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2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Pom-poms, cheers and high fives greeted Clovis Unified School District's approximate 43,200 students on the first days of the new school year. Many of the district's 52 sites held special activities as part of the return to campus. Pictured, clockwise from right: Young Elementary second grade teacher Nicolette Santos warmly welcomes her new students. Jefferson Elementary fourth-grade teacher Tyler Ford helps kids find him during the annual Bell Ringing Ceremony. Reagan Elementary had a photo booth with the T'Wolf as new students joined the Pack. Buchanan High leadership students cheer as students return. Stay informed about district resources: cusd.com/2023-24SchoolYear

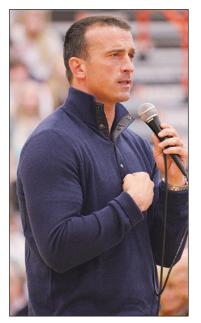








High school students to hear former NBA star player's road to recovery



Chris Herren also speaks to parents Sept. 11, 13, sharing warning signs

This month, Clovis Unified high school students and parents will hear a very candid message about the spiraling path to addiction and the difficult journey out of it when former Fresno State and NBA basketball star Chris Herren shares his story.

From Sept. 11-14, Herren will be the guest speaker at student assemblies at all district high schools and two parent nights, where he'll share his message about preventing drug and alcohol abuse. The events are sponsored by the Foundation for Clovis Schools with support from partners Kaiser Permanente and Community Medical Center.

"It's critical that we do all we can to educate and inform families about life-impacting topics like this," said Foundation Chairperson Mike Fennacy. "Chris' compelling first-hand story gives a closer look at addiction, including some of the temptations and warning signs that students and parents need to know."

Herren has been sober since 2008 and speaks nationally about his career, addiction and sobriety with the goal of making a positive difference in the lives of others. He's answered questions and given ► See Page 5 for related article "Helping students navigate today's challenges" and more about CUSD's Comprehensive Wellness project

his message to more than 1 million people, sparking honest discussions and empowering his audience to consider the source of substance abuse.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend one of the two free evening sessions with Herren that will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Clovis High gymnasium and Sept. 13 at the Performing Arts Center on the Clovis North High campus. Attendees will gain valuable insights, tools and resources to help as they parent their children.

Student assemblies will be held during school hours Sept. 12 at Clovis North and Clovis East; Sept. 13 at Gateway and Clovis High; and Sept. 14 at Clovis West and

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District elections may change

The Clovis Unified Governing Board is considering steps to change its election process. The Clovis Unified School District is divided into seven trustee areas, with a representative from

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- Public hearings: Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18
- Online comment form, proposals, updates: cusd.com
- **"2 Minutes Today"** explanation video: emailing Sept. 5

each area elected at-large to the Governing Board by voters throughout the entire district. Proposed changes would result in voters of an area voting only for their trustee area's representative.

Comments and input from the community about the proposal can be offered to the board at upcoming public hearings or on an online comment form available in multiple languages at cusd.com. Trustee areas do not affect school boundary attendance areas.

At its Aug. 16 meeting, the Governing Board reviewed the process for transitioning from an at-large to a by-district election model and the steps outlined in Education and Election codes, and it held the first of five public hearings. Future hearings are scheduled Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4 and 18 as part of the board's regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. in the CUSD Professional Development Building, 1680 David E. Cook Way in Clovis.

As part of the process, under consideration is a review of the trustee boundary areas. They were most recently updated in 2022 by the board based on the outcomes of the 2020 decennial (10year) census data to balance the population within each area.

Upon conclusion of the CUSD public hearings this fall and final determination by the Clovis Unified board in October, the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization would be next in line to review, hold a public hearing and take action whether to approve election process changes. If approved, the changes would be in place for the next CUSD board member elections in the fall of 2024.

More information about the trustee election proposal, policies, recent board presentation, timeline and comment form are available at cusd.com.

> Announcements

Bonner awards for T'Wolves, Bears

Three Clovis Unified secondary schools were awarded the Virtues and Character Recognition Award by the Fresno State Kremen School of Education and Human Development Bonner Advisory Board. The Bonner Award recognizes schools' dedication to character development and civic education, and it alternates years between honoring elementary schools and secondary (intermediate and high schools). Congratulations to this year's secondary school recipients Buchanan High, Clovis East High and Reyburn Intermediate.

State of the District, Sept. 28

Clovis Unified Superintendent Corrine Folmer, Ed.D., will give a report on the district and discuss future goals at



the annual State of the District Breakfast Sept. 28. Folmer will discuss 2022-23 academic achievements, financial benchmarks and goals for the upcoming school year. The breakfast is at 7 a.m. at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, 808 Fourth St., Clovis. Tickets may be purchased by Sept. 22 at FoundationFor-ClovisSchools.com or by calling 327-9090. Proceeds benefit the Foundation

for Clovis Schools, a nonprofit organization that provides student scholarships and classroom grants.

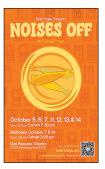
CE opens 'Addams Family' Sept. 28

Kicking off the drama season for Clovis Unified high schools this fall will be the hilarious musical comedy "The Addams Family" performed by Clovis East High. Enjoy the "creepy and kooky" antics of macabre parents Morticia and Gomez who find out their daughter, Wednesday, has fallen in love with a boy very different than their family. The production is PG13. Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28-30 and Oct 5.7 at the Marcadas Edwards The



Oct. 5-7 at the Mercedes Edwards Theatre, 902 Fifth St., Clovis. For information and tickets: ClovisEastWolfpackDrama.com

'Noises Off' by BHS starts Oct. 5



The laughter will continue as Buchanan High which tells the story of a manic menagerie of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called "Nothing's On." Doors slamming on and offstage, intrigue and an errant herring all figure in the plot of this hilarious comic play. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct 5-7 and 11-14; and 2 p.m. matinees Oct. 7 and 14 at Pessano Theater, 2770 E. International Ave., Fresno. For information and tickets: bearstage.org.

CUSD Band Night, Nov. 1

For a musical delight and rare sight, watch all 10 Clovis Unified intermediate and high school marching bands and color guards perform at CUSD Band Night. Held at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at Veterans Memorial Stadium on the Buchanan High campus, the entire ensemble will play together the National Anthem before conducting individual performances. The night gives student musicians the opportunity to watch, cheer and enjoy the many talented bands of Clovis Unified.

New ed center underway

The Terry Bradley Educational Center, Clovis Unified's next educational center that will be home to the district's sixth intermediate school and high school, will hold a Ground Breaking Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 17 as construction is beginning at the site. The yet-named schools, to be located at Leonard and Highland avenues north of McKinley Avenue, are needed to accommodate projected growth in student enrollment and ease current overcrowding at several schools.

A steering committee has begun analyzing data needed to create potential boundary maps that will be the subject of community-wide meetings after the first of the year. Community meetings starting in January 2024 will allow for the public to review possible attendance map scenarios and provide comment before a final map is developed for consideration by the Governing Board in May. An online information center will also be maintained during the boundary development process where members of our community can submit feedback and find details of the process used to develop and weigh various attendance boundary options for the new campus.

The Bradley Center is set to open in phases beginning Fall of 2025. Look for updates: cusd.com.

Parent Academy workshops

Clovis Unified Supplemental Service's Parent Academy hosts free, monthly Parent Night workshops for parents to learn about the many district resources and programs available to help their child. Upcoming meetings and topics include:

■ Sept. 12 – "Starting the Year Off Right!" How to collaborate with your child's school site, how to access 24hour free tutoring, how to help your child with homework and tips about parent hacks will be shared.

Sept. 26 – "What Parents Need to Know About Vaping"

- Oct. 10 "Social Media & Its Impact on Our Students"
- Oct. 24 "Substance Abuse Prevention"

■ Nov. 7 – "Social Emotional Supports & Suicide Prevention"

Workshops are held at the CUSD Professional Learning Center, 326 N. Clovis Ave., in Clovis, with free dinner and childcare at 5:30 p.m., and the workshop at 6 p.m. Topics were selected based on parent feedback and requests. To register for a Parent Night or to find out more about the Parent Academy, visit: cusd.com/ParentAcademy.

Bring on the Heat!

The future Satoshi Hirayama Elementary School will have "The Heat" as the school mascot and its colors will be red, Vegas gold and white. The Governing Board's approved the items recently for what will be the district's 35th elementary school, currently under construction at Fowler and McKinley avenues in Fresno.

Hirayama Principal Laura Reynolds gathered ideas and feedback from the family of the school namesake – Japanese American, former MLB player and Clovis Unified educator and administrator Satoshi Hirayama – the community, students and employees about the selection. Reynolds said there was a desire to honor the heritage of Hirayama; affiliate with something significant about the Central Valley; ignite passion in mind, body and spirit; and be, in the words of one student, "fierce!"

In her presentation to the board, Reynolds shared a quote by William Yates that she hopes to see reflected in the school's culture: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Learn more: Hirayama.cusd.com.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Clovis Unified School District offers a variety of special education services and programs to serve children with communicative, physical, learning, emotional and other special needs. These services and programs are available to all qualified children in public schools and, to a limited degree, children in private schools.

Special education services are provided only to children who have been found eligible through a process of testing and other assessments and when it is determined that their needs cannot be met using the resources of the general education program. Parents, teachers or other concerned individuals can refer a child for assessment and determination of eligibility.

To learn more about special education services and the special education referral process, contact Clovis Unified School District Special Education Department at 327-9400.

Advisory committee meetings

Clovis Unified holds regular meetings throughout the year of its Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that are open to the public. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Special Education Local Plan Area. Its goal is to raise community awareness about the needs of students and their families regarding Special Education programs and to provide information, workshops and resources to families to help ensure that quality programs educate the student with exceptional needs in mind, body and spirit.

CAC meetings are held from noon to 1 p.m. at the CUSD Professional Development Building, 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, and a complimentary lunch is provided. Dates and topics for the school year are:

- Nov. 15 "Support Services"
- Feb. 28 "Individual Transition Plans (ITP)"

■ May 15 – "Annual Service Plan Review, SPED Budget and Student Voices"



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Sports

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Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are named

■ Sports-greats to share stories at event

The community is invited to meet some of Clovis Unified athletic legends – athletes, coaches and supporters – who helped build the district sports programs into the powerhouse teams they are today.

Clovis Unified will induct its Seventh Class into the Athletic Hall of Fame in a showcase event planned for October. The ceremony will include highlight videos and on-stage interviews with honorees.

The inductees represent different decades in Clovis Unified sports and were determined by a committee that received numerous nominations from the community. This year's Hall

- of Fame Class includes:
 - Jason Donald Baseball, Buchanan High
 - Elise Krieghoff Basketball, Soccer, Buchanan High
 - Jack Mattox Football, Basketball, Track, Clovis High
 - Chad McCarty Soccer, Clovis High
 - James Patrick Baseball Coach, Clovis High
 - **Stephen Tirapelle** Wrestling Coach, Clovis High
 - 1974, 1975, 1976 & 1978 Clovis High Girls Tennis Teams
 - 1991 Clovis High Football Team

■ Carlo Prandini, Ed.D., will be receiving the Doc Buchanan Award, presented to a longtime supporter and friend to Clovis Unified athletics.



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Athletes advance to college level

Final sport signings of the 2022-23 school year resulted in more than 60 Clovis Unified seniors making commitments to play for colleges around the nation. Congratulations to: Wrestling, Menlo College; Jordyn Kwalwasser, Volleyball, Cosumnes River College; Cole Lomeli, Soccer, Westmont College; Mason Martino, Baseball, Ottawa University Arizona; Erika Nyberg, Track, West Point;

Buchanan High

Devin Alexander, Wrestling, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Autianna Buck, Softball, San Francisco State; Kannon Campbell, Wrestling, Menlo College; Hailey Cooley, Cheer Stunt, Cal Baptist University; Mark Ensalaco, Volleyball, Menlo College; Mason Espinoza, Wrestling, Cal Baptist; Mekhi Johnson, Football, Central Washington University; Nina Navarrette, Track & Field, Biola University; Regino Raiz, Wrestling, Clackamus College; Keanu Trelles, Wrestling, Cal Baptist University; James Watney, Golf, Saint Mary's College; Zach Weaver, Track and Field, Arizona State University

Clovis East High

Ava Benavides, Softball, Cal State East Bay; Sierra Coyne, Water Polo, Fresno Pacific University; Carlos Craig, Basketball, Reedley College; L.J. Fernandez, Soccer, Eastern Oregon University; Kylie Johnson, Water Polo, Fresno Pacific University; Rocky Koontz, Wrestling, Menlo College; Jordyn Kwalwasser, Volleyball, Cosumnes River College; Cole Lomeli, Soccer, Westmont College; Mason Martino, Baseball, Ottawa University Arizona; Erika Nyberg, Track, West Point; Celine Ramos, Softball, Culver Stockton College; Nathaniel Ramos, Football, Culver Stockton College; Katrina Rodriguez, Softball, Hope International; Carson Sandoval, Baseball, Fresno Pacific University; Lamaj Travis, Football, Fort Hays State; Emma Vertiz, Water Polo, Long Beach State; Kylie Ward, Track, Fresno State

Clovis High

Grace Carpenter, Softball, University of La Verne; Logan Carpenter, Football, Simpson University; Eli Henderson, Baseball, Cedarville University; Tyler Hodges, Wrestling, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Dario Lemus, Wrestling, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Devin Miller, Girls Basketball, Fresno Pacific University; Chloe Mortensen, Soccer, Fresno Pacific University; Nicolas Muro, Football, Simpson University; Tyler Prieb, Swimming, The Master's University; Emma Swenson, Softball, University of Redlands; Colby Villard, Swimming, Fresno Pacific University

Clovis North High

Peyton Bitter, Track and Field, Fresno State; Bianca Fernandez, Swimming, U.C. San Diego; Tea Fitzgerald, Water Polo, University of Pacific; Hayden Lambert, Swimming, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Ashlyn Leath, Cross Country/Track, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Jonah Martorana, Water Polo, University of Pacific; Kyra Miller, Volleyball, U.C. Merced; Daniela Munguia, Cross Country/Trac, Monterey Bay; Malik Musleh, Basketball, Fresno Pacific University; Roman Saroyan, Water Polo, Biola University; Melanie Torres, Water Polo, U.C. Merced; Morgan Wilson, Volleyball, U.C. Merced

Clovis West High

Kellianna Garcia, Stunt, Ottawa University Arizona; Stella Martin, Water Polo, CSU Monterey Bay; Allison McDougal, Swimming, Westmont College; Dylan Senneway, Baseball, Fresno Pacific University; Trinity Tolbert, Basketball, Fresno Pacific University; Kylie Wancewicz, Volleyball, Fresno Pacific University; Kelly Winter, Beach Volleyball, Master's University

Clovis East golfer wins Errotabere Scholarship

Ethel Asequia, a golfer from Clovis East High, was the recipient of the 2023 Rene Errotabere Scholarship, named after a beloved Clovis Unified administrator who died in 2004.

The memorial tribute was set up to honor Errotabere's never-give-up attitude, and it is presented yearly to a student athlete who has been found to be excellent in mind, body and spirit by a committee made up of the namesake's family and coworkers.

Finalists honored were Kannon Campbell, Buchanan High, wrestling; Dario Lemus, Clovis High, wrestling; Peyton Bitter, Clovis North High, track and field; and Sidney Strickland, Clovis West High, water polo.





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New year brings joy, chance to make a positive difference

By Corrine Folmer, Ed.D. Superintendent

N Aug. 21, my heart was filled with joy as I was able to witness the hours of preparation that

our educational team had put in place to warmly welcome our students come alive. It was such an exciting (almost rainy) day filled with anticipation

of all the year Corrine Folmer, Ed.D.

To kick off the start of a new school year, my Executive Cabinet

will bring.

Unified school site. Our custodial teams were on campuses as early as 5 a.m. giving a final once over to our campuses so they sparkled for students who would be arriving in a few hours. Members of our transportation team hit the road in shining, recently waxed, yellow school buses on routes they had practiced in the weeks leading up to the start of school. It is often our bus drivers who are the first to welcome a student to school and start their day off on a positive note.

team and I visited every Clovis

As we visited campuses, it was evident our Campus Catering employees were on site and at work to provide our students with nutritious and tasty meals. As a student myself, I remember how much I enjoyed the chances I had to be a student helper in the kitchen and to experience how much pride and effort our kitchen teams put into taking care of our students' need for quality meals.

We encountered groups of leadership students and their activities directors coming on to campuses early to hang signs and balloons that welcomed their peers to school. In the weeks leading up to the first day of school, these leadership students had planned and prepared for activities designed to make students feel a welcome part of their campus community.

Just the sounds of their laughter as they worked hard together put a smile on my face. We saw in these groups of students how our core value of teamwork and trust is built as teams do hard work together.

These students inspired me as I continued through the day. From the ringing of the Jefferson Elementary School bell (where I started my own journey as a Clovis Unified student), where I witnessed the pride of kindergartners being introduced to this 139-year old tradition, to the sounds of supportive farewells by moms and dads as they entrusted their children to their child's classroom teacher for the first time this school year.

Every campus onto which I walked was filled with the collaborative sounds of learning, the ex-

citement of new relationships, and the joyful smiles on our students' faces for the start of the new year.

On Aug. 15, our educational team came together for our annual General Session (a rally to kickoff another school year), and during that event, our speaker challenged us to acknowledge the positive impact we can make for our students on a daily basis.

Why is my heart full of joy? Because I saw thousands of our team members making a meaningful difference with our students starting on the first day, and it reminded me what I already know: We have an amazing team that is focused on our mission to develop our students to be the best they can be in mind, body and spirit.



"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

ALBERT EINSTEIN, PHYSICIST

Helping our students navigate today's challenges

Parents: We recognize that our children are growing up in a different world than when we were young. And as a school district, we strive to provide students and families with information, resources and support to help with today's challenges. From navigating the pressures of social media and the deception of the dark web to understanding the dangers of vaping and the deadly street drug fentanyl, Clovis Unified is committed to empowering families to protect against the dangerous impact of these modern

and Intervention (CSI); Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS); Social-Emotional Learning (SEL); Suicide Prevention; Peer Counseling; and All-4-Youth. (See cusd.com/ComprehensiveWellnessProject for full list.) Parents may contact staff on campus including a teacher, coach, school psychologist, nurse, school or peer counselor or Transition Team member if they have concerns about their child.

Online District Resources

Parent Nights & Chris Herren

This month from Sept. 12-14, former Fresno State basketball star Chris Herren will candidly share his story of success, addiction and recovery in student assemblies at



each CUSD high school. In a frank discussion, he will tell of his downward spiral and his journey to sobriety. Families are encouraged to ask their teenagers about his message and what their takeaway was. Remind them that if they are ever facing challenging issues, it's important to care for themselves by talking to a parent, teacher, school counselor or someone they trust.

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Here's a sobering statistic: 50 percent of teenagers have misused a drug at least once, according to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics. Research shows that involved parents are a key prevention indicator in protecting kids from alcohol, marijuana, vaping, pills, peer pressure, bullying and cutting.

As we partner together to protect our students, we're sharing the following resources where families can find intervention and prevention support.

On Campus Resources

Every Clovis Unified elementary school has a team of psychologists, resource specialists and instructional aides who have received training on how to help support students experiencing difficulties and how to foster an environment for wellness.

On intermediate and high school campuses, these resources are expanded and include Transition Teams and intervention trainings for every single teacher. Schools have developed multiple programs, lessons and activities for students that build a foundation of social-emotional health, confidence and consideration of others – like the Positivity Project, multicultural fairs, heritage clubs, student leadership conferences, just to name a few.

As a district, Clovis Unified has in place a multi-faceted Comprehensive Wellness Project that includes trained staff and school programs in 10 layers of behavior and socialemotional supports. Some of those include Clovis Support

The Clovis Unified Comprehensive Wellness Project website has more information about its 10 initiatives as well as a robust section called "Menu of Resources" to explore. Those include School-Based Supports; Mental Health Resources; Self-Care; Mindfulness; Suicide Prevention; Substance Use Support; SmartPhone Apps; and a Virtual Calming Room. Parents and students are encouraged to explore this page in depth for what could be life-saving information and mental health building support.

For example, a few clicks into the Substance Use page brings up a local documentary "Killer High: The Silent Crisis," which takes a look at how fentanyl is targeting youth and our community; a letter from the Fresno County District Attorney with six facts about the dangers of this deadly drug and how to prevent use; parent bulletins on teen drug use with warning signs and conversation starters; and numerous resource links to local agencies.

Another example of a menu resource is the Virtual Calming Room. It can offer families a gentle break as they can virtually visit several live animal cams (see the penguins at the San Diego Zoo or the jellyfish at the Monterey Bay Aquarium); doodle online or download a coloring page; piece together an online jigsaw puzzle; or listen to a waterfall, bird songs or a campfire.

There are numerous interactive yet calm activities to help one feel more calm.

To explore the Comprehensive Wellness Project web page, visit: cusd.com/ComprehensiveWellnessProject.

Chris Herren

Herren's powerful message and honest insights will also be presented

at two Clovis Unified Parent Night evening talks where he will empower parents to consider the source of substance abuse. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to learn more about warning signs and behaviors that could indicate a child is having trouble. Herren will also answer questions. These free Parent Nights — sponsored by the Foundation for Clovis Schools - will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 in Clovis High School's gym, and Sept. 13 in the Performing Art Center at Clovis North High.

Parent Nights are part of Clovis Unified's Parent Academy Series that provides a monthly evening workshop on important student topics. Upcoming sessions include "Social Media & Its Impact on Our Students," Oct. 10; "Substance Abuse Prevention," Oct. 24; and "Social Emotional Supports & Suicide Prevention," Nov. 7. For details or to learn more, visit cusd.com/ParentAcademy.

In this together

Education revolves around teamwork and trust, and we encourage parents to access the resources available at school and in our district to support healthy families.

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

September 2023

CUSD Today

Editor's note: "Around the District" is a regular feature of CUSD Today that highlights positive activities and accomplishments of students and schools throughout the district. In the following, we share some exciting events from the end of the 2022-23 school year and from this summer.

BHS art on display in DC

Seven months, thousands of dots and 26 colorful Sharpie pens (although none completely ran out of ink) went into Buchanan High junior Elise Carberry's masterpiece that



won the 2023 Congressional Art Competition in the 20th District of California!

Her artwork, "My Cat Tsuki," depicts her pet feline using the stippling technique where the drawing is made up of thousands of tiny dots of ink. Elise's work will be on dis-

play in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and Elise won a trip to Washington, D.C., to see it.

"Winning this competition was an incredible opportunity for me," said Elise. "In the future I definitely want to follow an art-related career."

"When you have students like Elise, who are clearly very talented and willing to put in that extra effort," said Elise's art teacher Jeff Nichols, "it is rewarding and makes your job as a teacher just that much more exciting."

City civic lesson

Curious third graders from the Clovis High Area visited Clovis City Hall to get a close-up look at how a city and local government function. It was part of a municipal field trip for social science studies that included a chance to explore a City of Clovis fire truck, police car, garbage truck and construction vehicles. Students also heard from representatives from local government departments who shared various aspects of city operations. "Our kids had a great time and learned a lot about how our city is run," said Gettysburg Elementary teacher Stacy King.

Sharing cultures

Reagan Elementary held its second annual Multicultural



Faire to provide its community a chance to learn from others and share their own culture. Both Reagan and Clovis East High Folklorico groups performed highlighting Mexican cultures; Indian dancing was performed by Clovis East students and a Reagan parent that showcased modern Indian and Bollywood moves; and a Punjabi dance performance by second- and third-graders was so well done that

other students joined in and tried to learn the unique dance moves. Fresno African Drumming conducted an interactive performance where students could experience djembe drumming firsthand and learn basic techniques and the history behind West African rhythm. The school's multipurpose room housed multiple families who set up tables that showcased their culture's art, history, clothing, and food.





Learning from a concentration camp survivor

History came to life for close to 500 Clovis Unified high schoolers when 90-year-old Marion Masada, a survivor of a Japanese American incarceration camp during World War II, shared her experience with them.

Students in the American Culture in History class at Clovis, Clovis East, Clovis North and Clovis West high schools gathered at the district's Performing Arts Center to learn about Masada's life before and in the camp, how those experiences impact her life today and how she was able to move beyond the experience.

They also got the chance to ask questions and dive deeper into what life was like as a Japanese American in that time.

Masada wanted students to understand the effects of the incarceration camps on the Japanese American com-

Captain Eve Lysuwan. "I'm honored to have played a role in this incredible program."

Winter Percussion, consisting of the marching percussion and front ensemble sections of a marching band, is performed indoors and brings together elements of musical performance and choreography to create a theatrical experience.



Tropical fun at Young

When Young Elementary upper-grade students asked for more inclusive parent-student events, the idea of a Mother-Daughter Luau was created. The evening included hula dancing lessons, ukelele lessons and lei making. There even was pineapple drinks and donuts! More than 300 mothers and daughters dressed in theme and had fun together. Other parent-student events at the school included a Father-Son Sports Night, a Mother-Son Paint Night and a Father-Daughter Dance.

Tarpey has book vending machine

Tarpey Elementary students who show excellence have the chance to earn a

munity. She shared the story of an Italian American family who was good and kind to her after her time in the camps and helped her see that there are good people in the world. She encouraged students to be inclusive and to reach out to others who may seem different and treat them with kindness and acceptance.

"The hope is that we help contribute to it never happening again because these young people realize the cost," said Clovis East teacher Sandra Marbut, Ed.D. While it isn't a moment in our American history we can be proud of, it is a moment we can be sure never happens again."

The American Culture in History class examines a variety of ethnic cultures and their experiences within American history.

like "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," and "Pete the Cat" line the racks of coils displayed behind the vending machine's glass.

Here's how it works: All teachers are given one coin each week to give to a student they catch doing things of character, consideration, kindness and more. On Friday, students can go to the vending machine to make their selection for the book that will become their very own.

"Classmates have been excited to see what the student gets," Vue said, "and the student is proud to have received the book that they can add to their home library and read with their family or share with siblings." She said since the vending machine has arrived, teachers have noticed children intentionally working on their character, and not just to earn the coin. They are discovering satisfaction in doing thoughtful deeds, Vue said. "And that this benefits literacy, which is so foundational for learning, is such a bonus."

"We are very grateful to the Foundation for the grant that made this all possible," Vue said.

The Foundation for Clovis School provides classroom and wellness grants each year, following review of applications that show innovation and support for students.

Green Shield for Jaguars

Congratulations to Clovis Elementary on being named a "Green Shield School" by the Positivity Project. This honor recognizes the efforts of the teachers, staff and students at the school to use the P2 teachings to encourage lifelong learning and a positive school culture.

The Positivity Project is a collective of resources that help educators teach 24 character and relationship-building skills in a positive, encouraging way that focuses on the idea that "Other People Matter." All elementary schools in the district are using the P2 lessons in their classrooms.

College swag for Weldon

Cougars are percussion champs

The Clovis High Winter Percussion - which starts its season in January and performs until May - clenched its best performance score ever, finishing 16th in the nation in the Winter Guard International World Percussion Championships in Dayton, Ohio! The Cougar ensemble was also named Valley Champions and finished fifth in the state of California this season. Partway through the season, the group was promoted to compete in the highest class of competition, making this an even greater accomplishment.

"I am proud of our team's success and so glad we were able to set a new record for our school," said Percussion

special coin to use in the school library's new book vending machine. Adorned with the Spartan mascot and in the school's red and black colors, the machine was funded as part of a Foundation for Clovis Schools wellness grant. Principal Tachua

Vue, Ed.D., explained



that her staff wanted to find ways to continue encouraging positive behaviors, and librarian Georgi Leonardo, who has since retired, had the idea to bring the library and literacy into the reward equation. She helped apply for the grant that funded the customized machine and also a supply of children's books to be offered within it. Titles

Before the end of the school year, Weldon Elementary students in Catherine Alkire's class took a step towards their futures. They wrote letters to universities around the country to learn more and to ask if they could be sent a t-shirt to wear or items for the school's AVID davs. The colleges delivered, and students are excited to show off their new college swag in the 2023-24 school year. AVID is an academic program that helps start and



keep students on a path to college, by providing supports in areas like reading, writing and organization.

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Clovis Unified honors retirees

Congratulations to the 130 Clovis Unified School District employees who concluded their careers at the end of the school year. From teachers and nurses to bus drivers and cafeteria crew, these men and women dedicated every day to supporting students. They were celebrated this summer by the district's Governing Board with a personalized gift and reception held at the Mercedes Edwards Theatre.

'Each of you brought to Clovis Unified something unique and irreplaceable. You have set the bar very high for those who follow you, but I know that bar will continue to be high because during your careers, you mentored those around you," said then-Superintendent Eimear O'Brien, Ed.D., who herself was among the retirees. After nearly three decades working for CUSD, the past six as superintendent, O'Brien retired June 30.

Listed here are the 2022-23 retirees and their years with the district, who collectively represent 3,226 years of service and dedication to CUSD students.

Daniel Vasquez, Custodial, 2; Jeffery Willie, Transportation, 4; Sheryl Boe, Transportation, 7; Douglas Cheney, Transportation, 7; Norma Ingle, Buchanan High, 7; Jennie Robinson, Alta Sierra Intermediate, 8; Terry Muir, Transportation, 8; Jock Patterson, Transportation, 9; Felipe De La Fuente, Maintenance, 9; James Defranchi, Valley Oak Elementary, 9;

Laurel Harvey, Campus Catering, 10; Jennifer Oren, Clovis West High, 10; William Viljoen, Custodial, 10; Nancy Puente, Nursing Services, 10; Randal Finfrock, Clovis East High, 10;

Gloria Lyons, Clovis West High, 10; Edward Morgan, Clovis East High, 11; Lori Robinson, Reyburn Intermediate, 13; Khoua Xiong, Custodial, 14; Jackie Stewart, Custodial, 15; Va



Xiong, Custodial, 15; Mark Romero, Transportation, 15; Robert Schram, Campus Catering, 15; Jason Mullikin, Clovis High, 16; Kaylen Anderson, Fancher Creek Elementary, 16; Jerry Campbell, Clovis West High, 16; Emma Rojas, Clovis East High, 17; Traci Martin, Early Start At Century, 17; Vinita Armstrong, Clark Intermediate, 17; Raul Molina, Custodial, 18; Laurie Plescia, Dry Creek Elementary, 18; Nancy Whalen, Campus Catering, 18; Josefina Beshansky, Adult Ed., 18; Teresa Fehr, Riverview Elementary, 19; Jerry Inchaurregui, Educational Services, 19; Susan Carlock, Buchanan High, 19;

Mark Giesbrecht, Transportation, 20; Karen Muirheid, Nelson Elementary, 20; Mavis Washington, Buchanan High, 20; Tami Graham, Copper Hills Elementary, 21; Brenda Setencich, Riverview Elementary, 22; Sandy Alonzo, Weldon Elementary, 22; Sally Palermo, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 22; Janice Laband, Clovis West High, 23; Frances Blancato, Nelson Elementary, 23; Mary Helen Rangell, Campus Catering, 23; Suzanne Smith, Woods Elementary, 23; Jeanne Prandini, Nursing Services, 23; Robert Christopherson, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 23; Sheila Cobb, Fort Washington Elementary, 24; Marcus Terrazas, Adult Ed., 24; Karen Hahesy, Fort Washington Elementary, 24; Leeann Errotabere, Purchasing, 24; Sandra Hart, Buchanan High, 25; Pauline Auyeung, Buchanan High, 25; Cynthia Norman, Century Elementary, 25; Terri Ferguson, Clovis North High, 25; Donna Konze, Freedom Elementary, 26; Mary Wolfe, Red Bank Elementary, 26; Susan Warner, Sierra Vista Elementary, 26; Felicia Gonzales, Woods Elementary, 26; Leslie Corral,

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Retirees can keep in touch with former colleagues in a new Facebook group that was recently launched and already has more than 300 members sharing vacation photos or pictures of grandchildren. Search for Clovis Unified Retirees and request to join the group

Campus Catering, 26; Richard Ferguson, Weldon Elementary, 26; David Guaglianone, Reyburn Intermediate, 26; Grace Ulbrich, Mickey Cox Elementary, 26; Pearl Albertson, Clovis West High, 26; Catherine Dodd, Sierra Vista Elementary, 27; Christopher Hart, Tarpey Elementary, 27; Linda Burns, Clovis North High, 27; Kimberly Whitmore, Special Education, 27; Eimear O'Brien, Superintendent, 27; Desiree Vanbindsbergen, Transportation, 27; Alma Foster, Century Elementary, 27; Shelley Flores, Century Elementary, 27; Jeri Garoogian, Oraze Elementary, 27; Cheryl Eckhardt, Technology, 27;

Joyce Patterson, Century Elementary, 27; Kathleen Zamora, School Leadership Services, 27; Peter Vanderpaardt, Reagan Elementary, 27; Angie Mewhirter, Clovis West High, 27; Deborah Bagdasarian, Fancher Creek Elementary, 28; Theodore Hawkins, Clovis West High, 28; Clifford Simon, Custodial, 28; Roxanne Timmerman, Transportation, 28; Nancy Alves, Clark Intermediate, 28;

Violet Putnam, Clovis West High, 28; Christen Otta, Maple Creek Elementary, 28; Judith Garabedian, Dry Creek Elementary, 28; Ralph Westcott, Grounds, 28; Tonya Houze Woods, Cole Elementary, 29; Janet Samuelian, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 29; Stacey Brinkley, Sierra Vista Elementary,

Kimberly Fox Kristensen, Century Elementary, 30; Diane Schulz, Fort Washington Elementary, 30; Scott January, Buchanan High, 30; Susan Whitsitt, Clovis Online, 30; Tanie McKinzie, Technology, 31; Alejandra Cuevas, Clovis Elementary, 31; Dana Parker, Human Resources, 32; Kathy Hedgpeth Johnson, Century Elementary, 32; Sheri Rinehart Waters, Lincoln Elementary, 33; Monica Everson, Mountain View Elementary, 33; Duane Goudy, Nelson Elementary, 33; Maureen Clark, Clovis West High, 33; Chris Hansen, Educational Services, 33; Kim Judd, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 33; Diana Rouse, Technology, 33; Robyn Clark, Reyburn Intermediate, 33; Stacey Schiro, Clovis High, 33; Kenneth Martinez, Clark Intermediate, 33; Christine White, Bud Rank Elementary, 34; Suzanne Cobb, Century Elementary, 34; Jennifer Denton, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 35; Rick Sandoval, Alta Sierra Intermediate, 35; Debra Lewis, Mountain View Elementary, 36; Leslie Cox, Clark Intermediate, 36; Jerry Hardy, Custodial, 36; Dawn Couchman, Gettysburg Elementary, 36; Lisa Eakins Rossi, Sierra Vista Elementary, 37; Melanie Nighbert, Gettysburg Elementary, 37; Jeffrey Suglian, Reyburn Intermediate, 37; Greg Friesen, Clovis High, 37; Harriet Huggins, Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, 38; Ruth Anderson, Clovis West High, 38;

Charles Henson, Grounds, 41; Teri Varvis, Tarpey Elementary, 41; Peter Berndt, Maintenance, 42; Eleno Martinez, Custodial, 43; Abel Merino, Transportation, 43; and Steven Ward, Legislative, 46.

Bus drivers honored for accident-free driving

Twenty-two school bus drivers who achieved 5, 10, 15 or 20 consecutive years of accident-free driving were honored by the CUSD Governing Board at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. Drivers Monique Benoit-Krause and Terry Garcia were recognized by the California Highway Patrol with the Blackwell Award for 20 consecutive years of safe driving. Also recognized for 15 consecutive years of safe driving were Tony Duong, Monica Perez, Susana Soltero and Mike Whittington. Drivers recognized for 10 years of safe driving were Elizabeth Aguila, Robert Chandler, Casey Custer, Scott Gardner, Daniel Gonzalez, Sarrah Gutier-Marin, Darrell Mapson, Steven Mirelez and Silvia Neri. Those drivers honored with recognition for five years safe driving were Rodney Askin, Jr., Eric Cantley, Phillip Cervantes, Jilberto Flores, Guy Foell, Greg Heard, Tom Kaminsky, Derek Kennedy, Jennifer Petersen, Sharol Madrid-Macias, Miguel Rodriguez, Marco Ruelas, Naomi Silva and Larry Walters.

► Employee Briefs

CCDS specialist wins award

Clovis Community Day School resource specialist Meredith Pulliam won the 2023 Carolyn Dobbs Special Education Teacher of the Year Award that recognizes special education professionals and the importance of the work they do for their students. It is given by the Fresno State Kremen School of Education and Human Development and named after a past special education teacher who pio-



neered major improvements for students with special needs.

Pulliam has worked in special education for 23 years, 20 of which have been with Clovis Unified. Students, parents and colleagues all say she goes above and beyond to help her students succeed.

"She has been able to make positive, lasting connections and changes for students, for staff, and for the district, through her varied experiences and roles served on both her campus and for our district," said Special Education Program Specialist Tacy Kroell.

Throughout her career, Pulliam helped develop the Vocational Education program at Clovis East High, coached basketball at Clovis West High (and still does) and created a positive environment in her current classroom for both special education and general education students to use.

Pulliam, who said she loves her job, was excited to receive the honor. "Being recognized for this award as a teacher in alternative education is especially rewarding."

AMAE awards for Pinedale, CW and CN teachers

Three cheers for Clovis West Spanish teacher Blanca Gonzalez, Pinedale Elementary student relations liaison Dan Pantoja and Clovis North Education Center counselor Bryana Montemayor who won this year's Día Del Maestro Award from the Fresno Association of Mexican American Educators.

The awards are part of the mission of AMAE to ensure equal access to resources for Mexican American/Latino students and educators at all levels.

Student scholarships were also presented at the ceremony and included six for Clovis Unified students. They are Aura Calleros Cuadros, Kellianna Garcia, Brianna Martinez, Sandy Pimentel Castillo, Osmar Villa Beltrán, all from Clovis West High; and Corina Brito from Clovis North High

CUSD Police chief trains with FBI

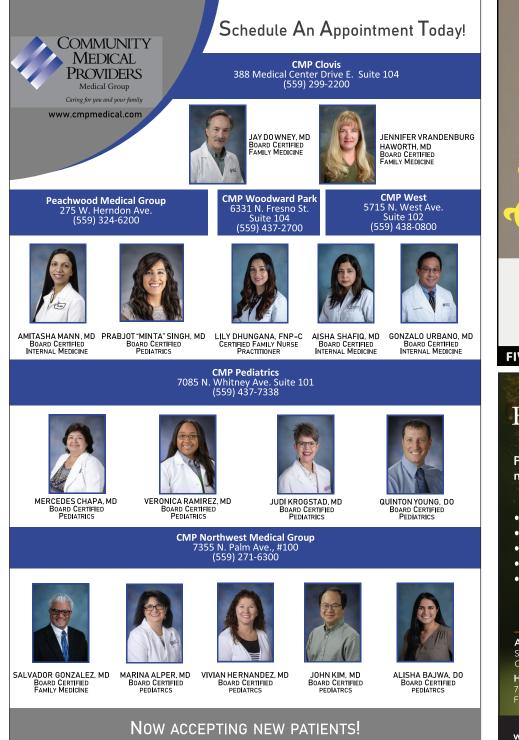
In ongoing efforts to find ways to continually improve

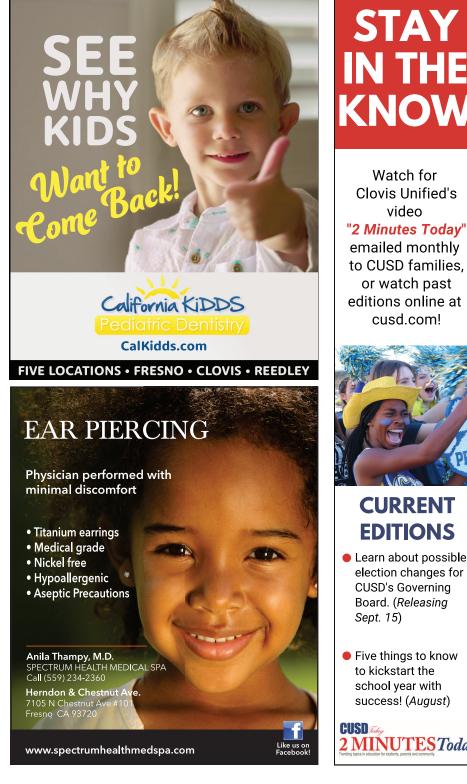
school safety, Clovis Unified Police Chief Lee Mayberry got to learn from the nation's best this summer. He was one of only 50 chiefs and sheriffs invited to attend the FBI's National Command Course in Quantico, Virginia.

Local FBI partners encouraged Chief Lee Mayberry to apply for the leadership development course that caters to small police departments.



"What inspired me to attend was the opportunity to better myself and enhance the Police Department with current and future trends in Law Enforcement," said Chief Mayberry. Classes covered important topics like health and wellness, defensive tactics, emotional intelligence and Active Bystander in Law Enforcement. "I look forward to sharing the information I received with our department and district members."







- Learn about possible election changes for CUSD's Governing Board. (Releasing Sept. 15)
- Five things to know to kickstart the school year with success! (August)



Alta Sierra, Kastner recognized for excellence

Congratulations to Alta Sierra and Kastner intermediate schools that were re-designated as National Schools to Watch! The Clovis Unified schools' administration teams traveled to Washington, D.C., this summer for an awards ceremony.

"My team and I appreciated being honored at the National Conference and being recognized for our continuous improvement efforts characterized by a continuous trajectory towards success," said Alta Sierra Principal Jennifer Carter.

The Schools to Watch program examines middle schools across the country and celebrates those that serve their students with excellence. A school must first earn a state Schools to Watch status and have a site visit before advancing for national consideration.

"The work done by all Kastner staff members (teachers, classified staff, and administrators) does not go unnoticed," said Kastner Principal May Moua. "Receiving the National Schools to Watch award affirms great things are continuing to happen at Kastner for all students daily."

"We are very proud of the efforts by each of our schools as they work to close the achievement gap through innovative instructional practices," said Marc Hammack, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of School Leadership. "They have represented Clovis Unified in ensuring that students are the best they can be in mind, body and spirit."

The National Forum, a nonprofit educators' association dedicated to improving education and school-based supports for middle school students, works in conjunction with educators, researchers, associations and state departments of education in determining the honor.



Photos special to CUSD Today

Two Clovis Unified schools earned National Schools to Watch recognition and were honored this summer in Washington, D.C. Pictured top: Alta Sierra Intermediate Principal Jennifer Carter, third from the right, and Associate Superintendent of School Leadership Marc Hammack, Ed.D., second from right, are with part of the Bruins' team at the presentation. Above: Hammack, left, and Kastner Intermediate Principal May Moua, third from the left, are joined by members of the Thunderbirds' team.



Herren:

FROM PAGE ONE

and Sept. 14 at Clovis West and Buchanan High.

This will be the second time the Foundation and Clovis Unified have partnered with Herren. In 2016, Herren spoke to approximately 10,000 high school students in Clovis Unified, garnering an unprecedented amount of positive feedback from students, staff and parents alike.

"We are grateful for our community partners making these possible and helping us to support the district in this way," Fennacy said.

The Foundation for Clovis Schools is a nonprofit organization made up of community volunteers who raise funds to support student scholarships, classroom grants and other programs that assist the district. Learn more: FoundationForClovisSchools.com.

Clovis Unified offers numerous programs and resources to support the overall wellbeing of students through the district's Comprehensive Wellness Project. Learn more: cusd.com/ComprehensiveWellnessProject.







Salute to military commitments

Several graduating Clovis Unified seniors participated in special events at their home campus at the end of the school year that honored their intention to join a branch of the U.S. Military Services. The signing ceremonies were attended by peers, teachers and family.

■ Buchanan High: Gavin Miller, Air Force; Syriah Tezeno, Air Force; Andrew Bartel, Air Force Reserve; Chase Griffith, Army; Juan Ortiz, Army; Jack Thompson, Army; Aaron Lopez, Marines; Sandra Lopez, Marines; Ethan Reilly, Marines; and Zonshia Yang, Marines

Clovis East High: Elizabeth Cervantes, Army National Guard; Savannah Garcia, Army National Guard; Brayden Meckley, Marines; Erika Nyberg, Army – Westpoint; Nathanial Pitcher, Navy; Adriana Ramirez-Gutierrez, Air Force; Elijah Rooney, Marines; and Anthony Trevino, Marines

■ Clovis High: Isaihas Salazar, Marines; Chase Harris, Marines; Charles Brooks, Marines; Robin Smith, Marines; Tyler Dowing, Navy; Hunter Lee, Navy; Madicyn Pittman, Army National Guard; and Antonio Heredia, Army

■ Clovis North High: Kevin Alvarado, Marines; Joseph Halls, Air Force; Caleb Ruiz, Marines; and Josh Munoz, Army

Clovis West High: Alexis Barrera Martinez, Navy; Adrian Messing, Navy; Jesse Ozaeta, Marines; Sofia Brever, Army National Guard; and Angelo Gomez, Army



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New election model considered; board meets new administraors

By Kelly Avants CUSD Chief Communications Officer

Aug. 16

In its on-going work to proceed with a proposed transition to a by-district election model, the Clovis Unified Governing Board held the first of five public hearings Aug. 16 and discussed the schedule for the remaining four hearings. After reviewing the process for transitioning to a by-district election model and the multiple steps outlined in Education and Election codes, the board set the following schedule for public hearings: Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4 and 18. The hearings will be held in conjunction with the Governing Board's regularly scheduled meetings at 1680 David E. Cook Way in Clovis.

More information about the process and schedule for the Governing Board's consideration of this transition is available online at cusd.com and will be kept updated over the course of their work. A comment form can also be found online.

Also at the board meeting, members of the board met recently appointed administrators Monica Castillo, assistant superintendent of instructional services; Katie Scalzo, principal of Gettysburg Elementary School; and Margaret Files, director of Career Technical Education.

In other action, the board:

Approved by a twothirds majority a resolution authorizing emergency repairs at Clark Intermediate to allow electrical repair work to be done on the campus in advance of the start of the school year on Aug. 21.

Approved the annual membership of the Governing Board in the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

 Approved a provisional internship permit for a teaching candidate to provide additional time to obtain specialized certification.

Approved a resolution adopting a mitigated negative declaration for the new district facilities project at Herndon and Fowler avenues.

■ Approved the minutes from the Aug. 2 regular meeting of the Governing Board.

Approved a new job description for Manager, Desktop Support, Information Technology Services.

Approved an agreement with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to participate in the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Grant Program.

Scheduled a public hearing Sept. 6 to allow members of the public to provide input related to a proposed power purchase agreement by the district.

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Clovis Unified's attribute legends!

> BOARD BRIEFS

Aug. 2

Gettysburg Elementary will have a new principal this year following the Clovis Unified Governing Board's Aug. 2 appointment of learning director Katie Scalzo to the open position as part of their work to prepare for the start of the new school year.

Also at the meeting, the board adopted a resolution declaring its intent to transition from a hybrid form of at-large elections to districtbased elections and outlining specific steps to be undertaken to facilitate the transition before the 2024 election. At the Aug. 16 meeting, the Board will discuss a complete time-

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line for the multi-step process required by California's Election Code and Education Code to make such a change from the current model. A copy of the resolution with additional details about the process is available in the agenda materials of the meeting. In other action, the board:

Held a public hearing to allow for comment on its intent to convey an easement to Pacific Gas and Electric for public utilities need for the district support facilities under construction at Fowler and Herndon avenues, and later approved a resolution authorizing the easement.

Approved all conference, student trip, fundraiser and

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voluntary community recreation program requests, as submitted.

Approved an agreement with WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies to provide Teaching Pyramid professional development during the upcoming school year.

Approved the course offerings for Clovis Adult Education during the 2023-24 school year.

Appointed an architect for a project at the district's Sierra Outdoor School.

Approved a provisional internship permit and variable term waiver renewal request for two teaching candidates to allow for additional time to obtain specialized credentialing for high need positions

■ Approved the Clovis Adult School principal to serve as the official Clovis Unified School District representative on the State Center Adult Education Consortium.

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Governing Board are Sept. 6 and 20, with the public portion of the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the board-room at 1680 David E. Cook Way. Complete minutes and agendas of meetings, along with video, are available online at cusd.com.

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David, 1st grade; Olivia, TK; Eli, 4th grade, Tarpey



Hailey, 6th grade, Weldon

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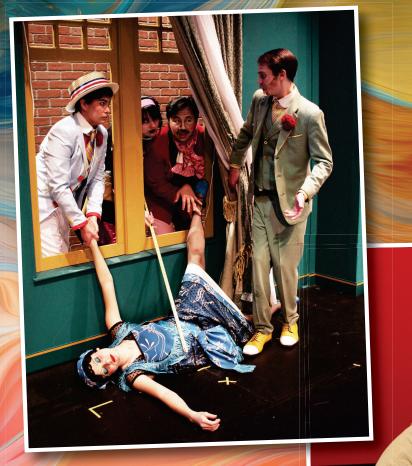
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