

April 27, 2023

Golden Spotlight:

Maintenance and Operations is the team that never stops. They're handed challenges on the regular and deal with countless, and sometimes endless, requests. They are the frontline team that touches our sites more than any other group.

To be honest – their service routinely goes above and beyond their regular duties. They take care of anything and everything that is put in front of them. Grounds, service requests, and a number of other tasks which impact the culture and climate of our school sites as well as the District Office in a positive way.

The fantastic M & O team led by Mr. Ernesto Mora, are hard-working individuals with a tall order to fulfill on a daily basis but do their work with a smile on their faces. Without them, we'd simply not make it. They are ever so necessary part of each and every day and make everything run like a well-oiled machine.

Yet through it all, you remain steadfast. You have lived up to our district's core values.

Our current Maintenance and Operation Dynamic Team, please stand if you are here:

District Office, Ken Taff, Custodian, Maria Romano, Secretary

At Vasquez High School, Edward Romano, Jordan Schmid, Christina Bauknecht

At High Desert, Juan Hernandez, Maria Gonzales

At Meadowlark, Marcy Baez

Before we begin with my report, I'd like to share Community announcements...5 in total (**flyers**)

- The Agua Dulce Women's Club presents Kids Movie Night showing Paws of fury... (sounds like the last dog I owned) Meal is included, it is a free

event, on May 13th, doors open at 3:30 ...for all local Elementary school aged children.

RSVP at 661-406-5986 by May 8th

- The Angeles National Forest Field Rangers Program is now hiring for this summer for young adults between the ages of 18-25, applications due May 7th, please see the url on your screen on how to apply.
- ASMO's 5th and 6th grade Spring Concert and Talent Show will be held on May 17th at 6 pm at High Desert. Admission is Free. Always a lovely event.
- ASMO will also be holding a Spring concert on May 24th at Vasquez HS for our Pre-K, TK, and Kinder-4th grade students. Admission is free. We are looking forward to an eventful month of May.

Tonight I will be covering three strategic initiatives from our existing strategic plan: Student Achievement, Community Engagement, and Utilization of Fiscal Capital.

Student Achievement:

- CAASPP testing starts up next week.

Each year, students in grades three through eight and high school participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP).

This year, your child will take the following tests:

for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades three through eight and 11th grade AND
the California Science Test (CAST) in grades five and eight

To help your child get ready for the test you can:

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before testing.

- On Friday, April 21st I had the honor of attending the 29th Annual C-CAP Los Angeles scholarship Awards breakfast (careers through culinary arts program), along with our awesome Vasquez High School Culinary Arts teacher Ms. Kristina Waggoner.

It was a great opportunity to not only see the awards/ scholarships the CCAP competitors receive, but to also hear more information about what a wonderful program C-CAP really is.

Our graduating senior and culinary arts student, Ms. Haley Rudd competed against 17 different high schools with a total of 32 competitors.

At the awards ceremony Haley was a recipient of a \$5,500 scholarship. She was not aware of being named a scholarship recipient, but graciously accepted the award. We are thrilled for her.

Job well done, Haley.

Community Engagement:

- On March 25th I attended the Harmonic Bronze Spring Concert- with the theme of "What Music Means to Me".

Wonderful performances once again by the Monday, Tuesday, and Friday groups, along with the Adult Group. Thank you Mr. Rowland for your leadership, passion, and dedication.

- A quick update to our Strategic Planning process. We kicked off our Strategic Plan Development Team Sessions on March 20th and March 21st. We concluded our Strategic Plan Development Team sessions on April 6th with a 6-hour session.

Thank you to our educational partners for signing up to be on the development team.

We would like to especially thank our student participants for a job well done!

The Writing Team is now tasked with taking the main themes from our sessions and updating the existing strategic goals and how we define the goals, this will include actionable items in order to achieve the goals along with measurable outcomes.

We look forward to presenting the final draft to our Strategic Planning Development Team as well as to our Trustees very soon.

Last but not least Utilization of Fiscal Capital

- Yesterday we received our AB 1200 letter from the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1200 the Los Angeles County Supt. Of Schools has reviewed our District's proposed collective bargaining agreement with AATA and certificated mgmt. The agreement provides for a 9% on-schedule salary increase retroactive to July 1st of 2022 and a one-time 3% off-schedule payment and an increase of \$1,000 per employee to the contribution of health and welfare benefits. With these costs of the agreements incorporated, LACOE concurs that the district will meet the required reserves during the term of the agreement.

COVID Report:

As of 04/04/23, Los Angeles County is in the "low" category for CDC COVID-19 Community Levels.

LACDPH is no longer giving daily counts for covid infections in the area. Some information given maybe a week old.

Between our last report on 3/23 until 4/21 the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have seen 10 new cases of Covid-19.

In our AADUSD school community, there have been 5 positive cases reported since 3/23/2023, and exposure notifications have been sent for those affected.

We want to remind parents to test their students if they have any symptoms and keep them home for fever, vomiting, or unusual new cough.

CHPH wants us to remember to keep up with all immunizations that are due.

If you are a Medi-Cal recipient, they want to remind you to check your account to make sure your contact information is correct. Many people will lose their coverage in the next few months. Flyers with website information are available at all school sites and the district offices.

