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Fresno Unified School District

# COMMUNITYzone

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ACHIEVING OUR GREATEST POTENTIAL



### Photo of the Week



A team from Equity and Access led the district's first Data Day on October 5, a push to make sure schools have correct demographic and enrollment numbers.

### Dates to Know

**October 26** (see website for time)  
[Board of Education](#)

### Video of the Week



[Certified Nursing Assistants at Addicott Elementary School 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](mailto:Communications@fresnounified.org).

### Community News

#### State of Education Raises more than \$200,000 for Scholarships



The State of Education Gala held on October 6 at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo raised more than \$200,000 for scholarships and served as the official launch for The Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools. The foundation is off to a great start – On October 5, the district announced that billionaire philanthropist MacKenzie Scott had donated \$20 million to the district.

[State of Education Gala Video](#)  
[Superintendent Gala Video](#)  
[\\$20 million Donation Video](#)

## Community Idea Exchange Forums

Community Idea Exchange forums will be held this month and in November at McLane, Sunnyside, Edison, Fresno, Hoover and Bullard high schools. All participants will receive an adult ticket and a child ticket to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, along with a ticket for feeding the giraffes. Childcare, dinner and translation services are provided. These community workshops are vital to helping the district prioritize spending and improve education. All are welcome.

[LCAP flyers in English, Spanish and Hmong](#)  
[Community Idea Exchange Video](#)

## Illustrator and Authors Visit Schools for Hispanic Heritage Month



In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), the district hosted a local book illustrator and author and a national best-selling author at three of its schools. Sisters Chalome and Maia Gonzalez read "[The Elote Man Goes to College](#)" to students at Birney and Calwa elementary schools on October 11. The book was written by Maia Gonzalez, with illustrations by Chalome Gonzalez and Roald Tenorio. "The Elote Man Goes to College" tells the story

of hardworking street vendors. Free copies of the book were given to all third-grade students at Birney and Calwa.

[Julissa Arce](#) delivered a keynote speech during an assembly at Roosevelt High School on October 13. She is the author of a best-selling memoir, "My (Underground) American Dream," and was named one of People en Español's 25 Most Powerful Women of 2017 and 2022. Her book is being developed as a television series with producer and actor America Ferrera. Free copies of the book were given to all seniors at Roosevelt High.

## Aviation Students go to Fleet Week in SF



Extended Learning aviation students participated in Fleet Week San Francisco 2022 on October 8. Students from Edison, Duncan Polytechnical, Fresno, Hoover and McLane high schools enjoyed a two-hour ferry ride while they watched the iconic U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform their spectacular aerobatic stunts over the San Francisco Bay. Through Extended Learning, participating students receive an introduction to the aviation industry with a focus on career opportunities.

## Edison Region Student Exhibit Art



Students from the Edison High School region kicked off the district's participation in [ArtHop](#) with an exhibit on October 6 at the M Street Art Complex. Each month, one of Fresno Unified's regions will be featured at ArtHop in downtown Fresno. The theme this year is "Reflection, Recovery, Reimagination," featuring students' stories through art about persisting through the pandemic and how it has changed them. ArtHop is held the first Thursday of every month.

## Latino College Expo for Students



College and Career Readiness' Counseling Department provided students with an opportunity to attend the Latino College Expo at Cal Poly Pomona, with 160 seniors and juniors participating from Fresno Unified. Students had opportunities to speak to representatives from more than 50 community colleges, universities and community organizations and attend several workshops on topics that included How to Find Money

## Roosevelt Presents First Show of the Year

For its first show of the school year, the Roosevelt Theatre Company will perform "The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens," a murder mystery/comedy with audience interaction. Following opening night on October 21 at 7 p.m., 7 p.m. performances will be held October 22, 27, 28 and 29 and 2 p.m. matinees on October 23, 29 and 30. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door.

[Roosevelt Play Poster](#)

## Superintendent Board Remarks from October 12, 2022



- Deputy Misty Superintendent Her started her remarks sharing her honor to share remarks tonight while Superintendent Bob Nelson and President Elizabeth Jonasson Rosas joined remotely while at an important training.
- Deputy Superintendent then shared her deepest condolences to the family of our Hoover student who passed away earlier today after being hit by a car last week. Deputy Superintendent pleaded

with the community to please drive safely around our schools, no matter the time of day or night.

- Deputy Superintendent then asked our students, staff and families to please complete our Climate and Culture Survey as soon as possible. This information is key to our schools knowing how we are serving and how we can improve our services. Families and staff can access the [link to the survey here](#).

- Deputy Superintendent also asked students, staff and families to please join us for our upcoming Community Idea Exchanges, otherwise known as our regional LCAP townhalls. These events are where you can share your input on how we budget for the next school year. Dinner and childcare are provided, and each family will walk away with a zoo pack. Events start tomorrow and the schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, October 13th at McLane in the Library,
- Tuesday, October 18th at Sunnyside in the Cafeteria,
- Thursday, October 27th at Edison in the Cafeteria,
- Tuesday, November 1st at Roosevelt in the Cafeteria,
- Monday, November 7th at Fresno High in the Library,
- Tuesday, November 8th at Hoover in the Cafeteria, and
- Thursday, November 10th at Bullard in the Cafeteria.

- Deputy Superintendent shared [the current PSA](#) running on our local stations encouraging all to join us at our Community Idea Exchanges.

[View Full Board Meeting Recap](#)

## CTE Spotlight

### Decorated Doors at Kings Canyon



Kings Canyon Middle School students showed off their artistic talents as part of rally week, decorating classroom doors in a Halloween theme. This was just one of the activities leading up to Kings Canyon's big rally on October 7. Students also participated in dress-up days and held lunchtime activities.

## CTE Spotlight

## Students Excel at Fresno Fair



It's Big Fresno Fair time, and that means ribbons for district students! Phoenix Secondary Academy ag students achieved a blue ribbon for the first time, with Alexander Flores-Ambriz placing first for his sunflower head. Gilbert Diamond had a second place, Carina Rose Silva took third and Wyatt Hoskins had an honorable mention, also for sunflower heads. The students' teacher is CTE ag teacher Amber Donat.

From Sunnyside High School, 11 ag mechanics students from the Agriscience and Technology Pathway won Best of Show for their produce/plant stand project, which they originally built for IdeaFest last spring.

Also from Sunnyside, 22 students submitted a total of 89 plant projects they had cloned and cared for. Sixty-seven placed first place in their class/division, 16 placed second and two placed third. Sunnyside students also helped the fair staff set up and take down the projects in the greenhouse building. The students' teacher is Bitor Bravopena.

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