City Councilmember Mike Bonin served as emcee and judge every year (we've also had other 'celebrity' judges)
 - Photo below is from 2019 Del Rey Spelling Bee



- Current focus: Education Support & Enrichment Information
 - GOAL: help students, families, teachers especially during school closures, with special focus on students/families with limited means
 - Particulars:
 - Gathering/organizing information about existing organizations that provide free or low-cost tutoring + other education enrichment programs: [draft grid](#), sample (draft) [info sheet](#)
 - Provide this information to schools, families
 - Connect potential volunteers with these programs