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Photo of the Week



College Signing Day at Design Science Middle College High School

Dates to Know

May 24 (see website for time)

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Greetings!

Welcome to Community Zone, an e-newsletter from the Fresno Unified School District featuring news of the district and schools. [Sign up](#) to receive this newsletter every two weeks. Questions? Contact Communications@fresnounified.org.

Community News

FSU Program will Boost Enrollment for Fresno Unified Students

Fresno Unified is partnering with Fresno State for Bulldog Bound, a new guaranteed admissions program. Fresno Unified leaders joined Fresno State at a kickoff event May 10 at the university. Through the program, high school students from participating school districts who meet the minimum California State University requirements are guaranteed a spot at Fresno State. Bulldog Bound ensures that qualified students in the region have a clear, tangible path to a college degree. Fresno State will support students and their families with admission preparation and resources as early as ninth grade and work closely with Fresno Unified academic counselors to assist students.

Teachers Achieve National Board Certification

Fresno Unified honored four teachers on May 2 who have achieved their National Board certification, considered the most respected professional certification available in education. National Board certification provides numerous benefits to our teachers, our students and our schools. Details:

- Total of 47 educators in Fresno Unified National Board certified
- Program started in 2015 with 17 teachers
- Forty additional teachers pursuing initial certification in support program that meets monthly
- Eleven teachers working to maintain their certification

Summer Camp Registration Underway

Registration is ongoing for a wide array of free, fun Summer Camps for transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. Details were announced May 4 at Arte Americas, one of the community sites for camps this year. The Summer Camps program will provide nearly 70 camps to choose from, including Rock Climbing, STEM Exploration, World of Aviation, Young Engineers, Digital Illustration & Design, Junior Chef Academy and much more. Parents and guardians received text messages with registration information and can register

at www.fresnounified.org. Registration closes on May 19. Spots are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Camps will run July 10 through July 28 and are one week in length. Summer Camps are in addition to Summer Academies, which will be held in June to support academic growth in literacy and math for elementary and middle school students and provide credit recovery and accelerated classes for high school students.

[Summer Camps Video](#)

Check out Spring Edition of "Faces of Fresno Unified" Digital Magazine

The district has launched the second edition today of its "Faces of Fresno Unified" digital magazine. The magazine features the accomplishments and talents of the Fresno Unified family through words, photos and videos. This spring edition highlights the district's six Excellence in Education winners, a student who starred in a Disney series and much more! Read about the inspiring stories of principals at Tehipite and Terronez middle schools, the music teacher at Wawona K-8 School and a custodian who became a teacher. Find out what drives the intervention specialist at Kirk Elementary School and an Edison alum now doing graduate studies at Purdue University. Learn more about a 1960 Roosevelt High School graduate who has endowed a \$5,000 annual award for a Roosevelt teacher.

[Spring Edition of "Faces of Fresno Unified" Magazine](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and the FUSD Department of Prevention and Intervention has created resources for school activities, class circle discussions, and dress up days to bring awareness to the importance of making healthy choices, attending to emotions, self-care, and mental health.

Click here for resources: [☐ Mental Health Awareness Month \(May\)](#)

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Underway

Preschool registration is underway for Fresno Unified's high-quality early learning programs for the 2023-24 school year. Free programs are available for all 3- and 4-year-old children. An online process is available. Visit: earlylearning.fresnounified.org

Research shows that children who start school early build a strong foundation for future success. For more information, parents can go to earlylearning.fresnounified.org, or call (559) 457-3416. Options include [dual immersion language programs](#) at select schools. Through dual immersion, students learn to speak, read and write in two languages. Programs are available in Spanish and Hmong.

Registration is also ongoing for [transitional kindergarten](#) (TK) for students turning 5 between Sept. 2 and April 2. Students who are 5 on or before Sept. 1 qualify for kindergarten. Dual immersion language programs are available at select schools.

[Online Registration](#)

[Kinder and TK Enrollment Video](#)

[Preschool and Kindergarten Flyer](#)

Superintendent Board Remarks from May 10, 2023

- Superintendent Nelson started his remarks reminding families to sign up for Summer Camps. Families should have received a text message with a registration link earlier this week. If they do not have their texted link, they can head to our [website here](#) to register online. Some camps are already filling up, so superintendent urged families to sign up now. He reminded families that transportation will be available from every regional high school and meals will be provided.

- Superintendent Nelson then shared that we are working with Hanover Research to conduct virtual focus groups with families and in-depth interviews with school site staff to help us better understand your perspectives on what information is needed to support your student's goals and talk with their school about their performance. He asked families and staff to be on the lookout for an email from Hanover Research and encouraged participation.

- Superintendent Nelson then shared his recognition, celebration, and gratitude for the following:

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Foster Care Month
- National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month
- School Principals Day
- School Nutrition Employee Week
- School Lunch Hero Day
- National School Nurse Day
- National Teacher Appreciation Week
- National Teacher Appreciation Day, and
- California Day of the Teacher

- Superintendent shared an example of the above and beyond love and care of our teachers by sharing a current undertaking at Herrera Elementary. Right now, one of our beautiful TK students at Herrera Elementary is battling lung cancer. Teachers Myisha Lea'ea, Michael Salinas, Danielle Villarreal and Emmelin Herrera alongside leadership students started fundraising to support the student and her family. They've raised almost \$6,000 dollars already through t-shirt sales and students selling lemonade at open house and to their fellow students at school. A heartbreaking circumstance turned heartwarming by the huge hearts of our Fresno Unified family.

- Superintendent Nelson closed his remarks sharing a recent [Faces of Fresno Unified](#) feature on Christopher Clark, teacher at Wawona. [Check that video out here.](#)

[View Full Board Meeting Recap](#)

School Buzz

Herrera Teachers, Students Raise Money for Student Battling Cancer

Herrera Elementary School teachers Myisha Lea'ea, Michael Salinas, Danielle Villarreal and Emmelin Herrera and leadership students have raised almost \$6,000 for a transitional

kindergarten student battling lung cancer.

Herrera teachers created a T-shirt fundraiser to support the family of Melina Aquino, who was diagnosed earlier this year and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at Valley Children's Hospital. The T-shirt fundraiser has raised \$4,060 so

far: www.tinyurl.com/FightLikeMelina Myish said: "When we heard about her condition it felt like a call to action to support our littlest Hawk and her family!"

Leadership students have raised \$1,807.56 for Melina's family by selling lemonade at the school's open house on April 19 and to their peers during the school day, bringing the total to \$5,867.56.

City of Fresno Honors Duncan Polytechnical's Anna Hun

The City of Fresno declared May 11 Anna Hun Day and honored the Duncan Polytechnical High School senior during the council meeting. Anna has been accepted to numerous universities, including three Ivy League campuses. Duncan celebrated her decision to attend Stanford University during a college signing ceremony on May 2.

Bullard and Edison Excel in Speech and Debate

Students from Bullard and Edison high schools competed in speech and in debate at Carlsbad High School for the California High School Speech Association State Championship April 21-23. Bullard's Keana Hokama won third place in speech. Also competing were Bullard's Max Jensen and Addison O'Rourke and Edison's Hannah Gill and Julissa Rios. Coaches are Milla Smith for Bullard and Nicole Jennison for Edison.

Cambridge Celebrates College Signing and Cinco de Mayo

Cambridge High School celebrated their seniors committing to colleges and Cinco de Mayo in a fun event May 5.

Tenaya Students Take an Artistic Journey through the Mural District

English language development students from Tenaya Middle School went on a mural walk in Fresno's Mural District on April 27. After many months of working on a unit called "Where's the line between art and vandalism?" the students took their knowledge to the streets.

They began at the FRESNO mural by Warnors Theatre examining how the mural depicts life in the Central Valley, worked their way through the art on the Broadway Studio and Kepler buildings, then headed over to Arte Americas and the CMAC building. They ended at Cornerstone's Amazing Grace mural and strolled down Fulton Street to enjoy the sculptures and fountains.

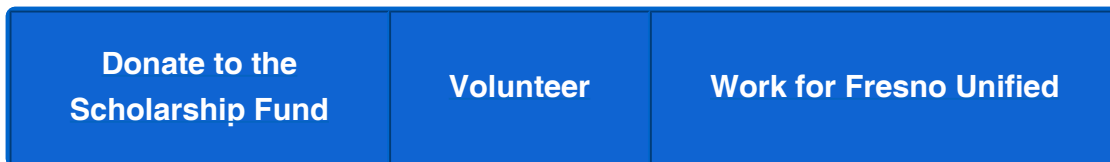
CTE Spotlight

Hoover High Fire Technology Students on a Roll This Year

This year the fire science program at Hoover High School has been reimaged with a new instructor and a whole new look. Students from the fire science program recently had the chance to put their skills to work. The day consisted of hose evolutions, forcible entry and rescue operations in full personal protective equipment.

The program at Hoover High has been restructured to include BLS CPR and dual enrollment for

college credit, and the students earn several additional certificates to assist them in attaining a job right out of high school. The program is in full swing and ready for the next school year. Follow on Instagram for all of the latest.



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