

The Vasquez Post

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Spring

As Spring approaches we are getting closer to the end of the school year, so here's what the future holds throughout these next few months. Weather-wise it will be generally dry with temperatures going up and down, but pretty nice throughout the next few months. With sports, we're still in the middle of Baseball and Softball season, track and field season, tennis season and boys volleyball season with most of their seasons ending in late April to May. Apart from school ending, Spring is the best time to go outside and make the best out of what you can until it gets too hot. It is one of the best times to go out and play your favorite sport, ride your dirt bike or quad, and just all around enjoy the very small time when the weather is nice

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Weather

Spring has officially sprung Mustangs! The flowers are finally blooming and the weather outside is perfect. The sunny weather during the day will range between 60-70 degrees and by sundown it will be around 40 degrees. This makes it an opportune time to bring out your summer clothes and go to the beach or have a picnic. Most days will be partly cloudy and also have a small chance of rain. Winds will be ranging from 12 to 16 miles per hour. Pollen will be flying everywhere making your spring allergies flare up, how wonderful!

Information provided by Shoned Carr



All artwork by Sofia Hernandez

Vasquez Car Show

On Saturday, April 12th, you have the chance to show off your cars, dirt bikes, and more. Bring your vehicle's down to the VHS parking lot to present just a week before Spring break. Take the opportunity to flaunt whatever vehicles you might have bought, or display anything you've been working on! Students and community members can come down to check out an amazing display of different vehicles. Whether you're a car enthusiast, or just like the way some of them look, the show is sure to have more than enough for everybody!

The event is open from 11am to 4pm! Which gives you plenty of time to see each and every vehicle around. There are entry forms for vehicles in the office for those who would like to participate in the event. Keep in mind, there will be trophies to be awarded to different categories. This is also a family event, so be sure to tell your brothers and sisters. Who knows, they might be intrigued and find an interest in cars, or the food trucks that will be provided alongside entertainment.

This isn't the first time this event has been held, and if all goes well, it won't be the last. It might be trivial to hold it every single year, without a new rotation of vehicles showing up. Previous car shows hosted by Vasquez High School have been immensely successful, and this year's will be just as good!

There a many styles of cars to bring and all of them are very appreciated, such as older cars. Many people love the classics just as much, if not more, than flashy modern cars. Don't be afraid to put yourself, or rather, your vehicle out there. In the past, there have been a variety of unique looking trucks, cars, side by sides, bikes, and other vehicles in different shapes and colors on display. From new black trucks to older, bright red cars, no style is off limits, just make sure to clean the car you want to show off before the event. Be prepared for your vehicle to end up on camera. The Vasquez Car Show will be a must-see event! So, hopefully you'll decide to stop by. If you do, you're guaranteed a good time!

Article by Jenna DeMatteis and Charlotte Hernandez

Meet Your Staff: Mrs. Walker

Do you think the school's spirit has gotten better after you became the ASB teacher? How can the students improve on that?

I would love to say yes, but it's really hard to engage from my perspective. I feel like I've pushed the ASB class last year and this year really hard to try and come up with new ideas and things to do and to get people to show up, and I feel like they've worked really hard to get people to come to stuff and be excited about stuff. But sometimes you get the reaction you want, like the homecoming football game. For me, personally, and for my ASB students because I felt like a lot of people showed up. A lot of people were excited. A lot of people were cheering and acting like how I assume other high schoolers in our area act, but then you know we have a couple other events where not that many people were wanting to engage which obviously I can't control, ASB can't control, but I feel like we put in our best effort to get the results that we want.

Why'd you choose to come to Vasquez?

I was hoping to be more involved with the schools out here. Since I live out here and my children go here, especially doing ASB. I was trying to make it a place where teens are excited to go to and excited to be a part of.

Are there any sports you would like to bring to Vasquez?

I played lacrosse in college and I would love to have a team here. I usually have it as one of my units for my PE class and once we do that this year, maybe it'll help me gauge whether it's something that students want brought to the school and maybe we could start it up.

Have you always worked in this District?

No, I used to work in the Heart District. I've been teaching since 2006, and so the first school I taught at was Sierra Vista Junior High, and I taught English and then I taught P.E. there. Then I took a little break and stayed home with my kids, and then when we moved out here I subbed. I taught at High Desert then I switched to come up here. I like being up here, this is the place to be.

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Fun/Crazy Facts

-The North Korean calendar is called the Juche calendar, and it starts with the birth of Kim Il-sung in the year 1912

-The state of California is the world's largest producer of almonds, California produces 82% of the world's almonds

-A chicken once lived 18 months without its head.

-House cats also have a dominant and a non-dominant paw with male cats more likely to have their left paw be dominant

Information provided by Mikayden Matson and Cailin Perdomo

Arts Day!

Arts day was a total success! Students all over the campus got a chance to experience different hobbies, jobs, and electives. This year the students were introduced to things such as pencil art, culinary arts, clay sculpting, dance, sports, etc.

Taking a look into the culinary class, the students were able to learn the correct way to make buttercream frosting and placing it on cupcakes thanks to Mrs. Waggoner and the advanced culinary students! The Advanced culinary students were there to help and instruct the middle school students on their techniques. After frosting the cupcakes, 3 students were chosen as winners for the most creative decorations. Of Course once the students were finished with their cupcakes they could eat them!

Moving on, we had the clay modeling class, where students got to make their own creations using a variety of colors. Speaking of colors, in the painting class, students were able to create their own paintings, using pictures for reference. Visiting the tattoo class, students were taught how tattoos are applied. The flower making class had pipe cleaners to create your very own flowers of your own design. And finally, the drama improv class, where you could have fun creating fictional stories and acting them out, using improv as you go.

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There are so many things you can do during Spring time, you can go to an amusement park or go on a hike and just do stuff that is more enjoyable. This kind of weather is one of the best seasons for many reasons, so why not make the most of it by going outside and enjoying yourself. Whether it's hanging out with your family or friends or going on a nice walk in the morning. Another reason to go out and do stuff is because everything is open right now, so take advantage of that opportunity of the weather!

Article by Liam Bryne



Acton/Aqua Dulce Events

Weekly Family Storytime & Activity Time
April 6, Sun, 10:00 AM -5:00 PM
Vasquez Rocks Natural Area and Nature Center, 10700 Escondido Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA 91390

Literary Peeps Diorama
April 10, Thurs, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Rd

Make a Solar Lantern
April 23, Wed, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Rd

Information provided by Shoned Carr

Inspirational Quotes

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." - *The Matrix*

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do" - Steve Jobs

Quotes provided by Alexander Cruz and Ulysses Miron

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Which high school did you graduate from?

I went to Louisville, It's in Woodland Hills. It's a private Catholic all-girls school.

How do you think the year has been overall?

It's been hills and valleys. There's been some amazing experiences for myself, and I feel like my students this year we've done a lot of cool things and there's been a lot of defining moments for me in my careers and my relationships with the staff and the students. And then there's been other times when it's been really, really hard for me to manage teaching health, PE, ASB advisor, and a soccer coach all at once was a lot, especially when I have three kids of my own. That was the hard part for me, just being able to manage it all, and sometimes feeling like one portion of that is not getting your best. Whether it's teaching or coaching or just being a mom.

How do you feel about students not wanting to be at school?

It's hard for me. I feel like I try hard to be engaging and to do different units to make things exciting, I try and show up with a happy face. I don't feel like my expectations are too high for the student's age group. It's more of an attitude that comes from everything that is so nonchalant. People don't take things seriously, things don't matter to them. They don't see the future or long-term things. So it's sometimes it's great and kids are on board, they're happy to be here even if they don't dress out. I feel like I have a good grasp on getting people to at least do what I ask them to do even if it's not to the level that I would want. They at least do it to some level.

Did you play any competitive sports while you were in school?

Yes, so in high school I ran track and soccer and then in college I played lacrosse.

Do you like being a coach?

I do, it's hard, it takes a lot of time, a lot of effort. Having a winning season obviously helps, and having girls that want to be there and doing the effort definitely helps our team. The soccer team this year had an amazing season. Last season they made it to second place and got to go to CIF, and we got the same outcome this year even though we lost nine seniors from the year before and me being the new coach so that was really cool.

Interview conducted by Lina Rodriguez and Khloe Roque

Spring Word Search!

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Arts Day continued to the front page

Every teacher loved art day, getting a feeling of being the student again and having fun participating in the activities. Students had a great time, enjoying the many arts brought by Vasquez High School. 5th grader Silas Hernandez says, "This was the best day of my life" Many students and teachers have commended Sofia Hernandez's performance in the classroom, being the only student teacher. Students and teachers alike can agree that this was an astounding experience and that they look forward to it next year.

Article by Alexandria Van Blarcom and Elijah Hernandez



Photo taken by Elijah Hernandez

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