

October 3, 2022



### Photo of the Week



Hampton University golf team at Gaston Middle School

### Dates to Know

**October 6**

[State of Education Gala](#)

**October 12 (see website for time)**

[Board of Education](#)

### Video of the Week



[THINK program 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

#### Campus Culture Manager Wins Award

Leslie Loewen, campus culture manager for the district, has been recognized with the Earl Reum Award, voted on by the state board of the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA). As the California winner, Leslie will be considered for the national award. The Earl Reum award is given by the National Association for Student Activities to recognize outstanding contributions in training and mentoring student activity directors.



### R.E.A.L. Art Collaborative kicks off with the Edison Region



Edison High School art and photo students will exhibit their original art work at the [M Street Arts Complex](#) for ArtHop on Thursday, October 6 from 7-8 p.m. Students will tell their stories through literacy and art to show the importance of documenting the history of the pandemic for future generations so that they may gain an understanding of the empathy, the survival and the perseverance that was part of students’ worlds. Students’ work focused on the essential questions – "What has my memory preserved from the pandemic?" and "What did my world look like during the pandemic?"

M Street Art Complex: 1419 M S., Fresno, CA 93721

### English Learner Services at Fiestas Patrias



English Learner Services was excited to be at Fiestas Patrias on Fulton Street on September 17, sharing information with families about the Seal of Biliteracy and dual immersion programs. Folklórico dancers from Greenberg Elementary School also participated.

### Superintendent Board Remarks from September 28, 2022



- Superintendent Nelson started his remarks recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and Orange Shirt Day. Superintendent shared some great upcoming events to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, the important resource of dialing 988 for immediate mental health supports, and the history of Orange Shirt Day designed to commemorate the experiences of Native Americans who were forced to attend schools known as “residential schools.” "

• Superintendent went on to share several reminders and celebrations including:

- Recruitment is underway for our Grow2Teach Fall Cohort and the next cohort of our Fresno Teacher Residency Program. Superintendent encouraged staff interested in teaching to reach out to Jackie Moua for more information on the Grow2Teach program and Jimia White for the Fresno Teacher Residency Program.

- Asking our families and school site staff to ensure your contact information is up to date in ATLAS. ATLAS is where we pull contact information to send notification of emergencies and it is how the state determines where to send Pandemic EBT cards for qualifying families. Another round of P-EBT cards is coming out soon, so please update information today.

- Thanking Amazon for stepping up as our lead sponsor of the State of Education Gala by donating \$30,000 to The Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools. That donation supports our scholarship fund and creates more partnership opportunities between Amazon and our district.

- Tickets are available through Friday for the State of Education Gala on Thursday, October 6 at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Get yours ASAP before they sell out! We've got some BIG news that you won't want to miss. You can get your tickets at [www.foundation4fusd.org](http://www.foundation4fusd.org).

- Thanking Aera Energy for their generous \$10,000 donation to Vang Pao Elementary to support a college and career-related field trip for third through sixth grade students.

- Congratulating Leslie Loewen, campus culture manager, for being recognized with the Earl Reum Award, voted on by the California Association of Directors of Activities. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in training and mentoring student activity directors.

- Announcing to staff nominations are open for the Excellence in Education awards – now through October 28. This year we have a new category for department management as well! You can find the [link to the nomination form here](#) or in your Employee Zone email.

• Superintendent Nelson closed his remarks reminding all school site staff, families and students in grades 3-12 to please complete the Climate and Culture Survey now! The survey is available at [go.fresnou.org/climate](http://go.fresnou.org/climate). He [shared this video from our students](#) to share the survey's importance.

[View Full Board Meeting Recap](#)

## School Buzz

### Edison High Celebrates New Gym



Edison High School held a community-wide celebration of its new gym on September 21 that included an athletic fair, introduction of past athletic champions, remarks from school and community leaders and tours of the new facility. The \$10.9 million project added a secondary gym that seats 1,170 and a new entrance and foyer to the main gym with restrooms and an expanded snack bar. The project also includes a new

student support services room.

[Video of Edison Gym Celebration](#)

### Manchester Teacher is Educator of the Week



Allison Connelly, a third-grade teacher at Manchester GATE Elementary School, was honored recently by KSEE24 as the Educator of the Week. She received a \$124 check from GW School Supply.

[KSEE24 Segment on Educator of the Week](#)

### Hidalgo Celebrate Mexican Independence



Hidalgo Elementary School held a Mexican Independence Day celebration on September 14 featuring folklorico dancers from McLane High School, Hidalgo teacher Claribel Luna Ventura speaking to guests in Mixteco and Roosevelt High School graduate Isaac Torres singing the national anthem. Students attending were from Hidalgo's dual language immersion program.

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