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## Celebrating Artistry in Teaching • Day of the Teacher is May 9

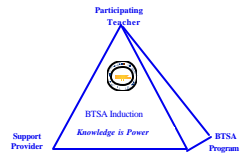
The 25th Anniversary of Day of the Teacher that honors teachers in California will be observed on Wednesday, May 9. This year's Day of the Teacher theme, "Celebrating the Artistry of Teaching," couldn't be more appropriate and relevant to the teaching profession. The poster, by Rafael Lopez, who also created the artwork for CTA's Read Across America this year, beautifully illustrates the message that good teaching is indeed an art. We want to encourage, ignite and inspire students to work to the best of their abilities and to succeed.



**Saturday, April 21 Gabriela Contreras and Kathryn Encinas (MHS) presented at the 13th annual Adelante Mujer Latina Conference. The purpose of Adelante Mujer is to help Latinas ages 12-21 explore a range of college and career opportunities.**

## BTSA Induction Teachers Will Be Honored

The MUSD BTSA Induction Program Annual Colloquium will be on May 30 from 3:30 – 5:30 at the Rosewood Park Multi-Purpose Room in the City of Commerce. Year Two Participating Teachers will be recognized for completing the program along with our Year Two Mentors who have completed Mentor Training. Congratulations to those being recognized and "thank you" to all of our participants in the program for their dedication to education and commitment to the students of MUSD.



## Teacher John Slevin Spearheads Peace Message at Bell Gardens High

Hoping to send a message that they support world peace, a group of more than 30 students at Bell Gardens High School, lead by their teacher John Slevin, recently spent several of their lunch breaks making paper cranes that were this week sent to the Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan.

There is a Japanese legend that says that if you make 1,000 paper cranes, the Gods grant your wishes.

This is the second time in 15 years that the instructor, along with student volunteers, has completed the 1,000 cranes and mailed them to Japan. "It has taken us five to six weeks to make the paper cranes... each crane takes about 5 minutes to make and we have a little over one thousand," said Slevin.

With this project, the students "have realized the different ways they can ask for world peace," commented Slevin.



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