District Graduation Rate Increases

Fresno Unified’s four-year graduation rate continues to climb. The most recent numbers from the California Department of Education shows the district’s graduation rate increased 1.2%, to 74.6% for 2011-2012, up from 73.4% in 2010-2011. The rate was calculated using the state’s new two year old data system called the California Longitudinal Public Achievement Data System (CALPADS). CALPADS maintains an individual-level data system that includes student demographics, course data, discipline and assessment records, staff assignments and other data for state and federal reporting. Each student is assigned a unique identification number that carefully accounts for all ninth-graders as they move through high school. This makes it easier to determine when a student graduates, even if the student switches districts, in-state, during high school. Today, more Fresno Unified students are graduating and enrolling in college.

District Awards $52,000 in Scholarships

Fresno Unified nearly doubled the number of Fresno Unified scholarships awarded this year to outstanding graduates from every high school in the district, for a total of $52,000 in scholarship money to support college-going. The Board of Education recognized the 24 recipients of Fresno Unified Scholarships at the June 5 board meeting. This is the fifth year in a row that the scholarships were awarded, thanks to the generosity of Fresno Unified employees who contribute to the fund and from the community’s support of the State of Education luncheon last fall, which raised more than $35,000 for the scholarship fund. Ten $1,000 scholarships were awarded with an additional 14 students receiving $3,000 scholarships—the largest amount the district has given. With this year’s scholarships, nearly $100,000 has been awarded to Fresno Unified graduates over the past five years. To donate to the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund, call 457-3733.

Hundreds Turn Out for Pre-K Registration

More than 1,000 parents and children converged on Sunnyside High School on April 27 for the district’s Pre-Kindergarten Registration Fair. Parents started lining up for the event, which started at 10 a.m., as early as 7 a.m. The event included health services, early learning activities, information from community partners and free food and games. At the fair, parents were able to either register their children for a space in one of Fresno Unified’s pre-kindergarten classes or make an appointment to complete registration at a later date. The fair was organized in keeping with Fresno Unified’s commitment to expand early learning offerings to the city’s children. Many students begin kindergarten woefully under-prepared for the rigor of today’s curriculum. Many have not been exposed to basic math and literacy concepts, placing them at a major disadvantage when they enter school.

Anyone with preschool-aged children who are eligible but not enrolled in one of Fresno Unified’s early learning programs is encouraged to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity. While some early learning programs do have income requirements, many of them do not. Parents are encouraged to contact the district’s Early Learning Office at 457-3682 for more information.
Low-Rate Computer Loans + Affordable Monthly Payments =

The Best Idea All Semester.

EECU is offering students low-rate computer loans on desktops, laptops, tablets, and related hardware and software from April 1st through September 30th. Not only is this low-cost financing opportunity a smart way to save money, it's also a smart way to start establishing good credit. So hurry in today, because an opportunity like this won't last forever.

EECU is offering students low-rate computer loans on desktops, laptops, tablets, and related hardware and software from April 1st through September 30th. Not only is this low-cost financing opportunity a smart way to save money, it's also a smart way to start establishing good credit. So hurry in today, because an opportunity like this won't last forever.

1-800-538-EECU / myEECU.org

As low as 3% APR*
Payments as low as $20 per month
Loan amount between $500 and $2,500
Convenient payment options
Great way to build credit

*Rates range from 3.00% to 9.00% APR. Rates are subject to change without notice. Must qualify for membership. Payment example: a 60-month loan at 3% APR would have an estimated monthly payment of $17.97 per $1,000 borrowed.

Federally Insured by NCUA
SUPERINTENDENT’S Message

Great things are happening in the Fresno Unified School District. By the time this edition of Building Futures reaches your mailbox, the 2012-2013 school year will be mere days away from the close. It has been another productive year, and we are already eagerly planning for 2013-2014. One area of focus in the year ahead is the expansion of our early learning programs. I’m pleased to announce that for the coming school year, our transitional kindergarten (TK) and kindergarten students will now receive about an hour more of instructional time per day at 43 of our schools so all are in alignment. We will also add 27 transitional kindergarten and another 18 pre-kindergarten classes to our roster, bringing that total to 62 sites with TK and 60 with at least one pre-K class. This additional instructional time and newly opened classroom opportunities will support our teachers working with our students to read on grade level by third grade. The Board of Education has made this staff planning possible with their ongoing stewardship of our budget resources.

I hope that as you hear about the improvements that we are making to our early learning offerings, you will encourage more parents to become involved. It is not our opinion that participation in these programs will continue to state that the personal attention they have received from our dedicated staff has been an important part of the process for them. We are so excited to help the next 1,600 participants.

One of our earliest participants has just passed his state exam and is now a certified phlebotomist. He began our program last year with his GED studies, then attended a local college for phlebotomy and now has passed all of the certifications. Changing careers is a difficult decision to make, and we are so happy for his successes!

We have opportunities currently for anyone interested in pursuing their GED. So don’t wait, contact us today. If you are interested in helping Learn2Earn with outreach in the community, or would like a presentation at your neighborhood center, local church, or association, please contact Linda Davidson-Gafford at 559-230-4084. If you are interested in getting started with Learn2Earn today please submit an interest form at www.learn2earnfresno.org and meet with an adviser today.
### 2013 Graduation Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Grad Time</th>
<th>Practice</th>
<th>School</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>May 20</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Design Science</td>
<td>FCC - Old Admin Building</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 10</td>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Roosevelt</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 10</td>
<td>8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Fresno</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Bullard</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Edison</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>McLane</td>
<td>McLane Stadium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Cambridge</td>
<td>Roosevelt Auditorium</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 11</td>
<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>DeWolf</td>
<td>Fresno - Royce Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Hoover</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Sunnyside</td>
<td>Savemart Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>7:00 a.m.</td>
<td>J.E. Young</td>
<td>Saroyan Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>1:30 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Fresno Adult GED</td>
<td>Saroyan Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>3:00 p.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Fresno Adult H.S.</td>
<td>Saroyan Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 12</td>
<td>6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>8:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Duncan</td>
<td>Saroyan Theatre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>July 24</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Summer School</td>
<td>Sunnyside (Football Stadium)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Volunteers paint a map of the United States near the Kirk Elementary playground during the 12th annual Comcast Cares Day.

### Comcast Beautifies Kirk Elementary

Dozens of Comcast employees rolled up their sleeves and took to the Kirk Elementary School campus for a beautification effort. The 12th annual Comcast Cares Day kicked off at 9 a.m. on April 27 with more than 150 volunteers from the cable television provider, school and community. New shrubs and vegetation were planted around the property, playground bleachers were painted, new basketball nets were installed and backboards painted. A large map of the United States was also painted in the playground area. Volunteers carefully cleaned the shelving throughout the school and added a new mural to the cafeteria.

Kirk, in one of the city’s most impoverished neighborhoods, is one of 16 schools in the state visited by Comcast employees for similar projects on that day. Comcast has been a long-standing community partner of the Fresno Unified School District, offering support in a number of capacities. Similar support from a variety of community partners has been vital to the success of students as the district works to help make the city of Fresno a better place.

### Don’t Let a Graduate Turn Into A Statistic

It’s graduation season, a time to celebrate for graduates, their families and friends. This year, Fresno Unified has more than 4,100 graduates who will cross the stage and head on to the next exciting chapter in their lives. During this time of celebration, it’s important to talk with your students about the dangers of drinking and driving, and for all adults to remember to drive safely and responsibly.

**Mothers Against Drunk Drivers presents sobering statistics about drinking and driving.**

Did you know that:

- Over 1.41 million drivers were arrested in 2010 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol was associated with age in 2010. The rate was highest among persons aged 21 to 25 (23.4%). An estimated 5.8% of 16 or 17 year olds and 15.1% of 18 to 20 year olds reported driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year. Beyond age 25, these rates showed a general decline with increasing age.
  - In fatal crashes in 2010, the highest percentage of drunk drivers was for drivers ages 21 to 24 (34 percent), followed by ages 25 to 34 (30%) and 35 to 44 (25%).
  - Almost half of all drivers who were killed in crashes and tested positive for drugs also had alcohol in their system.
  - Among persons aged 12 or older, males were more likely than females (15.1 vs. 7.9%) to drive under the influence of alcohol in the past year.
  - In 2010, 211 children were killed in drunk driving crashes. Out of those 211 deaths, 131 (62%) were riding with the drunk driver.
  - Every day in America, another 27 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes.

*Data provided by MADD – Mothers Against Drunk Driving

---

**Dailey Elementary Charter Earns IB Status**

Dailey Elementary Charter School has earned the prestigious authorization to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Primary Years Program. The IB authorization was the culmination of a three-year application process that involved staff, administration, parents and board members.

Part of Dailey’s teaching methods include inquiry-based units of instruction, which focus on structured questioning methods that promote critical thinking and global-mindedness. Traditional academic subjects are part of the program, but there is an emphasis on the interrelatedness of knowledge and skills through a trans-disciplinary program of inquiry.

Since opening, Dailey Charter has had outstanding student success as evidenced by a 950 API score, local and global community service projects and a focus on college and career attributes. Dailey board member Janet Ryan stated, “The parent participation and hard work of staff and students has created this outstanding educational opportunity for neighborhood kids.”

Fresno Unified authorized Dailey as an independent charter in 2010. It has a current enrollment of 375 students and serves as part of the IB K-12 continuum in the Fresno area.

---

It is critical that all family members be able to hear the names of their graduates during the ceremony. To ensure this, please be reminded of the following during graduation ceremonies:

- Blow horns or noise makers are not allowed.
- Use of vulgarity is not permitted.
- Shouting out during the ceremony is not allowed. If shouting occurs and is a distraction, event staff will ask offenders to leave.
- No shoving/pushing in the audience; offenders will be asked to leave.
- Claps and cheers are appreciated and appropriate as the graduates enter during the processional as well as when they leave during the recessional.

Please respect the graduates and adhere to the above reminders so all students and their family members and friends enjoy their student’s special moment during the 2013 graduation ceremony.
Experiment Nothing to Sneeze At

A camera crew filmed a team of Computech Middle School students last month as they carried out a challenge from Kleenex Brand to test the absorbency and durability of one of the company’s new facial tissues. Computech was one of five schools selected from across the country for filming and will receive $5,000 to use in its science classrooms. On May 2 the crew filmed footage of students around campus and in their science classroom conducting the experiment designed by eighth-graders Alex Maldonado and Christian Pineda, students in David Greenmyer’s physical science class. Alex and Christian were joined by fellow students Zoee Sanchez, Hana Luna Her, Malachi Makely and Jorge Perez for the video shoot.

“We didn’t expect we were going to win. We just wanted extra credit,” said Christian, an eighth-grader.

Greenmyer offered extra credit to students who designed experiments, with about 20 proposals submitted to Kleenex Brand from Computech. The selected experiment called for students to stretch Kleenex Brand tissue and “brand X” tissue above a small amount of sodium metal, then pour water over each sample. “Brand X” tissue did not hold up well, with water breaking through easily onto the sodium below creating a vigorous chemical reaction that represented the unpleasant experience of blowing your nose with flimsy tissue. The Kleenex Brand product held up well, absorbing about twice that of the “brand X” before dumping the water.

Alex said they came up with the idea to position the sodium below the tissue as a way of livening up the experiment: “We didn’t want to make this boring so we thought of the sodium.”

To have their experiment selected was “good for our school,” Alex said. “It’s really exciting for the school and everyone at the school.”

Principal Jeremy Ward said the footage is to be included in a back-to-school video Kleenex Brand is creating highlighting students.

Computech had a great spring. In April, the school was named to the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) Honor Roll and to the CBEE’s STEM Honor Roll, and also in April a team of Computech students placed first in the middle school electric car competition at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

PIQE Helps District Connect With Parents

The regional office of Parent Institute for Quality Education – PIQE – recently celebrated 25 years of service to families and students with a May 20 event.

Fresno Unified’s Parent University works closely with PIQE in support of the commitment from the Board of Education and Superintendent Michael Hanson to make engaging parents a priority. PIQE has been an invaluable partner in helping to guide the district’s work.

In recent years, Fresno Unified has reformed how it engages, empowers, and connects with parents to help them be involved in supporting their students. The superintendent, with the board’s support, set a goal to reach 10,000 parents.

Last month, Fresno Unified’s Parent University held a week-long series of parent graduations throughout the district, with the latest cohort numbering more than 1,500 parents. With this newest group of parents -- who are better equipped to help their students and be involved parents – Fresno Unified’s Parent University with its partner organizations is close to surpassing its goal of reaching 10,000 parents.

PIQE is critical to this work. As matter of fact, over the last two years more than 2,000 parents have participated in the PIQE program.

As a district, Fresno Unified cannot succeed without the support and involvement of its parents, and could not do the work without dedicated organizations like PIQE to support the efforts.
Klang Giving Up Neck Ties

John Klang will retire at the end of June after more than seven years leading the district’s Maintenance and Operations. His career in Fresno Unified began in 1997 as a maintenance services manager. Karin Temple, assistant superintendent for operational services, said Klang exemplifies the necessary qualities to lead the district’s efforts in keeping schools well maintained, clean, and safe.

“He is always on providing outstanding service and support to schools, and he never stops until the job is done right,” Temple said.

First job in the field of maintenance and operations: Painter, Long Beach Unified School District.

First job ever: Mail clerk, gardener and other duties as assigned at Hitchcock Publishing Company in Wheaton, Illinois.

I know I am successful when: There are more “atta boys” than “aw cruds.”

The most rewarding part of my job with Fresno Unified was when: Superintendent Hanson caught me pressure washing sidewalks at Fresno High on the weekend before school started… Actually, coming to know and work with some of the finest, motivated, and engaged people that do what they do every day for kids and the community.

Looking back on your years in Maintenance and Operations, what are you most proud of? I am most proud of how far we’ve come as a department and a district. Change has been slower than we’ve hoped for and more painful than we wanted but it always feels better playing for a winning team than a losing one. We are winning more.

Most people don’t know that: Packed everything I owned in a 1974 Capri and left Illinois in 1975 traveling west, with no idea where I was going to end up.

In my down time I like to: Aside from spending time with family, fix, build, and restore things.

It really frustrates me when: I feel I haven’t met all the expectations or can’t help folks because we are constrained by budgets.

Now that I am retiring I am going to: Complete the renovation of my home and my boy’s home. Work with my hands. Travel. Hopefully buy a 750 Norton Commando motorcycle and restore it. Never wear a tie again. Play some golf. Go anywhere my wife wants to go. Watch my boys as they pursue their dreams.

Dream vacation: A month of fishing in Canada.

Assembly District Honors Homan Principal

Suzanne Webster-Jones, principal at Homan Elementary School, was selected as a 31st Assembly District 2013 Woman of the Year Awards recipient and was honored April 9 at the Fresno Art Museum.

Baird Teacher Selected as a Top Educator

Ricardo Guevara, Young Men’s Alliance teacher at Baird Middle School, was selected for an Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE) Educator of the Year awards. Guevara has played a critical role in improving the academic performance and behavior of students in the Young Men’s Alliance at Baird.

The group began the program with an average GPA below 2.0 with numerous suspensions and now has an average GPA of 3.0 with no suspensions this entire school year. Guevara was recognized at the El Dia del Maestro banquet in May.

Maintenance Workers Spring Into Action

Fresno Unified maintenance workers Nick Hankins and Mike Martin came to the quick aid of a motorist following an accident May 14 on busy Freeway 180. Hankins and Martin were traveling westbound in separate vehicles when another vehicle locked its brakes, spinning out of control and hitting one of the district trucks and then striking another vehicle, causing it to flip over. Hankins and Martin responded immediately to aid the driver, breaking the window to pull him to safety. Fortunately, everyone involved in the multiple-vehicle accident escaped with minor injuries. Fresno Unified employees have phenomenal driving records but are also great Samaritans.

Duncan Teacher is a Healthcare Hero

Mark Zamora, an ROP Medical Careers teacher at Duncan Polytechnical High School, was selected for a 2012 “Heroes in HealthCare” award, presented by Business Street Online. He was honored at a reception May 30.

Zamora received his award in the Emergency Response category for his “tireless work to improve health care in your community.” In addition to his job at Duncan, Zamora works with the EMS Authority as a part-time instructor for the paramedic program and is a mentor.

We’re all about preventive medicine, but we know illness happens every day. When it happens to you, your doctor at Kaiser Permanente Fresno can help. You’ll see that our commitment to prevention also applies to hassles, paperwork, and red tape. We’re Kaiser Permanente Fresno. And we stand for health. Learn more at kp.org/fresno.

Kaiser Permanente: thrive

EVERY DAY WE SPECIALIZE IN EVERYONE.
Co-Principal to Lead Gaston Middle School

Felicia Quarles Treadwell and Steve Gonzalez will serve as co-principals when the Rutherford B. Gaston Sr. Middle School opens in 2014 in southwest Fresno.

Cooper Teacher Competes in Boston Marathon

Cooper Academy Spanish teacher Jesus Campos ran in the Boston Marathon April 15, becoming one of Fresno’s links to the tragic bombing. Campos had completed the race prior to the bombs going off, placing 37th out of 26,839 participants. Campos ran a personal-best time of 2 hours, 24 minutes, but was shaken by the events.

What was your reaction to the Boston Marathon bombing? When you finish a marathon, a 26-mile race, it is a huge accomplishment. I was really excited because I had run a personal best time. However, when hearing what was going on, everything changed. Like most people, I just kept asking myself, “Why are there people without feelings who do such things?”

Does what happened in Boston make you nervous about competing in other high-profile races? It does make me nervous, but I hope to keep doing these races.

What did you tell your students when you returned to the classroom? Students were excited when I got back to work. They congratulated me for having run the marathon, but were most concerned that I was safe. They asked me a lot of questions about the marathon and the bombings. I basically told them that these things happen and that we need to appreciate what we have, our families, and that we are alive.

Will you run in the Boston Marathon again? I’m not sure if I’ll be back next year, but probably in the future. I want to try a different one, probably London. Now I’ll start focusing in the summer for another huge challenge, which is to qualify for the Olympic trials in a fall marathon. The qualifying time is 2:18 and my best is 2:24 so I know it will be a huge challenge!

How did you get into running? Teachers make a difference in students’ lives. I did not start running until 11th grade when my history teacher (King City) was my mentor and helped me a lot to stay in school after high school. He was also the cross country coach. When I started running I wasn’t good at all. I was usually the 6th or 7th guy. In 2005 I ran my first marathon in 2:49 and came in 10th place overall. When I was done, I said I wouldn’t be doing any more of those races! Now running is part of my life and I’ve ran in about 30 marathons.

How have you used your marathon running to inspire students? Finishing a marathon is a challenge. I talked to my students about challenges. I’ve had a lot in my life, growing up in a single-parent family and arriving in the U.S. when I was 16 from Mexico. This is basically how I try to motivate my students by telling them about challenges and having goals in mind.

Heald Recognizes Bullard/Hoover Teacher

Maxine Dadoorian, career technology teacher at Bullard and Hoover high schools, received an Educator of the Month certificate of appreciation from Heald College for the difference she is making in the lives of her students. Dadoorian plays a key role in supporting students on their path to become college and career ready graduates.

About Treadwell:
Treadwell’s 21 years in education includes experience in two school districts, five different sites, and coordinating with the English Learner team. Her eight years of experience with the talented Bethune Elementary students and staff excites her to return to the Edison region and fuse in her new learning she has received from the incredible students and staff of the Roosevelt region.

About Gonzalez:
Gonzalez is a proud product of Fresno Unified School District. He attended Homan Elementary School, Hamilton Junior High School, and Fresno High School. He’s been involved in public education for over 34 years and has served as an instructional aide, a custodian, a classroom teacher, a program manager/vice-principal, and for the past 21 years a principal. Gonzalez is a proven educator having excelled as a teacher in a small rural K-8 school as well as in a multi-track year-round school. As an administrator, Gonzalez has worked in both traditional and year-round schools. Gonzalez has served successfully in several Title I schools in the Edison, Roosevelt, McLane, and Fresno High regions.
Edison Computech Wins Big at Science Bowl

Edison Computech’s Science Bowl team brought home top honors at the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl in late April. The five-member Computech team, made up of four competitors and one alternate, came in first place in the middle school electric car competition for having the fastest car. The group won $500 for the school’s science department and a trophy. They also placed third in the Design Document portion of the competition.

“I don’t think I could be any prouder of our students and their coach, Ms. Lisa Poole,” stated Computech principal Jeremy Ward. “They’ve worked very hard all year and I’m glad they were able to receive the fruits of their labor on such a major stage. Their parents should be very proud.”

The Science Bowl started April 25 and ended April 29. Students on 115 teams from 69 high schools and 46 middle schools from across the country took part in the fast-paced question and answer competition. The electric car event was created for middle school students while high school students participated in a hands-on challenge of their own during the five-day bowl. Students also heard from a number of top experts in the fields of science, math and technology while at the event.

The Department of Energy started the National Science Bowl competition in 1991 as a way to encourage students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics and science. More than 200,000 students have participated to date.

Design Science is Distinguished

Design Science High School has earned the coveted California Distinguished School designation, awarded to the state’s most exemplary and inspiring public schools for demonstrating significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap.

Design Science learned April 11 it was among 218 middle and high schools selected statewide for the California Distinguished Schools Program for 2013. The school was honored at a regional awards ceremony May 31 at the Holiday Inn in Visalia. This is the school’s second Distinguished School designation, receiving the honor in 2009 as well.

“We are very proud to have been named, once again, a California Distinguished School,” said Principal Roy Exum. “This honors the exemplary work of our staff and students and highlights the strong collaborative partnership between the Fresno Unified School District and Fresno City College.”

Design Science -- located across the street from its partner school, Fresno City College -- breaks the traditional high school mold by offering college courses to students. During the first two years, students spend the majority of their time at the Design Science High School campus and take selected college courses. In years three and four, students are enrolled in Fresno City College and maintain a full load of courses.

Free Lunch For All Kids

When school is out this summer, your kids can get a free lunch at a neighborhood school. Meals are offered at no charge to children from 1-18 years old. No registration or application is required. When summer is here, call Food Services for a location near you or for more information. For times, please check our website at www.fresnounified.org

Starts June 18, 2013
Fresno Unified School District
Food Services Department
(559) 457-6250

- Addams Elementary
- Addicott Elementary
- Ayer Elementary
- Bakman Elementary
- Del Mar Elementary
- Fremont Elementary
- Lane Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Malloch Elementary
- Mayfair Elementary
- Norseman Elementary
- Powers-Ginsburg
- Robinson Elementary
- Rowell Elementary
- Storey Elementary
- Turner Elementary
- Winchell Elementary
- Yokomi Elementary
- Ahwahnee Middle
- Comutech Middle
- Cooper Middle
- Ft. Miller Middle
- Hamilton K-8
- Scandinavian Middle
- Tehpite Middle
- Terrence Middle
- Wawona Middle
- Bullard High
- Cambridge High
- Fresno High
- Edison High
- DeWolf High
- Duncan High
- Edison High
- Hoover High
- McLane High
- Phoenix Secondary
- Rata 8-12
- Roosevelt High
- Sunnyside High
- Cal State University, Fresno
- Fresno Housing Authority-Cedar Courts I & II
- Ramacher School (FCOE)
Is Your Student Ready for Seventh Grade?

California law requires all students currently in sixth grade to have proof of having received a pertussis (whooping cough) booster vaccine to start seventh grade. To meet this requirement a child will need to have one dose of a pertussis containing vaccine on or after their seventh birthday. The law allows parents to choose exemptions to immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs or for medical reasons verified by the child’s health care provider.

Check your child’s immunization record with the chart below or call your health care provider to determine if your child has met the requirement.

What You Can Do Now

Send a copy of your child’s immunization record to the school office as soon as possible so the school nurse can update your child’s immunization status. If our records indicate that your child has NOT met this new vaccine requirement, a note will be included on your child’s report card. Adults are also advised to get a pertussis booster to protect themselves and their families.

If your child needs this vaccine, a pertussis booster may be obtained from:

- Your private health care provider
- Clinica Sierra Vista (visit www.clinicasierravista.org for clinic locations)
- Fresno Unified School District (visit website for Tdap Clinic locations)
- Fresno County Health Department, 1221 Fulton Mall 1st Floor, Immunization, (559) 445-3550

If you need a copy of your child’s immunization record or have questions, please contact your child’s school nurse.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vaccine Name</th>
<th>Age Requirement</th>
<th>Meets 7th Grade Requirement?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tdap, Adacel, Boostrix, DTAp, DTP</td>
<td>Must be given on or after 7th birthday</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Td, DECAVAC, TENIVAC, DT</td>
<td>DTP or DTP given before 7th birthday</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>History of whooping cough (pertussis) disease</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
As several large Measure Q projects continue to take shape or near completion, including academic buildings at Fresno High School and Hoover High School, numerous smaller-scale renovations are improving schools across the district. Among these projects are:

- New play court at Heaton Elementary School.
- New concrete, landscaping and street trees along Forkner Avenue in front of Malloch Elementary School.
- New concrete and improved irrigation to create a bike path in a park-like setting at Powers-Ginsburg School.
- New irrigation, sod and flowers at Holland Elementary School.
- New gym lockers at Kings Canyon Middle School.
- Improved landscaping and new seating for McLane High School quad.
- Softball and baseball field upgrades at Sunnyside High School.

The projects are among more than $100 million in Measure Q projects underway or completed throughout Fresno Unified, providing better teaching and learning environments, a boost to the local economy and reinvestment in Fresno neighborhoods. Voters passed Measure Q with a resounding 76 percent approval in November 2010, making it possible for the district to pursue priority projects outlined by the Facilities Master Plan, a watershed document approved by the Fresno Unified Board of Education in 2009 to guide the district’s facilities needs over the next 15 years.

Other key Measure Q projects underway or in the design phase include:

- Buildings to house classrooms, the library, career center and administration at Fresno High; the buildings’ classical architecture will compliment historic Royce Hall and allow for the removal of 22 portables as well as the existing buildings at the front of the school to make way for green space.
- A new academic building at Hoover High that will house 20 classrooms, including science labs and teacher collaboration space; will allow for the removal of 15 to 20 portable classrooms.
- Design of classroom buildings at Bullard High School to replace portable classrooms.
- Planning for a new classroom building and construction of locker room upgrades for McLane High School.
- Design of new classroom buildings at Figarden and Robinson elementary schools.

Completed Measure Q projects include classroom buildings at Mayfair, Rowell, Wilson and Winchell elementary schools and Roosevelt and Edison high schools; Hoover baseball and softball fields; upgrades throughout the district including heating/air conditioning, irrigation, play courts, concrete walkways and security enhancements; and a remodel/upgrade to the Roosevelt girls locker room.

**Goals for Measure Q include:**

- Upgrading and improving all Fresno Unified schools
- Supporting the work of the district to prepare career ready graduates through career technical education
- Investing in renovation and repair of schools
- Continuing to upgrade classroom technology
- Addressing the dropout issue by investing in alternative and continuing education facilities
### 2013 Fresno Unified School District Scholarship Recipients

#### $3,000 Scholarship Winners

- Shayon Falls
  - Bullard
- Maria Rodriguez
  - Cambridge
- Ignacio Madrigal
  - Design Science
- Jacklin Alford
  - De Wolf
- Houa Vang
  - Duncan Polytechnical
- Jairi Martinez
  - Edison
- Esmerilda Rodriguez
  - Edison
- MaKayla Quinn
  - Fresno
- Nicholas Peterson
  - Hoover
- Samantha Luna
  - JE Young
- Juan Genaro Esquivel
  - McLane
- Raquel Romero Pedroza
  - Roosevelt
- Lizbeth Gasga
  - Sunnyside
- Melia Khiev
  - Sunnyside

#### $1,000 Scholarship Winners

- Sidney Lee
  - Bullard
- Aaron Bankston
  - Cambridge
- Timothy Xiong
  - Design Science
- Enelida Farias Guizar
  - De Wolf
- Mai Khou Xiong
  - Duncan Polytechnical
- Laura Tsutsui
  - Fresno
- Cathleen Fagundes
  - Hoover
- Celeste Ogle
  - JE Young
- Mary Margaret Tan
  - McLane
- Cesar Pacheco Garcia
  - Roosevelt

---

**2013 Tigertown Celebration**

**106 Year Legacy**

For All Edison High School Alumni, Current Edison Parents, Edison Supporters, Special Guests, All Washington Unified Alumni and the Community At-Large

"One Tiger . . . . . . . Many Stripes"

To Reunite the Edison High Community to give support for the Education related activities at the School to benefit our students.

$50 Per Person. Dinner by Pardini's

#### 2013 Tigertown Celebration

**When:**
August 10, 2013
from 5 pm - 12 midnight

**Where:**
Ernie Valdez, Exhibit Hall
Fresno Convention Center

**Live Auction**

**Silent Auction** & Raffle

**Live D.J.**

Media Sponsor:

Advo Cat

For tickets and information please contact: Edison High (559) 457-2650
or Purchase online at www.edisontigertown.com

---

Would you like to donate to the Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund?

Call (559) 457-3733

Make a difference in a student’s life.

---

**Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund**

Mark W. Stagis, D.D.S.
Nathan E. Vick, D.D.S.
Christopher R. Gates, D.M.D

- Delta Dental PPO providers
- Text message & email appointment reminders
- CEREC - technology to do crowns in a single appointment
- Invisalign - straight teeth without braces
- Kid friendly office
- Friendly patient financing

6215 N. Fresno St., Suite 101 - (559) 439-1245
www.fresnosmilecenter.com

---

www.FresnoUnified.org  |  PREPARING CAREER READY GRADUATES  |  Page 11
Sun and Safety Tips for Summer

By Ken Ellzey, MD
Chief of Dermatology
Kaiser Permanente Fresno

The school year is coming to an end and summer fun is on the minds of many, particularly children. After all, summer is the ideal time to play outdoors with activities such as a hike or a trip to the lake.

But it’s also important to remember to take appropriate steps to protect the health of your children during the summer, because they can be prone to sunburn, heat exhaustion and dehydration—especially here in the Valley where temperatures often reach the century mark or beyond on any given day.

To help avoid potential problems, Kaiser Permanente Fresno’s Health Encyclopedia offers several tips to help you and your family stay healthy during the summer. It’s free and available to anyone at kp.org/Fresno.

As the Chief of Dermatology at Kaiser Permanente Fresno, I like to remind my patients to follow a few simple steps to help protect children during the summer.

Cover Up
Children should avoid direct sunlight during peak hours—from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—and stay in the shade when possible. If they have to be outdoors during that time, dress them in lightweight clothing. T-shirts often don’t provide the best protection from the sun; opaque long-sleeved shirts and pants are a better option. Children should also wear hats that have ventilation and a wide brim, and sunglasses.

Apply Sunscreen
Sunscreen is a must. Skin cancer is now the most common form of cancer in the United States, so teach your children at a young age about the importance of applying sunscreen, which can provide them with skin protection for years to come.

Apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before planned exposure and use at least two tablespoons (about a palmful) to cover your child’s face, arms and legs. One of the most important things to remember is to reapply sunscreen after every 80 minutes of direct sun exposure, after swimming or perspiring heavily. You should use a sunblock with an SPF of 30 or higher—and equally important, use one that offers broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection.

Water Safety
Drowning is the leading cause of death and injury for children under five in California, and every summer we hear of tragic drowning incidents in the Valley. Never leave a child unattended in a pool, a bathtub or other body of water even if they know how to swim.

Stay Hydrated
Make sure your children are drinking plenty of water, particularly when they are playing outside. Encourage your child to drink fluids every 15 to 20 minutes. Children ages 4 to 10 should drink at least 6 to 10 glasses of liquids to replace lost fluids. Water is the healthiest choice for children. Juices, with high concentrations of sugar, and sodas that have caffeine in them, can pose problems for dehydrated children.

Tell your children to enjoy their summer adventures in the sun and all the outdoor fun the Valley has to offer—just remind them to stay safe too.

Fresno Unified Cuts Cost of Printing Calendar By 87%

Every year, Fresno Unified publishes a new academic calendar following approval of the calendar by the Board of Education. This year, Fresno Unified is providing an easy-to-use, quick and “paperless” method of providing calendars for school sites and departments. Why go paperless? Last year, Fresno Unified printed nearly 11,000 calendars. Fresno Unified is always researching ways to be more cost effective and protect the environment. By going paperless the cost is reduced by 87%. The 2013-14 academic calendar is available online at www.fresnounified.org.
Bullard TALENT Students Perform at Music Festival

Bullard TALENT students took home numerous awards from the Heritage Music Festival in Philadelphia April 15, where Bullard TALENT was the only middle school among a field of high school competitors. The concert choir and the Showcase group each received Gold Ratings and Adjudicator’s Awards and Showcase also received the Outstanding Choral Group trophy for the highest average score in the competition. Directors are Randy Berger and Jane Wagner.

Fresno High Tops in Texts

Fresno High School won the top prize -- $8,000 -- in a fundraising contest put on by Cherry Avenue Auction in Fresno. Community members were asked to text the name of the high school that should win the funds donated by Cherry Avenue Auction, with Fresno High receiving the most texts from among 52 high schools between April 1 and April 15. Roosevelt High School won second place and a $3,000 prize and Hoover High School will receive $1,000 for third place.

Anthony Elementary Students Are Poetry Finalists

Second-grade students Joaly Segura and Leonardo Ruiz from Anthony Elementary School were selected as finalists in the 2013 Chemist Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Poem Contest. Their entries were displayed April 20 at the Kuppa Joy Coffee House in Clovis and the formal awards presentation was April 27 at California State University, Fresno.

Roosevelt High Student Wins Prestigious Dell Honor

Roosevelt High School senior Maikou Xiong has been named a Dell Scholar and will receive a $20,000 scholarship and laptop, as well as resources and mentoring to support her in her pursuit of a college degree. The prestigious Dell scholarship program is unique in the type of students it supports, rewarding not just those with the highest academic performance but students with high academic potential and determination and a definite need for financial assistance. The program looks at individuality, unique experiences in and out of the classroom, willingness to work hard and students’ dreams.

Edison High Hosts UN Event

Edison High School hosted its 20th annual Spring Model United Nations Conference on April 9, with nearly 100 students from Edison and Bullard high schools and Computech Middle School attending. Edison elected student-officers Amer Rashid, Taylor Nitta, Marcus Missirlian, Haley Hayashi and Quincy Levin chaired simulations of the U.N. Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. Participating students played the role of diplomats from U.N. member countries and explored issues ranging from “The Ethics of Drone Warfare” to “Cyber Warfare and Security.”

Norseman Student Wins Safety Poster Award

A train-safety poster created last year by Norseman Elementary School student Jennifer Sanchez won fourth place in a contest sponsored by the International Union of Railways. The poster had previously won first place in a local poster contest sponsored by a coalition formed to raise awareness of rail safety in Fresno and Jennifer’s design was featured on billboards to raise awareness of the dangers of trains and train tracks.

McLane Art Students Showcase Fashion

McLane High School’s 3 Dimensional Design students showcased 60 original fashion designs live on the runway after weeks of hard work and practice at the Art Chic Fashion Show on April 18. Students, teachers and administrators walked the runway to showcase the designs during the show, a culmination of work by close to 200 students and volunteers over a two month period. The high-energy, fast-paced show included a raised runway, stage, special effects and a special reception area. The fashion designs were created using donated fabrics and other materials.

Edison FHA-HERO Chapter Brings Home Awards

Edison High School’s FHA-HERO chapter won several awards at the state competition held April 20 in Ontario. First place Chapter Exhibit, Nancy Chavez and Elizabeth Torres; second place Scrapbook, Maymei Cha; second place Apparel Construction, Gabby Garcia; and third place Apparel Construction, Brenna Mandujano. Adviser is Sheila Tobin.

Hoover Team’s Prosthetic Arm Grabs Top Honors

Hoover High School’s MESA team created the winning prosthetic arm design at the regional MESA Day competition April 13 and advanced to the state competition in May. MESA – Math Engineering Science Achievement – is a partnership of California State University, Fresno, school districts, industries and professional organizations to help disadvantaged and underrepresented students in sixth through 12th grade develop skills to pursue careers in engineering and other math and science-based fields.

Edison’s ACE Program Wins Competition at Fresno State

Edison High School’s Architecture, Construction, Engineering (ACE) program presented the winning project in a design and build competition against several area high schools April 15 at California State University, Fresno. Each school ACE team simulated a real-life design team with architect, engineer, and construction management mentors guiding students. Students this year worked for six months on a mock Aquarius Aquarium project.

The ACE mentor program is a partnership between schools, architects, engineers, construction management companies, trades and professional organizations, coordinated by the Central California Builders Exchange to further develop a qualified and motivated workforce for generations to come. The program has provided opportunities for Edison ACE students to network with building industry mentors and access to scholarships, ACE camp, and internships with mentor companies.

Character Counts in Fresno Unified Schools

Scandanavian, Sequoia, Tehpitite, Wawona and Yosemite middle schools were among the 14 exemplary middle schools of character that were highlighted at the Fresno State Character and Civic Education Conference held April 12. The conference provides hundreds of prospective teachers with information on local civic agencies devoted to assisting children and families with life issues, and presents them with ethical issues facing today’s teachers, with professionally appropriate ways of dealing with those issues, and with strategies to enhance character strengths in their students.

GRAD INCREASE

Continued from page 1

and other vocational programs. The District’s Graduation Task Force continues to convene; working to find more ways to keep students engaged and encouraged to complete their high school studies. Last year, the group comprised of a cross-section of students, teachers, community members and business leaders, presented a set of recommendations on ways to stem the tide of student drop-outs. By March of this year, more than 3,000 Fresno Unified graduating seniors had applied to colleges and universities throughout the state of California and in other parts of the country.
Group Donates Prom Dresses

Thanks to the community’s generosity, more than 150 Fresno Unified girls were able to attend this year’s prom dressed like stars.

Prom dresses were collected by students in Fresno Unified’s Women’s Alliance program. The students organized the dress drive to collect new and gently-used formal and prom dresses to donate to girls in need and give them the opportunity to look beautiful for that special occasion. Students had an opportunity to select from a variety of styles, colors and sizes. In the end, more than 250 dresses were donated. Dresses not used this year will be saved for next year’s drive.

Sharain Crawford from Americorps Vista said, “I am very happy with the turn-out for our dress drive and give away. The Women’s Alliance worked extremely hard collecting and advertising the dress drive in the community. The best part of the giveaway was seeing the girls’ smiles when they found their perfect dress.

“The response from the community was great on both the giving and receiving sides. Families felt relieved that they could send their daughters to prom without paying the full expense of a dress. We had so much fun and the girls learned more about their community during the project.”

Women’s Alliance is an innovative elective class that connects at-risk students with adult mentors and helps students develop personal behavior and academic skills that lead to success in the classroom, career and in life. Students also engage in projects to help others in their communities.

Baird Middle School Students in the Pink

Students in Baird Middle School’s Emerging Young Leaders Club (EYL) celebrate the end of the school year with the group’s community sponsor, the Alpha Kappa Alpha, at a tea on May 10. Alpha Kappa Alpha have met once a month with EYL to teach the girls etiquette and leadership. All of the girls currently have GPA’s over 3.0, with one at a 2.8.

Board Approves Restorative Justice Framework Resolution

The district will move forward at some school sites in the 2013-14 school year implementing school discipline practices designed to restore healthy interactions among students, parents, teachers, administrators and the community following the Board of Education’s adoption of a restorative justice framework resolution.

The vote on May 8 was unanimous, with Board Member Christopher De La Cerda absent. The resolution recognized the work of Students United to Create a Climate of Engagement, Support and Safety (SUCCESS) in support of restorative justice as one strategy to improve school climates.

The resolution also noted that data collected from school districts throughout the state indicate that suspensions and expulsions have a disproportionate impact on certain students and that the board recognized the importance of systemically reforming discipline policies and practices to “incorporate multiple strategies for improving student behavior so that students receive all available instructional time…”

The resolution was also in support of students learning from their mistakes and to be accountable and to connect students and adults with the support they need to reduce behaviors that lead to suspensions and expulsions. The process will be expanded to additional school sites “with all deliberate speed as evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of restorative practices.”

Superintendent Michael Hanson said that the district will recommend $500,000 be put into the budget to implement the discipline policy. Semi-annual reports including disciplinary and attendance data will be made to the board and stakeholders on the effectiveness of restorative justice and other district discipline initiatives.

Ag In Motion makes Fresno-Area Debut at Sequoia

The visit to Sequoia on May 17 was among more than 50 campus stops by AIM at no cost to the schools, welcoming more than 20,000 students on board for lessons.

AIM was outfitted to take the Ag Science Center’s offerings directly to schools to encourage students to consider careers in agriculture. Although the Central Valley is one of the world’s most productive agricultural regions, many young people have no connection to ag and fail to recognize the numerous career opportunities it offers. With the region’s high unemployment rate, it is critical that students become aware of such opportunities.
Students Going Bananas Over Fresh Produce

Schools have noticed an increase in students eating fresh fruits and vegetables, thanks to a significant push by Fresno Unified to serve local produce and promote the message that fruits and vegetables are tasty and healthy.

Students are enjoying zucchini sticks and mandarin and regular orange wedges from Fowler and Reedley, broccoli florets from Mendota, apricots from Sanger, zucchini coins from Fresno and strawberries from Reedley for breakfast, snacks and lunches.

“We’re in the produce and vegetable capital of the world, and we want to take advantage of that,” said Jose Alvarado, food services director for Fresno Unified, where 88,343 meals are served daily.

Alvarado said that 28% of fresh produce offered in school meals is locally grown, with 60% grown within a 150-mile radius. Preference is given to local produce and meals are planned to maximize the use of locally grown produce.

In addition to district-wide efforts, Fresno Unified has 45 elementary schools participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Along with the local produce, students also eat fresh honeydew, apples, pineapple, carrots, yam sticks, jicama with lemon, banana, cucumbers, Romaine salad, celery and cherry tomatoes from California and beyond. Providing fresh produce during meals helps establish healthy eating habits, Alvarado said.

Caring For You and Your Family

Community Medical Providers welcomes

Charles Hung, MD

Located at the
CMP Fresno Community Site
2335 E. Kashian Lane #270, Fresno

Mary Sadlek, MD
Board Certified Family Practice

Located at the
CMP West Site
5715 N. West Ave #102, Fresno

Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm
For an appointment call:
559-438-0800

Now accepting new patients including children

Charles Hung, MD
Internal Medicine

Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm
For an appointment: call (559) 445-1251

Resources for Teens & Parents

To find the nearest Safe Place location nearest you: text “Safe” with your current location (address/city/state) to 69866

Call 1-800-RUNAWAY or visit www.1800runaway.org
1-800-820-4968 (YOU)
www.FresnoEOC.org/Sanctuary

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Sanctuary and Youth Services
operates the Safe Place network in Fresno County with over 265 Safe Place sites.
Treatment options for sleep apnea and snoring have been limited to the CPAP for many years, but times have changed, now there is an alternative. The modern treatment for these problems is a medical oral appliance that is comfortable, convenient, and more dignified than the CPAP. Most people no longer need to wear the dreaded CPAP mask. If you want to feel better, be happier and have more energy, call Dr. Schapansky today for a consultation appointment.

Dr. Weldon Schapansky
Graduate of California State University, Fresno
University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

Approved by the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association and the FDA.

REMINDER: NOW IS THE TIME TO USE YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE BEFORE DEDUCTIBLES GO UP!

Contact: (559) 457-6006

Parent Spotlight:
Lilia Becerril

Three of Lilia Becerril’s children graduated from Roosevelt High School and are pursuing college and career opportunities at California State University, Fresno and San Joaquin Valley College. Her youngest child attends Computech Middle School. Lilia has volunteered at Winchevell and Storey elementary schools, Sequoia and Computech middle schools and Roosevelt and has worked collaboratively with Sequoia on English as a Second Language class for parents and with Parent University at Vang Pao Elementary School. Lilia is an active parent leader, including serving on the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), and has participated in Graduation Task Force meetings.

Q&A
How has Parent University helped you to become better engaged in your children’s education?

“I appreciated learning about the a-g requirements and the importance of having my children take these courses to prepare for college. I also learned about school choice and the magnet programs available in the district. With this information, I was able to help my daughter prepare for Computech this year.”

What’s the most important thing you’ve learned from Parent University Courses?

“What’s the most important thing you’ve learned from Parent University Courses?

“I learned how the school system works so I can better support and guide my children. I encourage other parents to come and learn.”

What are your hopes and dreams for your children?

“I do not want my children to struggle like their father and I did. I want all my children to pursue a higher education so they can succeed in life and not have to work so hard like us.”

What’s your favorite tip for other parents?

“No matter how busy you are, make time and get involved in your school community and support your child so they can have a brighter future! Volunteer at school. It doesn’t require a lot of time. And even if you don’t speak English fluently, don’t let that stop you from getting involved.”

REMINDER: NOW IS THE TIME TO USE YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE BEFORE DEDUCTIBLES GO UP!

Page 16 | PREPARING CAREER READY GRADUATES | www.FresnoUnified.org