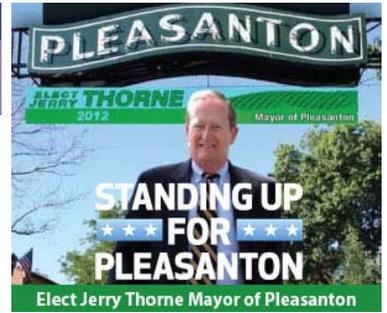


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Stratford School opens 17th campus in Pleasanton

Private school, founded in Danville, now serves preschool, elementary students throughout Bay Area

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Stratford School, an independent private school serving children from preschool through the 5th grade, showed off its new 17th campus in Hacienda Business Park Tuesday to more than 100 parents, educators and business leaders.

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The school, located at 4576 Willow Road, was founded in 1999 when Sherry Adams opened the first Stratford School in Danville. Since then, Stratford School has expanded in communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, including Danville, Fremont, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale, and now Pleasanton.

Stratford has been voted the best preschool, elementary, and middle school by readers of Bay Area Parent. Stratford School is WASC accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Although Tuesday was a special reception for the Pleasanton community, classes at Stratford actually began Aug. 27.

The school's mission, Sherry Adams told the gathering, is to create a school community that inspires children to realize their full potential, while providing a safe and nurturing school environment.

"To support this mission, Stratford brings together principals, teachers and parents who are passionate about education," she said. "Together, we provide the best possible learning environment for our students."

The Pleasanton campus formerly was the home of Carden West School, once a national private elementary school that encountered financial difficulties, forcing it to close its local school.

The management team of Stratford School's Pleasanton campus includes Matt Wulfstat, president; Jessie Channey, preschool principal; Sanny Figueroa, elementary school principal, the school's founder Sherry Adams.

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