

March 23, 2023

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

Student Achievement:

In our continued efforts to enhance our arts education and to honor the approved the L.A. Arts Collective Plan, our interim Arts TOSA, Ms. Kari Owens in collaboration with High Desert and our wonderful community members all contributed to a very successful Arts Day at High Desert last week.

Our students were exposed to multiple sessions covering a wide variety of Visual and performing arts, which also included culinary arts.

Per Ms. Owens email:

It was a great success which took many behind the scenes people to make it successful. This included:

Transportation to get the students from VHS to High Desert and back.

Setting up vendors and invoices for materials

Getting substitute teachers for our teacher presenters

Tech crew for any technology needs

Maintenance/Housekeeping to open gates, and set up a ton of tables and chairs.

Cafeteria to double up lunch and serve twice as many students in the same amount of time.

And of course High Desert Staff.

Job well done all!

Community Engagement:

(Pictures) We kicked off our Strategic Plan Development Team sessions on March 20th and March 21st. The 2, 5-hour sessions covered areas were:

The team was comprised of a total of 35 participants- parents, students, community members, and staff. From these sessions, we will synthesize feedback and narrow

down the key elements needed to update our existing strategic plan and goals. Thank you to our educational partners for signing up and volunteering their time to be on the development team.

I'd like to especially thank our student participants for a job well done. You were thoughtful, articulate, and engaged.

Our third and final session is scheduled for April 6th.

As part of community engagement, I'd like to announce that the Acton Women's Club is now accepting applications for their Annual Academic Scholarship Awards. Deadline for submission is April 19th.

Applications are geared to our graduating seniors. For more information, please see the contact information on the screen. Applications can also be obtained online or from the Acton Agua Dulce Library as well as the Acton Women's Club Resale Shop and Perkin Up.

Lastly, our continued efforts for branding and marketing our district- come also in the form of customer care and efficiency. With that said, we have partnered with Schoolmint to establish an easy access for current and prospective parents to access information about our district which would also include the ability to enroll and register online.

One item we are most excited about is the enrollment/registration feature. Folks would be redirected to our Aeries online porta. Parents would be able to access electronic registration forms specific to our schools.

Tonight we have Ms. Charli Dewitt from Schoomint to share an overview and with us.

<https://schoolmint.responsivewebsitebuilder.io/preview/ce307cac>

COVID Report:

- As of 02/22/23, Los Angeles County is in the “low” category for CDC COVID-19 Community Levels.
- In the Low category, masking is strongly recommended in indoor public places if you are at risk for severe illness
- In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have been 4 new cases of Covid-19 since our last report on March 9th.
- In our AADUSD school community there have been 2 positive cases reported since 3/9/2023, and exposure notifications have been sent for those affected.
- California State changed the guidelines listed in the T1 & T2 appendixes which are posted at each school and the district offices. Students and Teachers are subject to different rules so if you are in Isolation or receive a close contact letter please read it carefully.
- We want to encourage parents to test their students for Covid if they have any symptoms and keep them home for fever above 1000, vomiting, or unusual new cough. Once they are symptom-free for 24 hours they may return.
- Home test kits are available at all school sites, at your local pharmacy using your Medical/Medicare card, or check with your insurance.
- Our Test kit funding expires in June. We will continue to hand out test kits after June if we have the supply to do so.

