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From Summer to Fall

Taking a quick review of the wonderful programs of this past summer and the fantastic start to the school year.

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Brentwood HS Graduation 2022

Heartfelt Congratulations to all our Seniors
and Best Wishes for your Next Adventure!



On a beautiful Friday night in June, more than 1100 seniors from Brentwood High School received their class of 2022 diplomas. The ceremony began with congratulatory speeches by Assemblyman Phil Ramos, Legislator Sam Gonzalez, Councilman Jorge Guadron, and Superintendent Loeschner. Brentwood faculty and staff came out to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our proud graduates and family gathered in the bleachers to commend students for a job well done. After the congratulatory speeches, students were awarded their diplomas by the Board of Education, Assistant Superintendents, and school counselors. The seniors then participated in the traditional moving of the tassels to indicate their becoming alumni of The Brentwood Union Free

School District. Caps in the air, music, and plenty of pictures rounded out a perfect graduation night.

On August 24, 2022, Mr. Jerry Cheng, Evening/Summer High School Principal, shared in the excitement of congratulating 127 summer graduates. Their hard work and perseverance paid off with the Board of Education, Superintendent Loeschner and his cabinet giving their warmest wishes on their well-deserved achievement. The road to success is littered with obstacles. While others give up and turn around, our August graduates pushed their way through to the end. We know that this achievement is only one of many the future will bring.

Please enjoy the photos from both graduations in the center of the bulletin.



Summer Learning and Fun!

The district was excited to offer enrichment programs for a variety of subject areas and grade levels this past summer. Many programs returned from years prior and others were brand new. The Brentwood Learn to Swim Program, which was first offered in the summer of 2021 for elementary students only, hosted its first Junior Lifeguarding class. The students in this class learned what it takes to become a great lifeguard.

The Elementary Summer Scholars and Science Enrichment Programs were designed to build our students'

literacy, math, and problem-solving skills as well as their social-emotional competencies. In addition to providing our children with crucial access to books and science experiments, the summer program focused on creating safe circles for children to read, learn, engage in critical thinking and discuss the human experience. Literature, particularly



multi-cultural literature, provided both self-affirmation and a way to learn about and appreciate various cultures, dialects, and ways of being in the world. The 7 Strengths such as belonging, curiosity, friendship, kindness, confidence, courage, and hope were nurtured during morning read aloud to give students a positive sense of self.

This year a program for students entering grade 1 also engaged our youngest learners in activities to develop their phonemic awareness, number sense, and social skills. Outdoor play and puppet shows were also brought into the school day to entertain students and engage them in physical activity.

Once again, our Title III Summer Programs were a tremendous success. Elementary and secondary students got to experience, explore, and enjoy new and creative ways of learning. From puppet theater performances to STEM building SPIKE Lego coding



robots, students had the opportunity to shine! They presented projects they cared about and some even got to enter their own courtroom and try a case fulfilling each and every role. Social Emotional Learning Connections were infused in each and every activity and learning experience, and they also learned about internet safety with the renowned presenter, Tim Shoemaker. Most importantly they got to learn new things, form new friendships, and to just HAVE FUN!



Back to School: A Great Start at a Great District!



Last month, the faculty and staff welcomed students back with open arms. You could feel the energy in the air as students returned to Brentwood Schools. Students eagerly entered their school buildings with new school supplies in hand ready to learn. The 2022/23 school year will prove to be an exciting year due to the programmatic and facility enhancements which are in progress throughout the District. New students were greeted and assisted not only by our caring staff, but by also our thoughtful students. Students were quick to lend a hand to younger siblings and cousins new to the school. In addition, students aided other students that appeared to need assistance, such as locating classrooms. We are so proud of the warm and inclusive environment

being cultivated in Brentwood Union Free School District. We could not have hoped for a better start. Brentwood is truly a District on the move!



HALAL MEALS NOW AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce the District began serving Halal meals this school year! On July 20, 2022, the Board of Education made a commitment to this endeavor by unanimously passing a resolution to offer a halal meal option in all of its schools, every day, starting at the beginning of the school year.

Carol Ann Grodski, the District's School Lunch Manager, is excited to launch this initiative. "It's a great opportunity to expose children to more food choices. I am happy to increase the variety of foods we serve," she said.

The District's food service staff underwent training to learn best practices when preparing Halal meals, which included how to avoid cross contamination. In addition,



special colored utensils have been ordered for the kitchens to separate those used for Halal and non Halal foods.

With the initiative well underway, we are happy to say it is going well. Feedback from students has been positive. "We have been tasting the new Halal menu many times and the food is actually really amazing", said Minnahil Tariq at a recent Board of Education meeting. She went on to say, "I am really thankful for there to be new options not only for me, but for students in the District".

Congratulations Class of 2022



