

December 19, 2022



Photo of the Week



Sequoia Middle School Showcase December 8.

Dates to Know

December 7 (see website for time)
[Board of Education](#)

Video of the Week



[Men of Color in Educational Leadership Video](#)

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

Call for Faces of Fresno Unified Nominations for new Digital Magazine



Know an exemplary staff member or student who proudly represents the "Face of Fresno Unified?" Nominate them through the Positive Stories form. It's easy! [Nominate for Faces of Fresno Unified here.](#)

Check out the new [Faces of Fresno Unified digital magazine](#), which highlights stories and accomplishments of students and staff and outstanding programs in the district.

Ninth Annual Black History Month Program



Save the date! Fresno Unified Black Student Unions proudly present the ninth annual Black History Month Program on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 6 p.m. The show will be at Roosevelt High School in the Audra McDonald Theater for students, parents, district leaders and community partners. This year's collaboration features the entire school district, including students from each region, and community partner Purposed II Praise School of Dance.

[Black History Month Program Flyer](#)

Family Learning and Technology Support (FLATS) Open during the Break

FLATS will be open during winter break!

To prepare students to succeed in a global, high-tech, information-rich society, the district is committed to ensuring that all students have access to and are capable of using technology. As the third largest school district in the state, serving the needs of students and their families requires state-of-the-art devices, connectivity, innovative software, and necessary support. FLATS provides assistance to students and families with devices, the ATLAS student and parent portal, and other technology-related subjects, in support of both on-campus and distance learning environments.

Contact Information

- Email: flats@fresnounified.org
- Phone number: (559) 457-3939
- Center Hours
- Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed on district holidays)

Center Locations

Burroughs Elementary School Room 30

- 166 N. Sierra Ave., Fresno, CA 93702
- Between Tulare and Chestnut

Homan Elementary School Room 3A

- 1602 W. Harvard Ave., Fresno, CA 93705
- Between West and Clinton

Tioga Middle School Room 3

- 3232 E. Fairmont Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
- Between Shaw and First

Edison High School

- 600 E. Florence Ave., Fresno CA 93706
- Behind Edison High School
- Between Florence and Fairview

Winter Break Work Permits

Students in need of a work permit during winter break can get their permit processed at the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Office, 4120 N. First St. (93726). The CCR Office will process and issue work permits on the following dates:

December 19- December 22: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

December 27- December 30: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

January 3-January 6: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The office will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 26 and January 2.

Students must have been offered employment, have their intent to employ (B1-1) form completely filled out and signed by themselves, their employer and their parent/guardian.

Questions: workpermits@fresnounified.org or call (559) 248-7465.

[Winter Work Permit Flyer](#)

Fresno Teacher Residency Program

Interested in acquiring a credential and teaching for Fresno Unified? The Fresno Teacher Residency Program might be for you!

Program Highlights:

- Receive a teaching credential in 12 months
- District professional learning
- Year-long residency placement
- Teaching position in Fresno Unified

Program Supports:

- Cohort model of learning
- Co-teaching opportunities with mentor teachers
- Test prep support
- Financial Incentives

Apply at: tinyurl.com/ftpr2022

Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer for more information on the credential pathways offered

Questions: Jimia.White@fresnounified.org

Superintendent Board Remarks from December 14, 2022



- Superintendent Nelson started his remarks welcoming our newest trustee, Ms. Susan Wittrup, representing the Bullard region. Superintendent also congratulated Clerk Islas, Trustee Davis, and Trustee Thomas on their re-election.

- Superintendent then thanked the board for extending his employment contract to 2026, allowing him to continue the important work of the district and provide stability in a time when

many other large urban districts are lacking stable leadership.

- Superintendent shared that Friday is our last day of school before our three-week winter break. During the break thousands of students will be participating in our winter camps, and free lunches will be available on campuses for all children ages 1-18. For more information about locations, dates, and times please see our website at www.fresnounified.org.

- Superintendent then shared his deep gratitude for all of the amazing work and accomplishments of our Fresno Unified family over this first semester. He shared the celebration that our Fresno Unified family's work led our district to be highlighted as one of very few large, urban California districts that are well prepared and running well through CalMatters. CalMatters based their praise on the District Readiness Index, an index that rates school districts on 30 measures across five domains, including Family and Community Engagement, Financial Management, Leadership and Governance, School Personnel and Work Environment. He shared that data-backed recognition such as this speaks to the incredible work of our teams every day.

- In the spirit of gratitude and giving, Superintendent ended his remarks sharing Bullard High School's highlight sharing their students' work on The Bullard Closet. [You can watch that video here.](#)

[View Full Board Meeting Recap](#)

School Buzz

Slater Donates Food and Clothing

Slater Elementary School collected more than 3,000 food and clothing items and donated them to the Poverello House on December 16. They are already looking forward to next year's food and clothing drive.



Hoover Celebrate AP Success



Hoover High School recently celebrated 53 exceptional scholars for passing their Advanced Placement tests with a score of 3 or higher. The celebrated included pizza, bundt cakes, T-shirts, goodie bags and likely a few college credits! Hoover offers 16 AP classes to improve academic performance at challenging levels and help students get a head start on college. Way to go, Pates!

Santa Wish Lists Fulfilled at Kirk and Webster



A tradition that began more than a decade ago continues at Kirk Elementary School, where students receive gifts from sponsors who read their letters to Santa. When Principal Denise Romero moved from Kirk to Webster Elementary School, she introduced the tradition there. For both schools, teachers, community members, church groups, businesses and others come together to provide gifts for students, many of whom may not receive any other Christmas gifts. Gift assemblies at Kirk were December 14 and 15 and at Webster on December 15.

Edison Donates Toys for Children in Need



Edison High School students and staff have donated XX new toys to children who attend the Poverello House's Christmas Eve dinner. The tradition began in 2012 and has grown steadily to make sure every child takes home a new toy.

Local Business Donates Gifts to Anthony Students



Every holiday season, the owners of Matthews Harley Davidson generously provide a gift for every student at Anthony Elementary School, donated by their customers. The shop owners also donate bicycles and helmets to students through a raffle. The gifts this year were delivered on December 16.

Community Partner Donates Bikes to Pyle

Pyle Elementary School partnered with London Properties to provide seven lucky students with a bike, helmet and bike lock. This is the third year that London Properties has donated bikes to



Pyle. Each teacher chose two students who demonstrated actions within the PRIDE guidelines of success and the students were placed in a raffle.

Girl Power Mentoring Launches at Kirk



Kirk Elementary School kicked off its Girl Power Club activities on November 29 with a surprise party, led by child welfare and attendance specialist Karen Arevalo. All women on campus were invited to join the Girl Power meeting to show unity and love. They introduced themselves, explained the meaning of girl power and then joined the students for pizza, fruit, desserts and lots of fun.

McLane's Cookies & Cram a Success



More than 160 students attended the Cookies & Cram event hosted by the McLane Link Crew on December 12 to help students prepare for finals. The study session included hot chocolate, Crumbl cookies and McLane school/study supplies. Several teachers stayed after school to help tutor and assist students.

Anthony Hosts Fun Intramural Sports at Recess



Recess at Anthony Elementary School is packed with intramural sports, thanks to Juan Corona, the after-school coordinator at Anthony. He teaches students the fundamentals of different sports while having fun.

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