

CAMBRIAN CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Cambrian School District

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HAPPY TO BE BACK!

Dear Cambrian Community,

The 2021-22 school year got off to a wonderful start in late August, and our students have taken great strides in their classwork. We are conducting in-person instruction on our six school campuses, as well as offering independent study virtual classes. Thank you to all of our incredible teachers and parents for such amazing support this school year.

I stepped in as the Acting Superintendent in July 2021, and count it a privilege to lead an outstanding staff to serve the students and families of Cambrian School District. Navigating in-person instruction during ever changing public health guidelines is challenging, but Cambrian School District will continue to monitor the situation, adjusting according to guidelines from the California Department of Public Health.

On a brighter note, we are eager to begin work on several technology and campus upgrades, thanks to funding from Measure R, passed during last fall's election. Our staff and contractors are working diligently to be excellent stewards of District resources.

Also, we are moving forward on utilizing District property in a more fiscally sustainable manner at our Metzler campus. The Metzler A ground lease agreement with Silverado Memory Care is volleying between the City of San Jose and the memory care center working out details. The ground lease agreement is for \$225K annually, with a 99-year lease. Metzler C (the Robson Homes development) is working with the City of San Jose to continue moving through the planning/construction process. Cambrian exchanged this property for \$10.35 million in value, which will be exchanged for another property and increase income flow within the district.

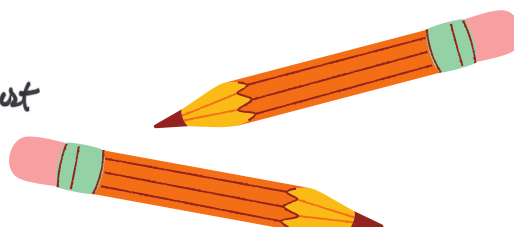
As Superintendent, I welcome your valuable input and invite you to contact me at kschwiebert@cambriansd.com. Transparency, communication and partnership are cornerstones to effective collaboration between our District and community. Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We count it a privilege and an honor.



Sincerely,

Kristi Schwiebert

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Acting Superintendent
Cambrian School District



CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher

OF THE YEAR



CAROLYN SULLIVAN
1ST GRADE, BAGBY ELEMENTARY

We are grateful for your outstanding efforts to serve the families of Cambrian School District!



Sartorette Elementary students display their new mural, created by Cambrian graduate Mei Lin Lee-Stahr, a Branham HS senior.

DIVERSITY MURAL CREATED

Sartorette Elementary School Embraces Diversity

Students are enjoying a compelling new mural at the entrance to Sartorette Elementary School, created by former Cambrian student Mei Lin Lee-Stahr. "Mei Lin captured a visual aesthetic of our campus that reflects the vibrancy of life and learning that go on every day, and the Sartorette community's commitment to working together for the growth and well-being of every child," said Sartorette Principal Debbie Stein.

"By showing people of all ethnic and racial backgrounds working together to help nourish the growth of plants, symbolic of the students," artist Lee -Stahr said, "I wanted students, as well as community members, to feel that Sartorette is a safe place, no matter where you come from or who you are."



*Archery Champ
Ryan Jung*



PRICE STUDENT WINS 1ST PLACE IN TOURNAMENT

8th Grader Ryan Jung is State Archery Champion

Congratulations to Price 8th grader Ryan Jung for placing 1st in his age group in the 2021 Grapestake Archery State Tournament, 23 points ahead of his closest competitor. Ryan placed 1st in Recurve Cubs (his age group) division. "Ryan Jung is a model student at school and in his archery endeavors," said Price Principal Natalie Gioco. "We are very proud of our Price Panthers." Cambrian School District commends Ryan and celebrates his outstanding achievement.

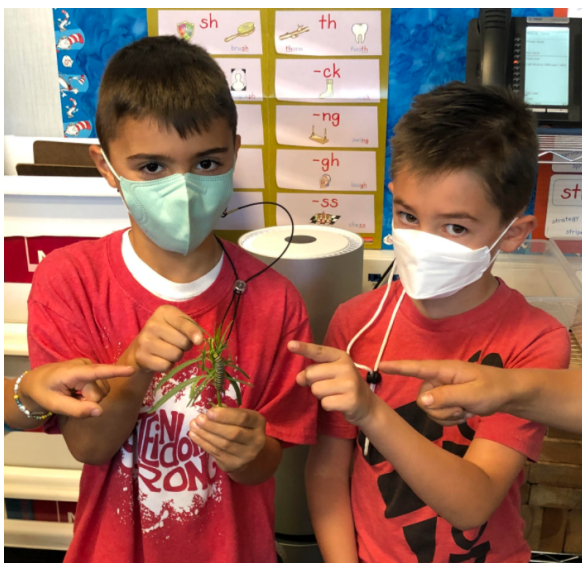
FARNHAM STUDENT HAS STORYTELLING SKILLS

Jasmine Jian Places 2nd in Graphic Novel Contest

Congratulations to Jasmine Jian, Farnham 3rd grader, for winning 2nd place in the under 8-9 years category in the Graphic Novel Making Contest held by San Jose Public Library. This is her fourth time in this contest, and the highest she has placed over the past few years. "We love the effort that Jasmine uses as she shows her creativity and brings joy to others with her art and stories," said Farnham Principal Amy O'Hehir. The online award ceremony, all the participated works, and winning entries can be viewed at: <https://www.sjpl.org/graphicnovels>. Congratulations, Jasmine!



*Farnham student
Jasmine Jian*



Steindorf students Gio and Nolan with caterpillar



Bagby butterfly Ethan



PROJECT MONARCH

Steindorf Students Take Deep Dive on Butterflies

Creating their own butterfly effect! Steindorf STEAM School second graders are contributing to the monarch butterfly population through an annual project-based learning (PBL) effort. This is the fourth year the school's second grade classes have planted milkweed on campus and in the community to attract the endangered monarchs. The butterflies are laying eggs on the milkweed and now the school is seeing many butterflies on campus as a result. "This is a perfect example of what we do and how we solve real-world problems through project-based learning," said Steindorf Principal Lisa MacFarland. Teacher Kate Moody agrees, noting the resurgence of monarch butterflies on campus. "It's really about the success of the efforts of the past second graders' PBL," Moody said. "We have had daily sightings of monarchs and found at least 20 eggs that have been laid in our garden and hallways." Great job, Steindorf second grade classes!

BUTTERFLIES INVADE BAGBY

Annual Butterfly Parade Celebrates Monarchs

A beloved tradition continues at Bagby Elementary School! In recognition of the start of monarch butterfly season, Kindergarten students created and displayed butterfly wings and antennae and put on a grand parade! The Annual Bagby Butterfly Parade took place Thursday, September 30th. Students from all three classes participated while learning all about monarch butterflies. This cherished annual tradition was made even better by the many students, parents and loved ones who witnessed the event. Great job, Kindergarten butterflies!



Fammatre's fabulous scientists hold their test subjects.
(L-R) Aaden, Mason, Olivia, and Laney

CURIOUS FAMMATRE MINDS

Students Engage with Worms and Makerspace!



Compelling learning for young scientists! Fammatre Elementary fifth graders recently explored a Mystery Science unit on worms. They are studying bins of wiggly, squirming worms in an effort to answer scientific questions. Curious students are watching, touching, and documenting what they observe. Also, ever-popular Makerspace at Fammatre has started up. "The kids are so happy to be able to get back in with our wonderful Makerspace leader, Mrs. Voss," said Fammatre Principal Samantha Haley. Classes now attend Makerspace to create exciting, imaginative projects. Bravo, Fammatre students!



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FROM JAROD MIDDLETON

CSD School Board President



When the five of us ran for the honored position of Trustee on the Cambrian School Board, we each had our own ideas how we could impact public education. Never once was the thought of how to educate students in a pandemic ever considered! But our Cambrian community showed its strength and resiliency as we moved quickly to distance learning and back to in-person. And now here we are 18 months later, still dealing with COVID-19 but almost everyone is back on campus!

Our students have shown amazing resiliency in the new normal. And the excitement of being back on campus is so apparent by everyone. Despite having a population of students, the majority of which are too young to be vaccinated, positive COVID cases have been minimal. Those few we have had, our office staff have done a fabulous job with contact tracing and proper precautions are taken. And those families who are not comfortable coming back have an independent learning option and can do at-home learning.

While all this was going on, it was still necessary to continue Board business. Our previous Superintendent, Dr. Carrie Andrews, decided to further her career outside Cambrian. Kristi Schwiebert was appointed as Acting Superintendent until a permanent decision is made. Also, thanks to the Cambrian community supporting Measure R, projects got underway improving each of our school sites with new gas and water lines. Other projects were approved that will be ongoing over the next five years, like replacing aging portables with permanent classrooms, upgrading our HVAC systems and replacing ceilings and windows in our older schools. In addition, our land development deal was finalized, which will bring much needed ongoing revenue. And finally, Cambrian has a before and after school care program to help working parents who need childcare outside school hours.

On behalf of the Cambrian School Board, thanks for supporting the Cambrian School District!