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ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

Looking into the Future as we Revisit Our Past

This past August, we had the honor of celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (ARUESD). Our district has been the educational leader in East San Jose from its inception. Thanks to the vision and generosity of the district's founders, today, we not only have Alum Rock schools, but also the existence of the East Side Union High School District. Our district's original community granted the land for the high schools on San Jose's East Side and all the way to Milpitas High School.

That spirit of innovation and generosity runs deep in our district. During the pandemic, our district provided our entire community with a life-line of services that included serving over 1.6 million meals to the entire community, almost immediate distance learning to all our students, and a plethora of support services and resources for all community families.

We are very proud of our district's legacy, but we are not done. Our district continues to move forward. We are looking into the future with a sense of excitement and anticipation of better things to come.

Within the next few months, we are resetting our bonds and facilities program. We see a tremendous opportunity to refurbish our schools into state of the art learning centers. It's time for our students to have safe and comfortable places where they can thrive. Stay tuned.

"Make the environment as important as the curriculum, and the two support each other during instruction."

from *Effective Early Literacy Practice*,
by Andres DeBruin-Parecki



PARENT UNIVERSITY

Parent University is Back!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Virtual Parent Workshops
Saturday November 6th, 2021
9:00am-11:30am

Giveaways and Opportunities for Incentives.

More information to come,
we look forward to seeing you there!
Student Services will be coordinating
the 8th Annual Parent University.
Parent Workshops will be held Virtually.
Flyer and Registration coming soon.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We have an abundance of exciting learning opportunities for our students! As part of the requirements under AB86 - Expanded Learning Opportunities Grants, LEAs are tasked with implementing a learning recovery program that provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, meals and other integrated support to specified student groups who have faced adverse learning and social-emotional circumstances.

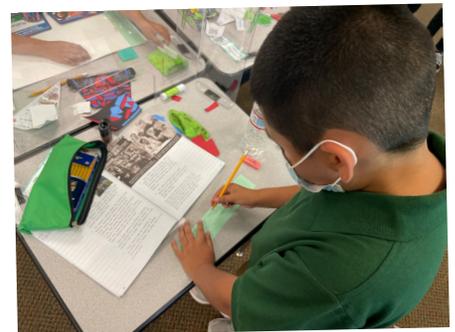
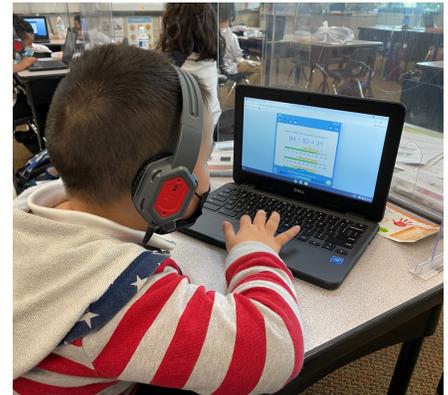
Last Spring, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District developed a plan for providing supplemental support through this new grant funding. The plan includes services to extend instructional learning time through summer programming, learning support services such as tutoring, expansion of school day support, site-based homework/intervention programs, integrated student supports in the form of additional counseling support, additional student meals, student access to technology and high-speed internet, and training for school staff on strategies to address students' social-emotional health and academic needs.

This past summer ARUSD provided a summer learning and enrichment experience for 1,500 students. ARUSD provided 16 high quality academic and enrichment programs across 10 district schools. We were able to continue supporting all children 18 and under with meals throughout the summer. In addition, schools are working on site plans to provide additional homework/intervention services to students that do not already participate in our after school programs.

Our Foster Youth, unhoused students and Migrant students will continue to receive tutoring services through our centralized process in the State and Federal Programs office

We have also increased the number of counselors to provide much needed support to our Elementary Schools this year. Furthermore, staff is currently involved in training on Trauma Informed Practices as well as parent workshops on Social Emotional Strategies and Mental Health awareness. .

We will continue to strengthen and develop these services to support students in the best way possible. Please take advantage of these services and programs. If you need more information on any of these programs or services, please reach out to your site administrator or community liaison. Please feel free to contact our State and Federal Programs staff as well.



INDEPENDENT STUDY

Our Independent Study Program is up and running. Since day one, the IS classes have been full of students (with @ 350) ready to learn. Much different from distance learning, students have 30 minutes of morning meeting and 30 minutes of synchronous instruction. The remainder of the grade level instructional minutes are filled with assignments in all subject areas, including Physical Education.

In a week the middle school students will transition into online courses on Edgenuity. At the end of October the elementary students will transition as well. Each grade level span will have a parent training and guidelines/expectations review. More to come.

