

# CAMBRIAN CONNECTION



A Community Newsletter From Cambrian School District

Spring 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



We have a lot to celebrate in Cambrian School District this spring of 2019. I always look forward to showcasing the learning and accomplishments happening in our fabulous Cambrian Schools. One to note is this past spring a student centered comprehensive five year District technology plan was developed by a highly collaborative technology task force and unanimously approved by the CSD Governing Board. This technology plan ensures equitable, consistent and sustainable access for the use of digital tools for learning across our District for all students. In our schools we are focused on instilling an environment that fosters future innovation and technology for student



*Dr. Carrie Andrews  
Superintendent*

learning while insuring students know how to navigate and interact in the digital world safely. We want our students to thrive!

## FACING THE CHALLENGES OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is declining throughout Silicon Valley as housing prices increase. As such, Cambrian Schools are experiencing a decline in student enrollment due to numerous families moving out of the area. More than 115 students have left the District since August of 2018. In the current environment of declining enrollment, increasing pension costs and full implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Cambrian becomes increasingly challenged in maintaining our current programs and staffing needs. Cambrian currently receives \$8,657 per student in LCFF Revenues. At this funding level, if student enrollment/attendance did not decline, Cambrian would have received approximately \$30.3M in LCFF revenues for 2018-19. With our current student loss in average daily attendance (ADA) our projected LCFF revenues have been reduced to approximately \$29.3M, **which represents a loss of roughly \$1M for the 2018-19 school year.** This is directly due to shifts in enrollment. The District is investigating potential new revenue streams and cost cutting mechanisms in order to maintain our current high standards of education in our schools.

**Measure H: Parcel Tax  
Fund Allocations**



*Cambrian School District greatly appreciates the community support that successfully passed Measure H last June 2018 and supports teacher salaries and our instructional programs.*



## PRICE STUDENTS WIN BIG

Uttara Krishnan, a seventh grader from Ida Price Middle School, was the grand prize winner for *Junior Scholastic's Eyewitness to History Contest*. *Junior Scholastic* is a social studies magazine for students

in grades 6-8 that encourages students to connect with members of their community and interview people who have experienced historic events. This year the *Junior Scholastic* team received over 400 entries, and Krishnan's interview was featured in the April 22 issue of *Junior Scholastic*. Congratulations, Uttara!

## CHAMPION PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Price Percussion Ensemble won the National Championship! Students traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for the WGI Percussion Championships during spring break and came home with a Gold Medal in the "A" Class Concert Percussion Division. Price took the Championship with a final score of 93.75. Fantastic job, Percussion Ensemble!

## BAGBY STUDENT WINS CHEF HONORS



Sophia Silva from Bagby Elementary School won second place in the Sodexo Future Chef Culinary Competition in March for her Mexican Pizza.

Bagby Elementary's **Sophia Silva** won 2nd place in the Sodexo Future Chefs Challenge. Sophia created her own recipe for Mexican Pizza, which wowed the judges during the finals. The competition was held March 12 at Union Middle School in San Jose. Student chefs from Los Gatos, Saratoga, Union and Cambrian school districts participated in the competition that was focused on healthy comfort food. Sophia competed against three other finalists at the event. So proud of you, Chef Sophia!

## SARTORETTE SCIENCE NIGHTS

Sartorette Elementary students participated in free family Science Nights and the events were very successful. The theme was "Magic" and the scientists-in-training participated in various activities that looked like magic, but were in fact science. Families has a great time! The event took place over two nights, one for grades 3 -5 and the other for TK-grade 2. Way to go, Sartorette!



Sartorette's students participated in a "magic" science night, enjoyed by many families.

## STEINDORF IN CONCERT

Steindorf STEAM School recently held their annual music concerts for 2nd-5th grade students. Music teacher Tiffany Berry said 210 students sang, danced or played a variety of instruments like percussion, xylophone, recorder and more for parents during the performances. Bravo, Steindorf music lovers!



Steindorf 2nd graders performed a colorful butterfly dance at the annual music concert.



*Tristin Vo and Janelle Monreal are part of Fammatre Elementary's Gold Rush.*



*Farnham 5th graders participated in science fair project presentations. Student Camille Quinard shares her project with judge Jason Liang, Kendy Lundgaard and Shristi Shrivasta.*

## FAMMATRE'S GOLD RUSH

Fammatre students traveled back in time to experience the Gold Rush! Seventy five students walked to Bagby Elementary, where they watched a Gold Rush presentation and took part in activities like roping a fake cow, panning for gold, using an ink quill to write a letter, learning rope tricks and playing games children played during the actual Gold Rush. This fun, interactive day brought the Old West to life!

## FARNHAM SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESSFUL

Farnham Elementary School recently held their renowned Science Fair for 4th and 5th graders. All 5th graders were required to present their experiment and findings to a panel of adult judges, explaining their project's purpose, procedures, materials, variables, results and conclusion. The 4th grade projects were judged by the students' teacher using the same rubric. Many proud parents attended the impressive event in the evening, and ribbons were awarded for projects that were commendable, excellent and superior. Great job, Farnham!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*By Carol Presunka, Board President*

*On behalf of the Cambrian Board of Trustees: Randy Scofield, Doron Aronson, Jarod Middleton and Janet Borrison*

Happy Spring! The Cambrian School District Board of Trustees hopes the season finds you enjoying the spring blossoms and sunshine after a very long but needed rainy season.

What is the Board of Trustees you might ask, who are we, and why do we exist? There are five members who serve four-year terms. The simplest way to describe our job is overseeing the well being of the Cambrian School District. The Board has one direct report: the Superintendent, Dr. Carrie Andrews, but indirectly we are responsible for every employee in the district. Other responsibilities include developing the five-year Strategic Plan, which can be reviewed at [www.cambriansd.org/strategicplan](http://www.cambriansd.org/strategicplan), and maintaining a fiscally sound budget. This is challenging when our funding is primarily based on the state's general fund. When state revenues drop, so does education funding. Despite the challenges Cambrian faces, the board is determined to retain the high quality education and staff that makes Cambrian great and ensure our next generations of students are prepared for what lies ahead. Thank you to the community to helping pass bond measures that help maintain and improve our facilities, and parcel taxes that support staff, curriculum and technology. The board has also approved the leasing of our facilities and grounds to enhance revenues. Future items of consideration are land redevelopment and paid preschool. We meet regularly on the first and third Thursday of the month and would love to see you at our board meetings where you can see and hear firsthand board agenda items. The Cambrian School District would not be what it is without the support of the Cambrian community. Its regularly said we are like a family. Thanks to all of you who volunteer, donate, support the staff and make sure our students are ready to learn. We couldn't do it without you!



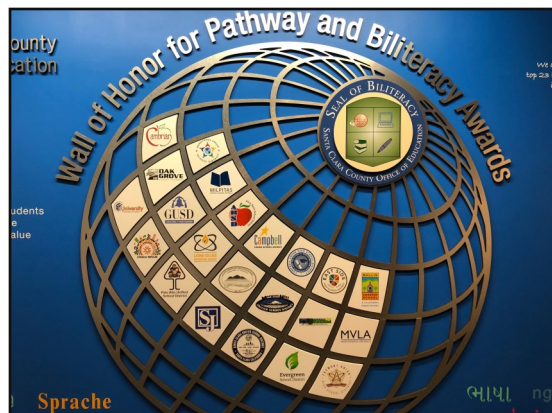




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## SEAL OF BILITERACY AWARDED TO CAMBRIAN SCHOOLS



*Cambrian School District's logo is on the wall at the Santa Clara County Office of Education for our biliteracy focus.*

Cambrian School District is excited to announce that the CSD Pathway to Biliteracy plan will go into effect during the 2019-20 school year. The seal encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices. Criteria for the award includes at 5th grade graduation students may earn the Bilingual Service and Participation Award or Biliteracy Attainment Award. Then, at middle school graduation students may earn the Bilingual Service and Participation Award or Biliteracy Attainment Award. Then the student may earn the Seal of Biliteracy at high school graduation. This allows global understanding of multicultural diversity within the district. The instruction would take place after school, not changing the current structure of the district.

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