

**December 15, 2022**

**Golden Spotlight:**

We will resume the Golden Spotlight recognitions in January

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Tonight I will cover two strategic initiatives from our existing strategic plan: Student Achievement and Community Engagement.

**Student Achievement**

- PLTW:

Thrilled to see support of our Project lead the Way official ribbon cutting ceremony. Thank you to our school board for their on-going support of student achievement.

Our dynamic science teachers went through rigorous professional development which provided training, resources, and support to engage students in real-world learning. Project Lead the Way provides pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science while engaging students in hands-on activities and projects.

I'd like to Congratulate to the Vasquez community of students, staff, and parents. Thank you especially to our Vasquez Science department, Principal Dr. Chamberlain, Assistant Supt's Ms. Kim Shaw and Ahsan Mirza for leading the charge.

**Community Engagement**

- The "Superintendent's Message" link located on our district's website has a new addition. For the sake of heightened communication, all of my reports (as shared at each board meeting) have been uploaded to the page, by date.
- Over 100 toys donated by our schools for the purpose of providing gifts to foster students and students in need through the Fostering Unity group. The event was held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- ASMO Winter concert

Having attended the standing room only ASMO winter concerts, congratulations are in order for our students, staff, parents, and of course our long standing partnership with ASMO. Thank you for bringing the community together. A wonderful time was had by all.

Please enjoy a short video snippet of Mrs. Wollman's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class singing "celebrate".

As we head into the Winter Break over the next few weeks, I want to wish our families and our community a happy holiday season. I hope you enjoy this break and spend time with family and loved ones.

Thank you, this concludes my report.

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### **COVID Report:**

- In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have been 72 new cases of Covid-19 since our last report and 58 cases in the past two weeks.
- In our AADUSD school community, 17 positive cases have been reported since 11/10/2022, and exposure notifications have been sent for those exposures.
- We sent out a holiday wellness letter to remind parents to test their students prior to returning to school, especially if they have symptoms.
- Home test kits are available at all school sites, at your local pharmacy using your Medical/Medicare card, or check with your insurance plan for up to 8 free (or reimbursed) at-home tests a month.
- We ask that all families document their results on the Primary Health Platform.

- LA Dept. of Public health wants to remind you while we are in high transmission to stay home if you are experiencing symptoms, test before going to events, and masks are strongly recommended when attending large parties or events
- Please contact your provider, local pharmacy, or the LA county website if you want to get your Covid-19 vaccine.
- We are in Flu season and RSV is on the rise in LA County. We recommend getting your flu shot and Covid-19 vaccine now to ensure we keep our students safe from the adverse effects of the Flu and Covid-19.
- The Covid-19 baby booster is now available for children 6 months – 5 years after they receive their first series of shots.
- The sooner you contact your physician when you are sick, the more treatment options are available to you for the Flu and Covid-19.

Thank you to our District Nurse, Ms. Cari Wright for your insight and knowledge in in keeping our community informed.

Thank you, this concludes the COVID report.

