

Golden Spotlight:

As we continue with our district recognitions this evening we are looking to celebrate Meadowlark Elementary. Tonight we are recognizing staff members and a student from Meadowlark.

I would like to highlight **Gabby Scheidig** as a certificated golden spotlight award honoree. Ms Scheidig provides all of her students with a safe and and engaging environment. Her classroom community encourages all members to always do their best. When in her classroom you will see her students engaged in real life problem solving through meaningful collaboration.

Crystal Harter is the classified golden spotlight honoree. Crystal works with intervention students making sure that learn the foundations of reading. She has helped emerging readers strengthen and develop a love for reading. Crystal jumps at any opportunity to learn and a fantastic example of a lifelong learner. She always is willing to help and goes above and beyond.

Maximus Davis is an amazing fourth grader who is a role model for his peers. He is always willing to help younger students. He will walk kindergarten students to the Kinder yard, he helps walk the special education students to and from the bus. He is kind and well-liked by his peers.

Superintendent report for September 22, 2022:

Student Achievement, Effective Instruction and Leadership, as well as Community Engagement.

Before we begin...I have the honor to introduce our 2022-2023 student board member representative, Emily Hounanian. She is a 10th grader at Vasquez and has been a student in our district since 9th grade. She is an outstanding member of our cross country team, our swim team, and has excellent grades. She is also a member of the National Honors Society and is Vice President of the Sophomore Class of 2024. She has a love for learning and is enjoying her high school experience at Vasquez High School. She is a prior student of LAUSD and she shared that being at Vasquez High School is a refreshing change. She has a desire to represent Vasquez High School, as well as High Desert and Meadowlark and to serve her community. She likes music and plays the violin. She also enjoys the

outdoors, hiking and camping. She likes dogs and is an animal lover. She has a good heart and likes to be there for her friends. She is currently learning to crochet.

Welcome Emily!

Student Achievement:

- As we continue to highlight our new signature programs on a monthly basis, tonight, Dr. Chamberlain will provide us with an overview of Project Lead The Way. We have Project Lead The Way in full swing at Vasquez HS. Dr. Chamberlain will be providing us with an overview.
- Vasquez High School proudly held their Back to School Night event last week, September 14th. Parents, students, and staff started their classroom visits at 6:34 pm with period 1. The back to school night concluded with a Question and Answer session with Principal Chamberlain. Thank you Vasquez teachers, staff and administration for a well-organized evening.
- I'd like to provide a quick update for our High Desert 5th grade class with a long-term substitute teacher.

As of today, the 5th grade class will receive push-in and preparatory support from two Teachers On Special Assignment (TOSA) 5-days a week. TOSAs will lend support with lesson planning, classroom management and best practices.

Nationally, an estimated 36,504 full-time teacher positions are unfilled, with the number potentially as high as 52,800.

Over the summer, many teacher vacancies were filled at AADUSD, including multiple vacancies at High Desert School.

HR continues their diligent recruitment efforts for existing vacancies. As a district we remain steadfast in providing high quality instruction for all students.

Thank you to our 5th grade parents for your patience and support.

Effective Instruction and Leadership:

With a continued focus on Professional Development for our amazing classified staff members, a training was held on September 13th.

This tailored PD was intended for our front office classified staff at the D.O. and our school office staff. The PD was led by our TOSA Ms. Nicole Chun and organized by Ms. Yolanda McCauley. This PD was focused on Google and introducing Alludo sessions; a focus on Word Docs and Sheets; an overview of Gmail and the Google Drive, along with an overview of both Excel and Slides.

For the next staff training, staff was asked to bring specific areas of need, whether in Google slides, sheets, or docs. Nicole and Yolanda will be working on a shared space to gather all forms of information that all sites would be able to access. Thank you for putting this together.

Community Engagement:

- We have a couple of pictures from the Vasquez Homecoming Game from last Friday, September 16th! Thank you to our wonderful families, students, community members, and alumni for their support at last Friday's Homecoming game. Kudos to our student athletes, coaches and Athletic director, Coach Sparks. Thank you to Ms. Torres and ASB students for their diligence and hard work in ensuring successful Homecoming activities.

Thank you, this concludes my report.

COVID Report:

LA County is now at a low-risk status. Although our risk is low it is good to remember that Covid-19 claimed the lives of 97 people in LA County last week and we all should be taking precautions to keep each other safe.

In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas, there have been 7 new cases this past week. In our AADUSD school community, we have had 8 positive cases last week and exposure notifications have been sent for those exposures.

Employees got the good news on Monday that the requirement to test if not vaccinated had been rescinded. We do however encourage all our staff,

vaccinated or not, to test if they have symptoms, no matter how mild, in order to keep our community safe. Every school site has covid-19 testing kits for students and staff who asks for one. Our Enhanced Health Clinics have started again. Tuesday was our 3rd clinic and our next one occurs on October 4th from 2-4 pm at the district office MPR.

They offer the new Covid-19 booster for adults, Covid-19 child booster, 1st, and 2nd Covid-19 shots, Tdap, & HPV vaccines, and information on various social safety net programs and other health issues.

On a side note, thank you immensely to our District Nurse, Ms Cari Wright for your care of not only our students but staff as well. I appreciate your timely reports.

Thank you this concludes the COVID report.

