



CAMBRIAN CONNECTION

WINTER 2020 A Community Newsletter from Cambrian School District

Dear Cambrian Community,



Cambrian School District students, staff and parents have done an exemplary job while we have been in distance learning since last March due to the pandemic. We all have had to be flexible and adapt to this new mode of teaching and learning until we once again can return safely to in-person instruction at our schools. Our number one goal throughout all of this has been the health and safety of our students and staff, and every decision we make is guided by this principle.

I am forever grateful to our teachers and staff for the continued partnership with Cambrian families to be relentless advocates for our students in this new pathway of learning via Zoom. Together, we are using creativity and collaboration to compel and engage our students in the best way possible. Thank you to each CSD team member, as well as to the thousands of parents who partner with us to create a positive, robust learning environment despite the unprecedented circumstances we are all living within right now.

I also want to sincerely thank our Cambrian community for supporting Cambrian Schools with the passing of Measure R, the bond measure put before the community at the November 3rd election. The Bond passed, enabling CSD to gain \$88 million in valuable resources to upgrade facilities and technology. Thank you for supporting CSD students and putting education first! We will continue to move forward to create a thriving learning environment for every student in Cambrian. Safe and stay well.

We are CAMBRIAN!

Sincerely,

Dr. Carrie Andrews
Superintendent

This year **Cambrian passed out 1,388 Chromebooks/iPads and 219 mobile hotspots** to students while in distance learning. Generous donations from the City of San Jose, City Board of Supervisors and Silicon Valley Education Foundation helped our students stay connected.

All Cambrian students received a free book due to a generous donation from the Molina Foundation. Special thanks to Fammatre Home & School Club President Denise Fulton for applying for the grant. **Cambrian School District received 10,000 new books for our students.**

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Grateful for Endless Support

FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Grateful for the Endless Support (cont'd)



Recently, **Cambrian was recipient of a \$50,000 grant** from Kaiser Permanente to be used for mental health resources and support for our students. Thank you to Kaiser for their generous contribution!

Thank you to **Mr. Doron Aronson & Mrs. Janet Borrison** for their service to the Cambrian School District as members of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Aronson served the past 10 years and Mrs. Borrison for the past 2 years. Both made a true difference with outstanding contributions, insight and endless support of CSD students, staff and families.



This year the **Cambrian Educational Foundation is hosting its inaugural district-wide Read-a-Thon**, raising funds for much-needed mental health resources. Hundreds of students in the District joined this "Fun-Raising" event, celebrating childhood literacy inspiring school spirit and healthy inter-school competition, and raising funds to support the Cambrian School District's mental health initiative.

Sartorette Elementary School's new library was completed this fall, a result of funds from the Measure I bond. The Project was completed in September, closing out the remaining Measure I bond funds. Total cost for the project was \$207,000. The library is a beautiful addition to the Sartorette campus and will be enjoyed for many years to come.



CSD has offered free breakfast and lunch daily to anyone 18 and younger throughout the pandemic. A huge THANK YOU to our fantastic Food Service team for diligently distributing food to all students in need. Brown bag meals are available weekdays at Price Middle School, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., providing breakfast & lunch for the following day.

Service Awards

CAMBRIAN STAFF & BOARD MEMBERS

35 Years: Marlene Austin **30 Years:** Raychelle Fordham **25 Years:** John Olsen, Randy Scofield

20 Years: Dawn Vo, Gregorio Bautista, Tanya Hobson-Bergrant, Lisa DeMarquez, Lindsay Mar, Maria Montes, Imelda Kortens, Patricia Del Castillo, Stacy Worrell

15 Years: Wendy Olson, Cynthia Foo, Veronica Johnson, Daniel Winsor, Kelley Durdella, Stacey Bibo, Faiza Defosset, Janelle Lam, Deborah Stein, Alejandro Alfaro, Jackie Biggs

10 Years: Kristi Schwiebert, Carlena Grandey, Dawn Pelham, Gregory Chow, Doron Aronson, Linh Nguyen

5 Years: Frewoini Kelete, Joseph Khalid, Emily White, Sarah Sullivan, Kimberly Cummings, Sepideh Penney, Linda Pauly, Heather Prichard, Erika Mendez, Bhvana Bellaire, Rachele Feller, Ann Marie Perry

Thank you for your many years of outstanding service!

Cambrian Schools Create New Ways to Stay Connected

Bagby Elementary School - Even though Bagby's famous Halloween Fun Night couldn't take place, their amazing Home & School Club pivoted and organized the distribution of Halloween goodie bags for every Barracuda. It was a great day for the students--so festive! Teachers and families still dressed up in Halloween costumes and brought fun to the students. Thanks, Bagby parents!



Fammatre Elementary School - Fammatre's school community is extraordinary. Families and students are spoiling staff with monthly catered luncheons, individually wrapped. Even better than the food is the heartfelt messages of gratitude and support from students and families accompanying lunches. Thanks to Fammatre's thoughtful families! Your efforts really touch the Fammatre staff's hearts.

Farnham Elementary School - Farnham's Giving Campaign reached its goal of raising \$35,000! The money goes directly to support students. Teachers are granted a stipend to buy supplies for their classrooms. Through the donations, students visited NASA Ames Research Center, the Academy of Science Monterey Bay onboard a kayak, the California redwoods, and the San Diego Zoo through virtual learning experiences.



Price Middle School - Talented students in Price's World Cultures in Watercolor art class have created stunning painting for a virtual art museum. Price also held a drive-thru Halloween parade with music, balloons and signs letting students know how much they are missed. On top of that, morale-building Spirit Days brought virtual fun with "Bring Your Pet to School Day" and "Pajama Day" online.

Sartorette Elementary School - Sartorette held an exciting and successful fall art program. The TK, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders created pop-art, silkscreen-like drawings with a leaf-rubbing technique. The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders created a perspective drawing of a landscape with a horizon line and a vanishing point. Concepts like colors, mirroring and hues were learned and exceptional pieces of art were created.



FOOD TRUCK COOKBOOK



Steindorf STEAM Magnet School- Steindorf's food service class worked for weeks on a project-based learning plan, designing their own amazing food trucks. Students created delicious menus, a colorful cookbook, a detailed mock-up of their truck, and then presented to parents and peers. Food service students said they learned so much about food, design and planning and loved the creative process.



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FROM RANDY SCOFIELD

CSD School Board President



During the last nine months, we have all been in very unusual conditions with the global pandemic. We have had to change our lives to protect each other and the impacts have been significant in the Cambrian School District. The Board has worked with the community and staff to plan for return to on-campus, meet the challenges, and begin to address impact on students, families, staff, and community.

As this has progressed, we have also been discussing over the last year the budgets and need to correct and gain more long-term stability in how we fund and support our schools and programs. The passage of Measure R will aid in our development of technology bond funds to relieve some pressure on the General Fund. Also, our efforts around leveraging some of our underused land sites with land exchange or leased developments will provide ongoing new revenue, leading us to a more sustainable budget future.

With the current environment, there are and will be many new unknowns of how things will look going forward. We are committed to stabilizing the remainder of the current year and plan for the impacts on the next budget year and how we will manage through these uncertain times. We will align and move to reach our balanced budget goals and create the programs and support of the future. We will continue to reach out for inputs and share updates with the community. These challenging times offer us opportunities to learn, evaluate, and change how we provide programs and services to meet the future needs and goals of our students and their families.

Randy Scofield, President of the Cambrian Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees members: Jarod Middleton, Carol Presunka, Janet Gillis, and Donald Rocha