



# ACTON-AGUA DULCE USD "IN THE LOOP"

FEBRUARY 2022



## AADUSD Shadow Days: Kick-Off a Success!

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 and curriculum.

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

Thank you to the Collaborative participants comprised of parents, staff, teachers, and community members. Thank you for your time, input, and diligence.

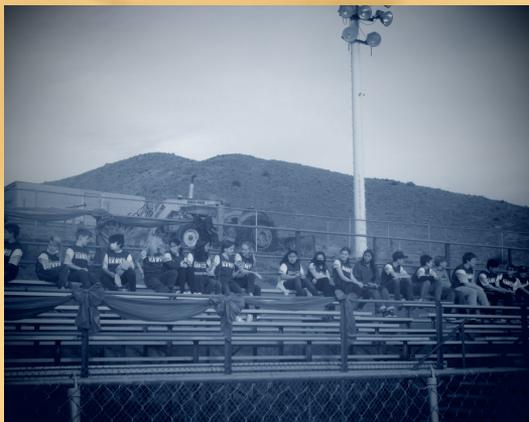
We kicked off the first Shadow day event on Monday, January 31st.

On Monday, January 31st, our High Desert Hawks soccer teams and their families were invited to the Vasquez High School Men's Soccer team match and Vasquez Senior Night. The Hawks took a team photo with the VHS Mustangs soccer team! We also offered an outdoor tour of the VHS campus to our High Desert families which led up to the Hawks cheering on the VHS Mustangs as they took on Village Christian.

We are thrilled and excited to be providing opportunities to build and enhance relationships across our wonderful schools. Be on the lookout for an announcement about our next event...a Meadowlark and High Desert immersion!



HDS Soccer Teams, HDS Coaches-Brando & Braulio Barron, VHS Men's Soccer Team, and VHS Soccer Coach Pete Zorba



HDS Hawks taking in the VHS Athletic Activities!

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## Superintendent's Student Advisory: Going Strong



2021-2022 Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (alphabetical order):

Diego Galvez, Anthony Garcia, Ashley Hinkel, Nathan Jacobson, Landon Jensen, Zach Levin, Andrew McLaws, Sadie Mendoza, Ari Perez, Max Schneider, Kaileena Valenzuela, Brody Villaseñor, Maxwell Weir, and Aleko Zorba.

The newly formed Superintendent's Student Advisory kicked off our first meeting on November 29th with Vasquez HS students in attendance!

The purpose of the Superintendent's Student Advisory is to create and implement goals through student input into areas that impact student performance, safety and security, mental health, and other areas of concern.

The advisory is scheduled to meet once a month. Participating students decided to hold our meetings at Vasquez HS during their lunch period.

Each meeting, the advisory covers a goal or areas of growth that we work on as a group. Thank you to the participating students as they are articulate and thoughtful with their insight and input. It is our intent to introduce the advisory to the AADUSD School Board and our community in the upcoming months. Thank you students!



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ML, HDS, and VHS: Highlights

Proud Meadowlark Students

On February 4th, Meadowlark ES held an awards assembly and recognized 46 students for scholarly behavior, citizenship, improvement, and kindness. Congratulations students!

Enjoy some photos of our Meadowlark award recipients.

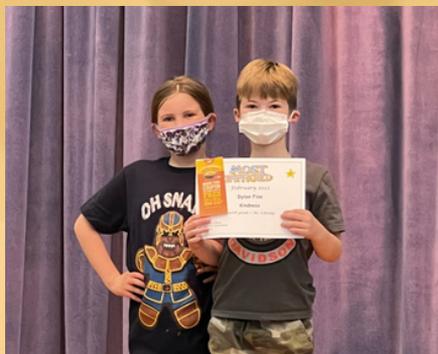


Recipient: Julian Dominguez



Recipient: Amauri Balley

reach  
for the  
stars!



Recipient: Dylan Finn

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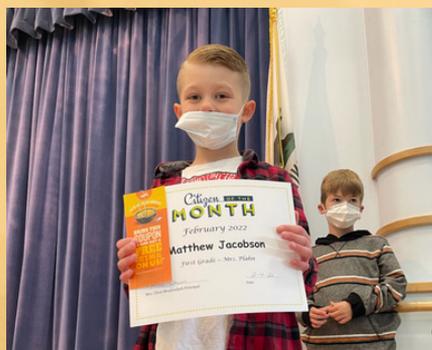


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## Proud Meadowlark Students



Recipient: Bayleigh Arndt



Recipient: Matthew Jacobson

## High Desert: Block Scheduling Proposal

High Desert Middle School surveyed their community of students, parents, and staff on a block scheduling proposal for the 2022-2023 academic calendar. Based on the results (over 51% in favor of block scheduling) a virtual town hall meeting was held on February 3rd at 5:30 pm as well as Friday February 4th at 1:00 pm. Thank you to the HDS community for their input!

Link to the Virtual Town Hall presentation:

[https://www.aadusd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA02214749/Centricity/Domain/4/HDS Block Scheduling Parent Info Meeting.pdf](https://www.aadusd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA02214749/Centricity/Domain/4/HDS%20Block%20Scheduling%20Parent%20Info%20Meeting.pdf)

## Upcoming Celebrations at Vasquez!

Vasquez HS will be implementing a teacher/student/classified of the month awards at the end of this month. We look forward to recognizing our dynamic VHS staff and incredible students in the next edition of "In the Loop".

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**Q & A**

**1 What is an ambassador program?**



A Parent Ambassador program is an effective way for schools to take their natural advocates, or natural promoters- the people who already are talking about the school/school district and spreading positive word of mouth- and give them tools and processes that make them even more effective.

**2 Who should ideally be involved in an ambassador program?**



There are two groups that should be involved. Parent and alumni. Out of the groups, alumni ambassadors are often the most underutilized. However they can definitely bring a lot of value to the program. They can speak to the outcomes they've had as a result of attending our schools. They can also answer a question that a lot of prospective families have, which is "what's in it for me?"

**3 Why are ambassador programs so important for schools?**



The number one reason they're so important is that, for most schools, word of mouth is the number one way that new and prospective families find out and inquire about a school. The other reason they're effective is that our ambassadors will have the ability to authentically communicating the unique values of our schools and school district.

**4 What criteria did you use to select ambassadors?**



We have many parents who are already doing much of the work of an ambassador. We want to take these efforts and organize them by providing clear strategies and goals and enabling them to see additional successes through their efforts.

**5 What roles and responsibilities have you given your parent ambassadors?**



Our parent ambassadors may be involved in the following areas: Broad Community Relations, Realtor Relations, and Broad Retention/Recruitment. Additional topics to be determined.

At the meetings, support will be provided by the district office in order to enhance communication along with the necessary tools to be successful.

**6 How do you become an ambassador?**



Parents and alumni may reach out to the contact below to be placed on an interest list.

Stay tuned for more information!

*To be placed on the interest list, please reach out to Yolanda McCauley at [ymccauley@aadusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ymccauley@aadusd.k12.ca.us)*



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# **"TUESDAY TALK" WITH YOUR SUPERINTENDENT**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

**Zoom meet link:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3547587989?  
pwd=T1A2VTQrbTM5T0t5OTRrc3l0aTdKQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3547587989?pwd=T1A2VTQrbTM5T0t5OTRrc3l0aTdKQT09)**

**- FEATURED GUEST: AADUSD Nurse**

**- DISCUSSION TOPIC:  
Health Update**

**- Q & A**

All our welcome!

Mark your calendar

Be sure to bring questions, a coffee, and a snack while you Zoom!