

The Vine

June 2, 2016

From the desk of Superintendent Chris Williams

Thank you for leading and inspiring our students in the 2015-16 school year! I appreciate each of you, the work you do, and the continued commitment and passion you have demonstrated this year. Enjoy the last few days with staff and students. Congratulations on a successful school year!

To those of you retiring, you have done amazing work and impacted so many students, staff, and community and I wish all of you the best!!!!

We had the pleasure of visiting Flamson Middle School in our latest instructional round. Here are some of the observations made by the visiting team:

- Standards aligned objectives were posted in classrooms
- Students were asked to be reflective and critique their own performances
- Skill development in PE was differentiated
- Questioning was aligned to the objective
- Evidence of increased rigor in questioning (DOK levels)
- Positive Culture/Students are polite
- Evidence of increased student engagement
- Great relationships between teachers and students
- Effective classroom management
- Effective use of technology (used as a learning tool)
- Co-teaching model for teacher candidates
- High level of staff commitment and purpose

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” – Mark Twain



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New Website Launches Friday!

School site web leads, secretaries, and district departments have been working hard this past week to get our new website ready for launch. The plan is to have it go live on Friday night. The web address will remain the same as our current site. Some of the new features: each school site and department now manage their own sites allowing for information to be updated regularly, parents can register as users to receive an email when information is updated, parents and users can subscribe to the calendar feature and select which calendars they would like to see (great for parents who have kids at multiple sites). As with any new technology, we will be working through any issues this last week of school and throughout the summer to further develop the site. If you have any suggestions or if you see something missing, please contact your web lead listed below. Also please contact your web lead if you have any interest in maintaining a page on the site for your club, activity, department, etc.

Bauer Speck
 Georgia Brown
 Pat Butler
 Kermit King
 Virginia Peterson
 Winifred Pifer
 Lewis Middle
 Flamson Middle
 PRHS
 LHS/IHS
 PRJUSD

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PBIS Blast



As we come to the end of our first year of PBIS implementation, we have captured highlights across the district in The Spring PBIS Blast! Our schools and departments have worked hard all year promoting positive school culture and student connectedness on our campuses. Students are rewarded for demonstrating positive appropriate behavior, creating safe school environments and helping others through demonstrating kindness! We look forward to expanding our PBIS implementation next school year with a focus on Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions. **(Please see attached PBIS Spring Blasts)**

Future Bearcats Meet the Mustangs

Future Bearcats meet the Mustangs was a huge success. Five of our six elementary schools were treated to a meet and greet with the Cal Poly volleyball, basketball, soccer and track and field teams. Each school chose 50 students who had demonstrated positive behavior to attend the event. Students had the opportunity to run, jump, catch, and learn about character with the student-athletes of Cal Poly. And they walked away with some autographs!



Future Bearcats Meet the Mustangs Day was a huge success! Thank you to the Cal Poly student-athletes for coming out to work with our students! @cpathletics #pasoschools #futurebearcats



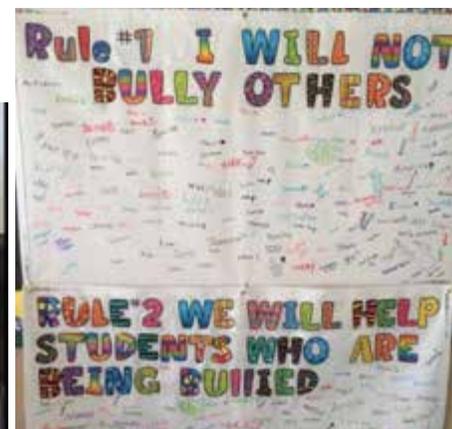
Kermit King Frogs Earn LEAP Bands

Also in our PBIS news, Kermit King Elementary awarded 25 more students their 5th and final band in the LEAP Band Ceremony. Congratulations to all these students on their award!



Winifred Pifer & Virginia Peterson Display Positive Behavior

At Winifred Pifer Elementary, students made pledges to do their part to end bullying. At Virginia Peterson, CELDT students from Mrs. Madonna's after school program gave anti-bullying presentations. Thank you Natalee Johnson for sharing such a great example of PBIS and Olweus training working together for a positive school climate and culture.



More Rewards for Positive Behavior



Lewis Middle School students who earned at least 10 “paw powers” were rewarded with a special assembly from Zoo to You. The assembly brought live animals for the students to see and pet – including a kangaroo!



PRHS Graduation Video



Available for pre-order now, the video annual is an audio/visual compilation of many of the 2015-2016 PRHS year's best! A major attraction is the 2016 PRHS Graduation ceremony, but the annual also includes hours of additional finely-edited featurettes. From sports coverage, assemblies and pep-rallies, to clubs and groups, this keepsake is available in DVD or Blu-ray formats! Click on the link below for more information or contact Mr. Rucker jdrucker@pasoschools.org.



<https://sites.google.com/a/pasoschools.org/prhsav/gradannual?pli=1>

And the ceremony is being live streamed again this year! Click the link to follow: [Graduation Audio/Video Streaming](#)

PRHS Advanced Drama Showcase

Congratulations to the 35 advanced drama actors and 15 technical theater crew members on a great show! And best of luck to many of these students who will be graduating next week.



California Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Winners

Of the 11 scholarships awarded by CRTA, more than half went to our own PRHS students. Congratulations to Katya Ruiz, Dakota Rodriguez, Hajar Elsayed, Mary Hambly, Lizette Juarez, Eden Peterson, and Vianette Mendoza.



One Cool Earth Corner



One Cool Earth and students at Georgia Brown Elementary school worked together last fall to plant many rows of fava beans in the school garden. After harvesting in late April, many worked hard at working to shell and clean the beans, especially the group of women in the Latina mothers' group- Cuentos Familiares, part of First 5. They then prepared two traditional dishes to serve at the open house on Thursday night- a delicious mole and a dish from Michoacan, Atapakua. Students and families came through the garden and a delicious meal was shared with all. Muchas gracias to the mothers who helped out with the fava beans. We're already getting excited about repeating the event next year!

Floral Design Showcase



Last week, students from the PRHS Floral Design class attended the Rotary meeting and held their annual showcase. The floral showcase is a project where students design an event. They are required to put together a portfolio that outlines the events venue, dress, entertainment, transportation, decorations, catering and all floral pieces. They are required to make a sales ticket for each floral item in the event, an order sheet that we send to our suppliers, and then a retail quote for the customer of the event. After they have designed the event on paper, they get to construct the centerpiece, bridal bouquet, boutonniere, and any other piece they feel is important to the presentation of the project.

According to teacher Theresa Clark, "I am thrilled at how well the students did. It is an excellent competition and a true test of these students knowledge on the principles and elements of floral design." The pedestal arrangement with white was the first place project designed by Jocelyn Sandoval and Vannesa Gonzalez. Pictured also are the students who tied for 2nd place as well as a group shot of all who participated.



Battle of the Books



Battle of the Books is in the books! Last Friday marked the 10th annual District Battle of the Books. Eighty-three 4th and 5th grade students participated in the event. There were twelve students that read all 30 of the books on the Battle of the Books List. The event was held at Centennial Park with six "Battle Rounds". The Grand Battle was held at Paso Robles High School Performing Arts Center. Twelve

Paso Robles High School students who participated in the Battle of the Books when they were in elementary school volunteered to help at the Grand Battle.

Bears and Baboons were in the Grand Battle and the Bears won. Each student from both teams received a book from next year's Battle of the Books list and a small trophy. Next, year the battle will include students in middle school. Congratulations to the following:



Bears

Site	First Name	Last Initial	Grade Level
GB	Robert	C.	4
GB	Ben	H.	5
BS	Chidi	N.	5
WP	Gabby	F.	5
KK	Bella	B.	5
PB	Skylar	M.	4
VP	Taylor	K.	4

Baboons

Site	First Name	Last Initial	Grade Level
PB	Madison	F.	4
VP	Abby	W.	5
GB	Anika	S.	4
BS	Maurissa	R.	5
WP	Ariyah	G.	5
KK	Kyle	T.	5
PB	Kade	M.	4



Superintendent's Advisory Council

Last week, the Superintendent's Advisory Council met for the last time this school year. The group meets once a month during the school year to discuss issues on campus and provide input directly to Mr. Williams.



Lewis Leadership

A sight word carnival was recently held for kindergarten and 1st grade students at Winifred Pifer Elementary School. The Lewis leadership class helped to run the carnival which was organized by Mrs. Root. Great job Leopards and Panthers!



Jeans for Troops

Thursday afternoon, students and staff at Flamson Middle School, Lewis Middle School, Liberty High, and Paso Robles High participated in the Jeans for Troops Program in support of Memorial Day. Students and staff wore jeans to school and donated money to help veterans of the military. Over \$400 was collected with the top donor being Liberty High. All money collected will be sent to the GI GO Fund



Athletes as Readers and Leaders



Thursday marked the first day of a pilot program called Athletes as Readers and Leaders (ARL). Six Paso Robles High School athletes: Chase Pentoney, Bailey Lewis, Kalyn Armstrong, Elijah Palomino, Steven Schouten, and Nick Montelongo have signed up to participate. The purpose of the Athletes as Readers and Leaders program is to create a community connection within the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District high school athletes and elementary students across the district. This will improve the level of awareness of physical activity and healthy eating all while supporting literacy for students of all ages.

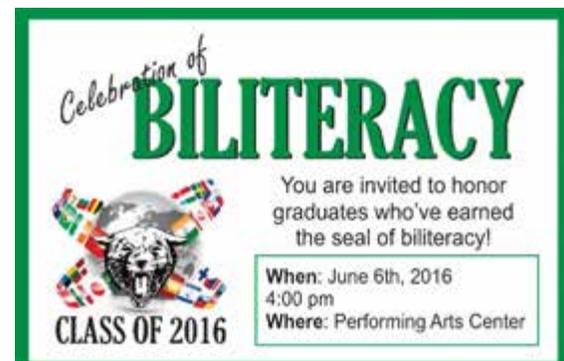
Next week the ARL students will be going to Georgia Brown. District Librarian, Stephanie Lowe, is overseeing the pilot program and is excited about seeing this program grow next year with more student-athletes participating. Here are some pictures from Virginia Peterson Elementary.



PRHS Students to Receive Seal of Biliteracy

On Monday, June 6th, PRHS will be recognizing 37 students who have earned the State Seal of Biliteracy. In order to receive this honor, the students had to show: Proficiency in English as measured by Met/Exceeded Standards on CAASPP or Proficient on CAHSEE, GPA of 2.0 in English classes, and Proficiency in foreign language (score of 3 or above on AP Test, GPA of 3.0 in 4 years of foreign language, or SAT foreign language score of 600 or above).

Students will be receiving medals and will have the seal placed on their diplomas as well as have the honor noted in their transcripts. Congratulations!



Student Tech Supporters at Virginia Peterson



Teachers K-9 have begun to test their students using the Measures of Academic Progress or MAP test. This is an online adaptive skills test for reading and math that will give teachers and administrators data to help student learn and grow.

With all the online assessments, Site Tech Lead, Jill Goldbach, has trained a crew of 3rd graders to help support technology endeavors all over Virginia Peterson Elementary. These technology savvy students help teachers and students alike logging into and navigating MAP testing, ST Math, and online benchmarks. Way to go!

Liberty High Students Learn About Tide Pools

On May 26th, students in Deb Lauridsen's Earth/Environmental classes at Liberty High School video conferenced with Francesca Henderson, a PORTS interpreter for California State Parks. Francesca discussed tide pools with students from her location at Crystal Cove State Park. Students made connections with the cause of tides, high versus low tides, different zones in the intertidal zone, state regulations for Marine Protection Areas, and were able to get a "first observation" of marine plants and animals via an underwater video camera placed in a tide pool.



Students from Liberty High School who participated in Paula Peargin's English unit on Central Coast Natural Attractions then joined with Earth/Environmental students in the Rocky Intertidal, Marine Life Monitoring Program sponsored by the Central Coast Aquarium on Friday, May 27. Students explored the tide pools in Shell Beach and learned how to collect data using transects and quadrats to study population levels/trends of different species in tide pools. They observed and learned about marine plants and animals in their natural marine habitat, including hermit crabs, turban snails, anemones, chitons, purple sea urchins,

gooseneck barnacles, sea stars, muscles, limpets, acorn barnacles and tube worms. Many students had not experienced the tide pools to such an extent, and had an awesome time!



VAPA

It is the season of performances and our VAPA department is proud to be showing off all of the hard work our students have done this year. Bauer Speck had their music concert last Friday and showed off the band, choir, strings, and class performances. This concert took place under the direction of Monika Jagger and Sonny Galvan.



Bauer Speck also held its spring play “The Wizard of Oz”.



And let’s not forget about Paso Artsfest! Here are some great pictures shared from this past weekend.





Paso Robles FFA Drive-Thru BBQ

Tickets are on sale now for the spring 2016 Paso Robles FFA Drive-Thru BBQ!

Tickets are \$45 and include:

One whole cooked Tri-tip
Beans

Garden Salad w/ Italian Dressing

Four dinner rolls

Four cookies

Tickets are available for purchase at the Paso Robles High School Agriculture Department, or at Mark's Tire Service, Napa Auto in Paso Robles, or Premiere AG starting Friday May 20th.



Meal pick-up:
Saturday June 4th
12:00-4:00 PM

Tractor Supply in Paso Robles



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