

CAMBRIAN CONNECTION

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Dear Cambrian Community,

As Superintendent of Cambrian School District, I am immensely proud of the achievements, commitment and partnerships that have taken place this school year. At each of our six thriving school sites, skilled educators offer robust teaching to motivated students. Bravo to our incredible parents, who serve each school site community with generosity and enthusiasm.



CAMBRIAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION READ-A-THON

A huge thank you to the Cambrian Educational Foundation (CEF), which ran their annual **Read-a-Thon** in our schools over the past few months. The CEF's districtwide Read-a-Thon supports reading and mental health resources across our district.

The Read-a-Thon had 1766 registered readers; 1420 of whom logged more than 20 minutes. There was a total of 1,133,340.50 minutes read (18,889 Hours, or 787 Days, or 112 Weeks - so, more than 2 full years worth of reading) — fantastic! Over \$37,000 was raised to support our Mental Health Programs in Cambrian Schools. Thank you to the entire Cambrian community for your support of our amazing district!

Also, please plan to attend **CEF's Kids Festival on Sunday, June 4** from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Price Middle School. It will be a day of fun and community, so please join in the festivities!

MEASURE R UPDATES

Thanks to Measure R support by our community, our district has been busy improving our campuses for the benefit of our students and staff. With new HVAC systems, students and faculty now have reliable, well-filtered heating and air conditioning in all classrooms. Alarm systems have been upgraded so students now have a calm voice providing instructions. All schools have an electronic marquee keeping everyone informed with the latest happenings. The next big project is replacing old portables with permanent classrooms at four of our six schools. Crews will spend the summer working on groundwork in preparation for new buildings coming next year. There are many more projects to be completed over the next three years. thanks to your support. Stay tuned!

OUR 6 INCREDIBLE SCHOOL SITES

Please take a moment to read this updates about Cambrian's outstanding schools on the following pages. Each offer robust learning opportunities for students to thrive. We're proud to share good news from each site!

Sincerely,

Kristi Schwiebert

Cambrian School District Superintendent

STEINDORF NAMED CA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

Steindorf STEAM School was named a California Distinguished School. Out of nearly 6,000 elementary schools in California, 350 schools received the honor.

The CA Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard.

"Steindorf's academic program stands out for its use of Project Based Learning (PBL) to engage students in their learning, by giving them voice and choice while integrating grade-level standards," said **Steindorf Principal Lisa MacFarland**. "This award belongs to our entire Steindorf and Cambrian community."



Steindorf teacher Andrea Pickering (l), Principal Lisa MacFarland and Asst. Superintendent Linh Nguyen accept award

PRICE WINS PROJECT CORNERSTONE AWARD



Price staff and Governing Board members and Superintendent Schwiebert attended award ceremony for Price's 2023 Project Cornerstone Asset Champions Award in March

Price Middle School is the recipient of the 2023 Project Cornerstone Asset Champions Award in the Caring Middle School category. The award recognizes hard working, passionate and compassionate staff who consistently find ways to connect with their students socially, emotionally, and academically.

"I love Middle School students — I love their passion for justice, their quirky sense of humor, and their mercurial minds," said **Price Principal Margaret Lavin**. "It is truly a remarkable school full of positive, caring adults and young adults."

Special thanks Angela Kochiyama, 6th and 8th grade math teacher and PBIS team leader, Jenn Dodge, 7th grade social studies teacher and leadership and yearbook teacher. Their contributions have improved the campus climate so middle schoolers can thrive.

FAMMATRE HOLDS CARDBOARD DAY EVENT

This past winter, Fammatre Elementary School held a Cardboard Day event. Students created inventive cardboard projects which went on display at the school for students, classes and families to view.

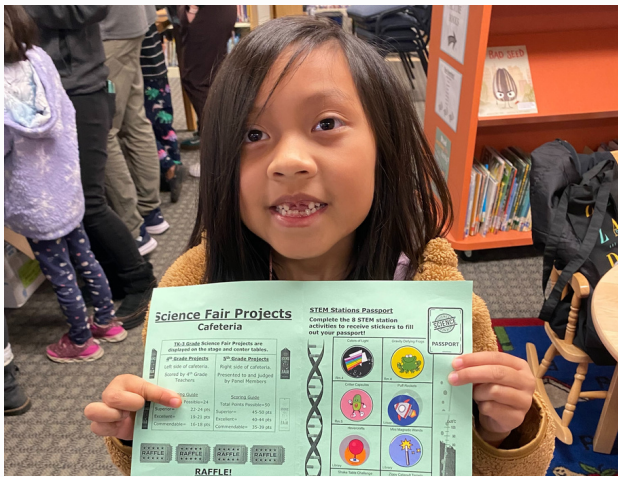
Cardboard Day was started as a result of a 9-year-old Los Angeles boy, Caine Monroy, who created an extensive cardboard arcade at his dad's work. It sparked a cardboard challenge globally, and Fammatre joined the fun!

"This project also ties into Fammatre's Benchmark Unit 5 that deals with inventions and famous inventors," said **Fammatre Principal Samantha Haley**.

Students worked in small groups to create anything they wanted with cardboard (forts, games, mazes, masks etc). The sky was the limit!



Fammatre student displays cardboard creations on Cardboard Day.



Farnham Elementary School's Science Fair engages the entire student population, including first grader Aly Aly Quicho.

FARNHAM SCIENCE FAIR PROMOTES DISCOVERY

Farnham Elementary School's Kindergarten - 5th Grade Science Fair was a big hit among students, their families, and the community at large. Held April 4th, it featured a wide range of scientific projects showcasing students' creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills.

"The students were encouraged to follow the scientific method, which involved asking questions, making observations, formulating hypotheses, conducting experiments, analyzing data, and drawing conclusions," said **Farnham Principal Amy O'Hehir**.

Following the Science Fair, the school hosted a Community Science Night, where families participated in hands-on activities and experiments. This event provided an interactive opportunity for families to engage in scientific exploration and to see their children's work firsthand.



Sartorette Elementary School students engage in productive activities at the school's Wellness Center.

SARTORETTE OPENS WELLNESS CENTER

A Wellness Center opened on the campus of Sartorette Elementary School this school year as part of the staff's response to identified student needs. The Wellness Center is supported by its school psychologist, behavioral therapist, and school counselor who provide individual and small group support. Students utilize their strengths and interests during morning and lunch recess and as needed throughout the school day with a space to release anxiety, anger and classroom distractions.

"Students are enjoying having this additional safe space to process their feelings, both big and small," said **Sartorette Principal Debbie Stein**.

The Wellness Center focuses on emotional, physical, and social wellness by building awareness of and accepting feelings/moods; and by encouraging positive thinking and cognizance of the impact actions have.



Cambrian Superintendent Kristi Schwiebert awards a student during a Special Olympics event at Bagby.

BAGBY STUDENTS EMBRACE SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

This year, Bagby Elementary School has held two Special Olympics events — soccer and basketball — with athletes ranging from TK - 5th grade. Track & field will be the third and final event of the year in late May. The games consist of athletes (special education students) and unified partners (General Ed students).

"Unified partners are typically 5th graders who get paired with an athlete to help them navigate the game, participate as a team and build friendships," said **Bagby Principal Michael Kretsch**.

Bagby classes serve as fans in the stands, coming out and supporting athletes with handmade signs and enthusiastic cheers. Special thanks to Bagby teachers Nicole Perotti (3-5 SDC) and Abrielle Parker (TK-2 SDC) for their incredible contributions to the inspiring program.



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WELCOME TO CAMP CAMBRIAN!

Our Cambrian Extended Day team is excited to bring back Camp Cambrian for a summer of learning and fun. Camp Cambrian will be located at our Bagby school site campus. **Registration closes Fri., June 16.**

Register online: <https://cambriansd.ce.eleyo.com/campcambrian>

CAMP RUNS: JUNE 26th-AUGUST 4TH (closed July 4th Week, 7/3-7/7)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Morning sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.)

\$350/wk for incoming TK-6th grade



STEAM MANIA — WEEK 1: 6/26-6/30: Let's go full STEAM ahead into summer! Campers will be challenged to think outside the box, explore, create and investigate the world around them!

COLOR CRAZE —WEEK 2: 7/10-7/14: Don't forget the "A" in STEAM! Campers hone their creative talents and explore art concepts connected to STEM topics to understand the relationship between Art and STEM!

THE GREAT OUTDOORS—WEEK 3: 7/17-7/21: Calling all campers! Tents, games, outdoor adventures, art and more. All the best camping has to offer all week long!

BRICKS + BOTS—WEEK 4: 7/24-7/2: Campers will expand their engineering imaginations through engaging Lego building challenges and robot programming!

GOING FOR GOLD—WEEK 5: 7/31-8/4: Let the games begin! We close out the summer with games, relays and more. Catch the spirit with a focus on teamwork and innovation!