

Golden Spotlight:

Our Vasquez High School Athletics have done it again! We are recognizing our dynamic Vasquez Girls Soccer and Softball teams as league champions this evening. To do the honors we have from Assemblyman Lackey's office- Mr. Carlo Basail and from Supervisor Kathleen Barger's office- Mr. Charles Bostwick, and our Athletic Director Sheldon Sparks.

In addition, the Heritage League informed Mr. Sheldon Sparks just last week that he is the Heritage League Coach of the Year again this year for Baseball (2 years in a row), Mrs. Nicole Salsedo is also the Heritage League Coach of the Year again this year for softball (2 years in a row) and Ms. Karen DeHammer is the Heritage League Coach of the Year for her work with the Men's Volleyball Team! This is an incredible recognition for the coaches and to have 3 coaches win for spring sports is an honor! Congratulations to all three!

Community Minded Announcements:

- Acton Women's Club will be awarding (4) VHS Seniors with the AWC Scholarship on May 18th
- Acton Friends of the Library will be holding their annual book sale on May 14th and 15th at the Acton Library
- Acton Agua Dulce Arts Council - Young Peoples Art Show is back on June 6th at Acton Library in the Community Room application deadline is May 13th - Applications are available on their website and at the Acton Library
- Agua Dulce Women's Club will be offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors apply complete the application packet by May 29th - applications available on their website

Thank you to our community organizations for your information and support.

Superintendent report for May 12, 2022:

This evening I will be covering the following strategic initiatives: Student Achievement, Effective Instruction and Leadership, Community Engagement, and Utilization of Fiscal Capital.

Student Achievement:

- This past summer, VHS student Marina Costan was chosen to serve on FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Youth Preparedness Council, Region 9-along with 14 other students from California and Guam. The group met via Zoom for several months and completed their project - with a limited scope due to COVID restrictions. The group received their recognition recently for serving on the council; Marina was the only one from the Antelope Valley. Marina hopes to continue her efforts by contacting elected officials and the local town councils in order to get the word out to young and old about disaster preparedness-hoping to make the updated pamphlets a reality and maybe offer an in-person town hall to discuss ways of communicating in case of a disaster. This is the first time a student in the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District (AADUSD) has participated in the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council since it began in 2012.

Effective Instruction and Leadership:

Thank you to Ms. Shaw and the TOSA team for their robust MTSS academic supports throughout this challenging year. You will see up on the screen all of the incredible academic interventions put forth by Mrs. Shaw and her TOSA team. Thank you for the incredible work.

MTSS (Multiple Tiered Systems of Support) Targeted Interventions and Additional Supports Initiated by MTSS Team (Assistant Superintendent, Counseling, TOSAs- Teachers On Special Assignment, and Site Administrators)

-District wide Universal Screener to identify areas for growth in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math

-District wide Self Screener for CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) Core Competencies

***-SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) lessons embedded into weekly classroom instruction

***-SOAR literacy intervention at the elementary school

-Screening Data: grk, gr1, gr2, gr3, gr4

***-Math intervention and support at the middle school

-Due to staffing this has been adjusted, however instructional continuity will be maintained by continuing having math classes taught by the TOSA

***-Designated ELD (English Language Development) classes at all three sites

***-This year the team, EL TOSA and Bilingual aides, worked diligently to ensure that all EL students are tested- ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California) before spring break.

- EL (English Language) Team also working to complete the Redesignation process and monitor students' progress

- After School Tutoring at Vasquez High School

- Fully teacher supported independent study

- Information and Professional Development for Tier 1 supports in general education classrooms

- UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Support Platforms including Text Help and Immersive Reader.

- During the week of May 1st through May 7th ...also known as National Teacher Appreciation week, our School Board and District Office staff, sent our heartfelt regards and thankful wishes to all of our teachers for educating and guiding all of our students. We appreciate your dedication and hard work during a challenging school year. Thank you for all that you do.

In the spirit of teacher appreciation, we are presenting a wonderful plaque to our trustees and community which showcases our Teacher of the Year recipients starting from 1984 through present. We are looking to have this plaque remain here at the board room for our community to enjoy and recognize. We appreciate past and present Teacher of the Year recipients. The Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year is an honors competition to

spotlight teaching excellence and exemplary professionalism in public education.

The competition is the largest of its kind in the state and is part of the oldest and most prestigious honors contest in the U.S. for public school teachers. We are honored to showcase our Teacher of the year recipients formally. Congratulations.

Community Engagement:

- Our newly formed Shadow Day Collaborative works in unison with all three schools to provide opportunities for current and prospective parents and students to experience AADUSD programs.

During a Shadow Day experience, students and parents engage in activities, meet other students, and get to know staff.

On Thursday, May 5th we held our second Shadow day event where our 4th grade Meadowlark students and parents were invited to a High Desert Volleyball game as part of an immersion activity along with an orientation by Principal Van Ornum on the many exciting programs at High Desert.

We are excited to be providing opportunities to build and enhance relationships across our wonderful schools.

- IT, thank you for our new online enrollment feature located on ...what it entails, what it means for current and prospective families, new signature program, etc.

Thankful for the collaborative efforts by my office, Yolanda McCauley, our IT team- Alex Herdocia and Cesar Ortiz for our website enhancement which includes new banners/landing pages to include a “New AADUSD Signature Programs” and “Online Enrollment” page.

Since the revamping of the website, the new landing pages, as well as the new AADUSD “Take the Next Step” billboard, traffic to our homepage in particular to the “Online Enrollment” page has grown exponentially. We will continue to track efforts to identify and enhance marketing efforts.

We are happy to report, since our concerted marketing efforts by a reimaged district website, billboard marketing, a new landing page for online enrollment and a new signature programs page we have seen 25 new students to the district from late March to early May.

UTILIZATION OF FISCAL CAPITAL

On April 11th, the California Department of Education (CDE) today released K–12 public school enrollment data for the 2021–22 academic year.

The annual snapshot of fall enrollment shows a fifth year of decline as the state emerges from two challenging years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The release provides yet another data point in the continuing analysis of California’s overall demographic shifts.

California enrollment declines are consistent with national data trends that show enrollment is dropping across the country. These declines began prior to the pandemic and are projected to continue into the future in California. Large urban districts in California account for close to a third of the drop in the current year.

Statewide Enrollment is down from 6,002,523 in 2020–21 to 5,892,240 in 2021–22, a decrease of more than 110,000 students and 1.8 percent from the prior year. This follows a steady decline in public school enrollment statewide since 2014–15.

With all that said, tonight we have a special presentation from Davis Demographics with our district’s formal report on our short and long-term enrollment projections.

This concludes my report for the evening, thank you.

COVID Report:

Covid-19 cases across LA County continue to rise. In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas, there have been 9 new cases this past week. In our school community, we had one exposure incident last week. Our District Health team conducted 49 PCR tests last week and none of those tests were positive. We are in the process of transitioning from Color PCR tests to Heluna Health Rapid Antigen testing. We expect this transition to be fully up and running in approximately two weeks. Our last Enhanced Health clinic of the year will be next Tuesday from 2-5 pm at the District Offices. They will be offering many vaccines, health screenings and helping people sign up for any social safety net programs they may need. Our next health clinic will be arranged for the beginning of the next school year.

Thank you, this concludes the COVID report.