

EDUCATION

CLASSES, TUTORING, RESOURCES

NEW TIDE ACADEMY OPENS

TIDE Academy, a new magnet high school in Menlo Park, opened for the first day of classes in August 2019. The new campus, which includes a 45,000-square-foot, three-story building located on a 2-acre site at 150 Jefferson Drive, is beginning with a freshman class of 106, chosen by lottery. It will eventually grow to 400 students once grades nine through 12 are in place. The school's name is an acronym for technology, innovation, design and engineering — a

nod to its mission of preparing students for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) careers. The name also derives from the school's proximity to the Bay. TIDE's curriculum includes classes in engineering, computer science, and design, with a focus on project-based learning, according to the school's website. The district proposed the magnet school as part of a \$265 million bond measure in June 2014.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

tideacademy.org.



ASSISTANCE

TUTORING HELP

Belle Haven Branch Library has launched a new tutoring program after receiving a \$95,000 grant from the California State Library in April to run a homework center, which will be aimed at supporting all students, but especially second- through fifth-graders who attend **Belle Haven Elementary School**. The program aims to serve up to 100 students a day, in 20- to 30-minute sessions offered for two and a half hours a day, four days a week. In addition to the program itself, the grant will fund a homework center coordinator who will recruit, train and supervise a group of volunteer tutors. With the new grant, the library also will be able to purchase a one-year subscription to Tutor.com, which will permit every library cardholder in the city to access live, interactive tutoring on demand from 1 to 10 p.m. seven days a week. **More information:** bit.ly/BelleHavenBranchLibrary.



VOLUNTEERING

TUTORING

All Students Matter teaches literacy and social/emotional skills to about 2,000 students in the Ravenswood City School District each week throughout the school year.

More information: allstudentsmatter.org/volunteer-program.html.

MENTORING

Curious, a nonprofit started by a Menlo-Atherton High School student, is seeking high schoolers to volunteer as mentors in its afterschool programs. The group aims to foster interest in STEM among underserved elementary school

kids. **More information:** curious.org/volunteer.



IN THE CLASSROOM

STUDENT BROADCASTERS

Students at Menlo Park's **Hillview Middle School** have gained national recognition for work produced in their classroom every morning: About 23 seventh- and eighth-graders enrolled in the school's advanced video broadcast program, which produces the morning announcement show, "HawkTalk," and a biweekly news entertainment broadcast, "HVTV," took home an honorable mention from Student Television Network (STN) Challenge competition in December 2018. This is the second time students have been recognized. The school's new broadcast studio opened in 2012 as part of the Hillview campus renovation funded by Measure U, a \$91.1 million bond measure that passed in 2006. Students produce everything that's aired on "HVTV" and "HawkTalk" exclusively. **More information:** HillviewTV.com.



WHAT'S NEW: EARLY LEARNING CENTER EXPANDS

The Early Learning Center at Menlo Park City School District launched the 2019-20 school year with more classrooms. The center opened at Laurel School Lower Campus in Atherton in 2018 with two classrooms, serving children 3 to 5 years old with full- and part-day options. To accommodate more students, the school recently opened a third classroom at Laurel and a brand new classroom at Oak Knoll Elementary School in Menlo Park. Each classroom is attended by 22 children and staffed by a lead teacher, assistant teacher and aide.

More information: district.mpcsd.org.

Top: makerspace inside TIDE Academy (Sequoia Union High School District); Middle: Belle Haven Library (Michelle Le); All Students Matter (Veronica Weber); Bottom: Early Learning Center's Oak Knoll School site classroom (Magali Gauthier/The Almanac)