



# ACTON-AGUA DULCE USD "IN THE LOOP"

DECEMBER 8, 2021



## Community Engagement: Acton Women's Club & Agua Dulce Women's Club AADUSD is grateful

Thank you Acton Women's Club Board of Directors and President, Victoria Taylor for the 2021 Special Recognition Award and Luncheon held on November 17th. The Acton Agua Dulce Unified School District is humbled and honored to have your support.

We are grateful for the Acton Women's Club tireless work in support of our students as they place a special emphasis on providing support and scholarships to qualifying students who reside in the Acton area, and financial support to our community-based schools.

Through the AWC donations, we have been able to continue working towards our district's mission and vision of academic excellence for all students.

AADUSD thanks AWC for their generous donation of \$1,000 to Meadowlark ES, High Desert MS, and Vasquez HS.

We thank the AWC for their unwavering support and care.

You truly make the difference for us!



AWC President- Victoria Taylor providing guests her opening remarks



Lifetime Honorary- Margaret Gondor (standing, left) and Honoree- Brady Watt (seated, right)

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## Community Engagement:

Acton Women's Club & Agua

Dulce Women's Club:

AADUSD is grateful (continued)

Thank you to the Agua Dulce Women's Club Board of Directors and President, Nicole Higdon for the 2021 Parade of Tables invitation on December 4th. The Acton Agua Dulce Unified School District is humbled and honored to have your support.

We are grateful for the Agua Dulce Women's Club tireless work in support of our students as they place a special emphasis on raising money for scholarships, youth programs, and community programs.

Through your collaboration with of our district, we have been able to continue working towards our district's mission and vision of academic excellence for all students.

AADUSD thanks the ADWC for their unwavering support and care. You truly make the difference for us!



(Left to right) Patty Rankin- ADWC Member, Heather Miliotti- VP ASMO, Supervisor- Kathryn Barger, Samantha Brooks- VHS Student, Sam Dim- I-Lead Student, and Christy Lewis- HDS Booster



Thank you to Supervisor Kathryn Barger for donating from her office \$1000.00 to each of the following organizations:

- Meadowlark PTO
- High Desert Booster
- Vasquez HS PTSO

Kudos as well to the Vasquez HS Culinary Arts program for their efforts at the Parade of Tables.

Pictured is:  
Julia Weaver, Kylie Reed, Armando Gonzalez, Melanie Gonzalez, Alex Flores, Victoria Hernandez, Alex Soberanis, Mrs. Rebeca, Daniel Lomeli, Jacob Van Ornum, Savannah Olson-Schiltz, Bella Saenz, Jessie Chacon, Dean Matas, Aeslin Cameron, Brett Dawson, Hartley Lundquist, David Hounanian Dylan Draker, Arianna Guardado Gonzalez, Valerie Romero, Tenley Puett, Stormy Roueche, Mason McConnell, Hayley Rudd, and Mrs. Waggoner



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## Community Engagement (continued)

### Shadow Days Collaborative

On November 15th, Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District brought together a group of teachers, students, parents, and community advocates as part of our "Shadow Days" Collaborative.

The purpose of this group is to bring forward ideas and create an on-going plan to showcase the multitude of programs offered within our district. Our first endeavor through the Collaborative will showcase our robust Athletic programs at Vasquez HS and High Desert Middle.

Shadow Days will immerse students and their families to experience life on a school campus as district "V.I.P.'s"! Immersive experiences will include athletic competitions, academic enrichment experiences, and other signature programs offered throughout the district.

Please be on the look out for our first Shadow day experience in January!

### Superintendent's Student Advisory

Superintendent's Student Advisory, STAR: Students Together for Action and Results

The advisory kicked off their first meeting on November 29th with Vasquez HS students in attendance!

The purpose of the Superintendent's Student Advisory- STAR 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.

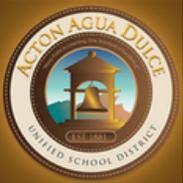
The advisory is scheduled to meet once a month- dates and meeting time to be determined based on student availability and needs.

Each meeting, the advisory will cover a goal or area of growth that we work on as a group.

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council is AADUSD's very own coalition of high school students (and middle school students- second semester participation). The advisory aims to develop initiatives and amplify student voices to create positive change at school.

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## Harmonic Bronze Recognition



2019 Harmonic Bronze Group at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Each holiday season the AADUSD District Office provides transportation for the Harmonic Bronze Group to perform at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Due to the COVID restrictions, the Harmonic Bronze group made the difficult decision to not perform this season at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

AADUSD commends the Harmonic Bronze Group under the leadership of Mr. Larry Rowland for their perseverance, dedication, and hard work! AADUSD looks forward to their Spring performance.

### The 2021 Harmonic Bronze Friday Group Members & Advanced Group:

Amanda Ames, Ryan Ames, Suzy Ames, Dillon Anderson, Gus Balkcom, Maylea Bruce, Ayiana Bruce, Adam Coons, Alex Coons, Nicholas Costan, Brett Dawson, John Fawkes, Braeden Flores, Brielle Flores, Emily Goldner, Ashley Hinkel, Zachary Levin, Andrew McLaws, Leilani McLaws, Max Schneider, Myra Schneider, Jacob Van Ornum, Mackenzie Van Ornum, and Aleko Zorba.

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## AADUSD Athletic: Highlighted



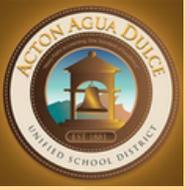
Congratulations are in order for our High Desert Boys Cross Country. The H.D. Boys Cross Country Team just won the school's first every Boy's Cross Country Silver League Championship! We are so very proud of our student athletes!



High Desert Boys Cross Country is coached by Molly Zorba & Gisella Rivas and assisted by parent volunteer Mari McLaws. Thank you for all that you do to support our HDS athletes!

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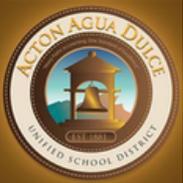
## Meadowlark Recognition

On Friday, December 03, 2021 Meadowlark ES celebrated a group of wonderful students who were being honored at the bi-monthly awards assembly for Super Scholar, Most Improved, and Citizen of the Month.

In all, 42 students were honored. Students being honored received an award certificate and a coupon for a meal at Chili's donated by our local Chili's restaurant. The assembly had a wonderful turnout of families who attended to honor students as well as special guests from our school board and district office including Board President- Kelly Jensen, our Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources- Kim Shaw, and our Assistant Superintendent of Business Services- Ahsan Mirza.

PTO was there with coffee, donuts and spirit wear available for purchase. Also, members of the newly formed Meadowlark Student Council were there in force to welcome parents and assist Mrs. Saavedra with the distribution of awards. It was a great morning at Meadowlark and we are very proud of all our students and their efforts this year. They have worked diligently to learn and grow academically and have demonstrated good citizenship, being kind toward each other, polite and helpful each and every day.





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## Health Office Update

### Community Vaccine Clinic for Covid-19

December 8th from 3:30-7:00 pm at High Desert Middle School MPR

Adult, child, and booster Pfizer vaccines will be available

Register at:

<https://portal.veritasvaccines.com/upcoming-events/146c9cd8-273b-4726-a629-3f4213cf28e6>

### Daily Covid testing for employees and students

Clinic hours are Mondays 12:30 - 3:30, Tue., Wed. & Thur. 2:00 - 3:00, and Fridays by appointment call 661-575-7022.

### Covid Quarantine/Isolation

Continuing to isolate students who test positive and quarantine their close contacts. All parents will receive an email and a phone call with quarantine instructions if their student was affected.

### Vision and Hearing screenings will continue through December

Starting this week students have begun to get vision and hearing testing.

Vision screenings are done for grades TK/K, 2, 5, 8, Special Education students, and all referrals.

Hearing screenings are done for TK/K, 2, 5, 8, 10, Special Education students, and all referrals.

In addition, we are in Flu season currently. Flu vaccinations may be obtained by local drug store.



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## AADUSD Counseling Corner

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) career exploration test was given to interested 10th-12th graders on Nov 9th. On Nov 30th students who completed the ASVAB were given a guided career exploration lesson in connection with their scores.

On Nov 18th the Counselors and Principal Murphy provided small group support for students on their college applications during a lunch workshop.

On Dec 3rd the Counselors and Principal Murphy provided a lunch session to support students with the AVC Registration process for the Health 120 Stress Management course that will be held on campus in the spring.

The Counselors have been continuing to meet with students regarding current grades, academic status, and next semester classes at both the middle school and high school.

In collaboration with the entire MTSS Team, the Counselors over the last two months have developed a district-wide calendar for staff to utilize in implementing weekly Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) focused lessons to our students. This is part of our larger MTSS Implementation plan to provide Tier 1 Supports for SEL and Behavior at all three school sites.

On November 10th, the Assistance League of Antelope Valley hosted their annual Target Night for our families. The Assistance League partnership provides opportunities for our students in financial need. During the Target Night our students were allocated a gift card to purchase clothes, shoes, and school supplies. Additionally, the Assistance League provides each school site with brand new backpacks and school supplies for our students. Our counseling department attended the Target evening, to greet our families and enjoyed watching them while they shopped for their new items!



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## Vasquez High School Students!

Earn college credit by enrolling in this 16-week Health Education class being held during 4th period at Vasquez High School January 10–May 5, 2022.

**HD120 Stress Management**  
**CRN 38117 Section VH1 • 3 college units**  
**MTWR 11:06 am–12:03 pm**

This course examines stress and stressors from a health and wellness perspective. It is designed to enable all students to understand the role of stress in their lives. The course focuses on the multidimensional nature of stress, the role of stress in the etiology of many chronic diseases, and the development of a personal stress management plan. It is based on a holistic approach to stress management, rather than an approach that just teaches a variety of individual coping techniques.

**See your counselor for details and registration assistance.**



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Upon request five business days before the event, reasonable accommodation will be provided to facilitate the participation of covered individuals with disabilities. Call (661) 722-6360 (voice/relay).



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## Pictures with Santa!

December 14th

Pictures will be taken during  
school and sent home by Friday



\$5 per  
photo

# Santa's Coming to Meadowlark!!