

Golden Spotlight:

Since the new year, Ms. Cari Wright and Christy Tew have administered over 1,224 PCR tests, gave out 593 individual home tests and identified 51 positive COVID cases with the rapid tests.

The stats that I just provided only skim the surface of the diligent work displayed on a daily basis by Cari and Christy. With the ever changing health and wellness parameters placed on school districts, the dynamic duo never shied away from the challenges and maintain a laser like focus in ensuring our students and staff remain healthy. Their consistent and detailed messaging and education of the health and wellness parameters are genuinely appreciated.

It is the warmth of your care beyond existing conditions that ensures parents that their kids are safe. Without further ado, Ms. Cari Wright and Ms. Christy Tew.

Superintendent report for February 24, 2022:

This evening I will be covering the following strategic initiative: Effective Instruction and Leadership.

Effective Instruction and Leadership:

ML NEW PRINCIPAL-

Thank you to our Meadowlark school site staff, teachers, parents, and students for your input with the Meadowlark Principal Stakeholder Input Survey. The survey responses helped us build the profile and characteristics to support the recruitment of the ideal candidate for Meadowlark.

Per the survey results, the top five leadership qualities that the principal of

We took the top themes addressed in the survey responses which included:

- Involvement with all school functions
- Increased communication
- "Open door" policy"
- Prior administrative/ leadership experience
- Consensus builder

- Trustworthy and compassionate
- Transformative
- Sets high standards for self and others

I am truly confident that we have identified the ideal candidate in Ms. Nicole Moynihan. At this time, I would like to introduce Ms. Moynihan. Pending board approval this evening, Nicole will bring over 4 years of administrative experience, particularly in the areas of student services and special education.

Nicole has taught special education for 10 years. Her first teaching experience was at Agua Dulce Elementary School and she is very excited to be back in the district. She has also taught general education math intervention, GATE Academy, and started a coding club. After teaching she became a special education program specialist and then the director of student support services.

We are confident that Nicole will continue to build on the excellent foundation that is Meadowlark Elementary.

Also, I'd like to publicly thank Ms. Nicole Chun, Teacher in Charge at Meadowlark. Nicole working together with teachers to support learning opportunities for our students for the past 6 weeks. Thank you, Nicole.

- **Makerspace initiative-**

This evening we will be presented with a proposal the design and construction of a makerspace classroom intended for Meadowlark Elementary.

You might have heard of a makerspace. It's a buzzword that's been floating around for years now. But what, exactly, is it? A makerspace is a room that contains tools and other components, allowing students to enter with an idea and leave with a complete project. The best part is that makerspaces are communal. The goal is to work together to learn, collaborate, and share. Most importantly, makerspaces allow our students to explore, create new things, or improve things that already exist.

Makerspace as simply a space designed and dedicated to hands-on creativity. In a makerspace, you're actually going to create some kind of product. Now it could be a digital product. It could be a physical product.

Materials found in a makerspace might look different throughout the school year, depending on the type of learning that's happening at the time. Sometimes it might include things like cardboard and tape, and other times it might consist of items like laptops, microphones, and green screens. A makerspace can take the form of a mobile cart that can be shared between classrooms, a set of stations that students rotate between, or a variety of materials and equipment that live in various parts of the classroom, accessible to students when the need arises.

We are exciting about the possible opportunity to bring this type of hands on creativity to Meadowlark. We look forward to tonight's presentation.

This concludes my report for the evening, thank you.

COVID Report:

I'd like to start off by thanking Cari Wright, our district nurse for being our guest speaker at our last Tuesday Talk with the Superintendent. Our topic of discussion along with a Q &A session revolved around health and safety protocols and updates from LA County DPH. We covered areas such as the recent lift of the masking mandate, outdoors. Quarantining guidelines, as well as a robust discussion around masking indoors. We did all agree upon the idea that the tolerance level of wearing masks for both adults and children is wearing thin. However, we did need to reiterate the fact that the indoor masking mandate has not been lifted along with the delivery of instruction still remains in-person or long term independent study as outlined in Assembly Bill 130.

Thank you to our parents and community members who participated last Tuesday.

Tonight, I'd like to share district specific stats at this time, covering the past six weeks:

Our district's test positivity rate on January 7th was 28%

The test positivity rate on February 4th was 20%.

As of last week, the week of February 14th was at 4%

We sincerely hope these numbers will keep decreasing as we move forward.

Following the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) orders, Acton-Agua Dulce USD lifted the outdoor masking requirement for students and staff on February 16th. On February 16th it was the seventh consecutive day the number of COVID-19 positive patients (hospitalizations) in L.A. county remained below 2,500, which was the benchmark metric set by LACDPH to lift the outdoor masking mandate.

As shared, indoor masking at TK-12 schools is still a State of California and LACDPH requirement. The indoor masking rule will remain in place for Los Angeles County until the county's virus transmission rate falls to the "moderate" level, as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and stays there for two weeks. Per the LACDPH, the county's rate is declining and, at its current pace, the "moderate" level metrics could possibly be met by the end of March. The California Dept. of Public Health officials will be meeting with county departments of public health on February 28th to review the metrics.

Thank you, this concludes the COVID report.

