

November 10, 2022

Golden Spotlight:

Tonight, we have a very special recognition as our Golden Spotlight. Ms. Kelly Jensen is our special Golden Spotlight honoree for this evening.

On behalf of the district staff and I, we thank you Mrs. Jensen. We'd like to acknowledge the tremendous and almost impossible job you've held and thank you for leading us through these difficult times. You devoted enormous amounts of time, energy and care to arrive at the best possible outcomes for the district.

Thank you for always doing what you believed was best.

Thank you for serving with grace, dignity, and integrity.

Thank you to the Jensen family as we unabashedly monopolized her time as a board member.

We would also like to thank Ms. Kristina Waggoner and the culinary art students for the refreshments this evening. It is there way of thanking Mrs. Jensen for her unwavering support of the culinary arts program.

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

Student Achievement

- Tonight, Ms. Kim Shaw Ed Services will be providing an overview of our districts CAASPP data for the 21-22 school year. Most educators/districts anticipated that CAASPP tests taken immediately following the pandemic learning disruption would show unfavorable results. As we know, tests are only one measure, at one point in time of student achievement. Although important, we also focus on social-emotional and mental health supports for our students. The pandemic eventually allowed for the return of in-person instruction, some students continued in distance-learning environments during the 2021-22 school year through independent study programs.

Moving forward we are committed to linking to specific Goals/Actions in our LCAP as well as facilitating initiatives and funding for improved learning outcomes through opportunities such as Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant, and the development of our Arts, Music program, just to name a few.

- Yesterday morning at Vasquez HS we had a wonderful turnout for the National Letter of Intent signing day for Myra Schneider. She accepted a scholarship to play soccer at the University of Oregon! She was surrounded by her fellow peers, VHS teachers and staff, and of course by her supportive family, the Schneiders. Myra, you have a wonderful and exciting future ahead of you. You have no doubt made your family proud, but most importantly you must be proud of your amazing accomplishment.

Community Engagement

-On November 2nd, as part of our Strategic plan review and outreach, we began our Listening Sessions. We visited schools as well as parent groups such as DELAC. Thank you to the ML PTO, HDS Booster, and Vasquez PTSO for providing us time on the agenda to share this information and gather community input.

These listening sessions are designed to get thoughts on five critical questions - which by the way you can also address in our online survey.

A staff listening session is being scheduled for this coming week.

Some Key Discussion Questions asked at our listening sessions are:

1. What do you see as the strengths of our schools?
2. What improvements would you like to see?
3. What changes in our community over the next three to ten years do you see as important for the AADUSD to address?
4. Upon graduation from high school, what do you hope our students will know and be able to do?

The responses to this question will help support the development of a graduate profile for our district.

- Yesterday, district and site administrators had the distinct honor to attend the annual Acton Women's' Club luncheon.
Thank you to the Acton Women's' Club Board of Directors and President, Karen McNeil and past president Victoria Taylor for the invitation. The Acton Agua Dulce Unified School District is humbled and honored to have your support.
We are always so grateful for your tireless work in support of our students as they place a special emphasis on providing support and scholarships and generous donations for our three wonderful schools. Thank you.
- On November 4th, I received a very gracious and thoughtful email from our Vasquez Varsity Boys basketball team captain to attend the basketball fundraiser held yesterday at La Cabana. The team is trying to assist in building school spirit and continue to unify the schools within our district. They will have their first home basketball game on November 15th at what's called the "WHITE OUT" Game. For clarification, please wear White and sit on the Mustang Territory side. The team will appreciate the support.

COVID Report:

- In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have been 21 new cases of Covid-19 since our last report.
- In our AADUSD school community we have had 9 reported positive cases since 10/13/2022 and exposure notifications have been sent for those exposures.
- We have reported 1 classroom outbreak at High Desert School. All students in the classroom were notified of their exposure(s).
- Home test kits are available at all 3 school sites and the District Offices.
- Please contact your provider, local pharmacy or the LA county website if you want to get your Covid-19 vaccine.

· We are now entering Flu season would recommend getting your flu shot and Covid-19 vaccine now to make sure we keep our students safe from adverse effects of the Flu and Covid-19.

On behalf of the district, we wish everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving break.

Thank you.