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# NEWSLETTER

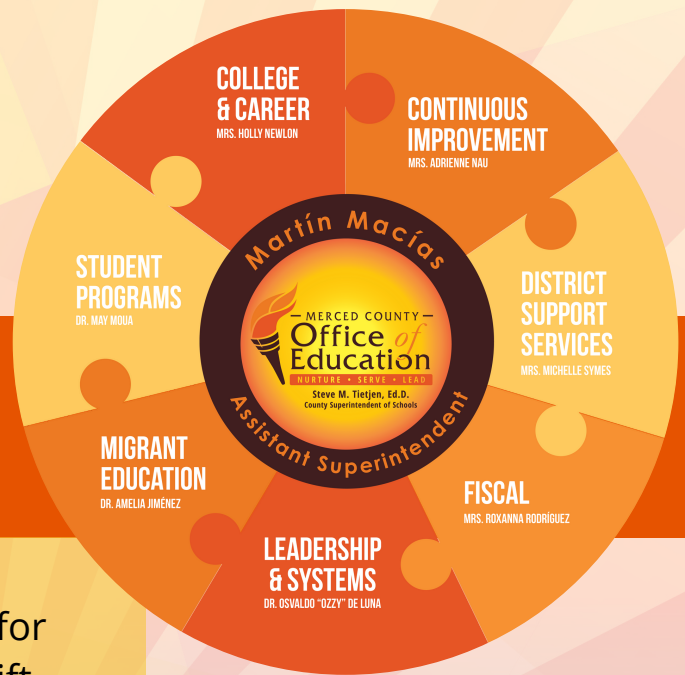
## Student Programs

### Annual Holiday Meal

Los Banos Valley held their annual holiday meal for students. This year, all students received a \$40 gift card through a generous donation from the Merced County Sheriff Department's Operation Christmas Star. Other sponsors included Toys for Tots, MCOE Board Member Geneva Brett, Soroptimist, and JNC Bracelets. We want to send a special thank you to all of our sponsors and staff for making the holidays brighter for students and families!

### CSU Stanislaus Field Trip

Merced Valley students visited CSU Stanislaus for a tour of the campus and to visit the Project Rebound office. Project Rebound is a program that offers special services and a supportive environment to formerly incarcerated youth who are or plan to enroll at CSU Stanislaus. We love inspiring students to think about their future and not be afraid to DREAM BIG!



### Family Movie Night

Atwater Education Center held a Family Movie Night, showing the movie "Home Alone" right before the Winter Break. Over 80 family members joined in the fun!





## Winter Program

Merced Scholars Charter School on the Wardrobe Campus held a Winter Program with performances from their TK - 2nd grade students. The students were so festive and excited to see their families in the audience. Look at these cute little students patiently waiting for their turn to perform!

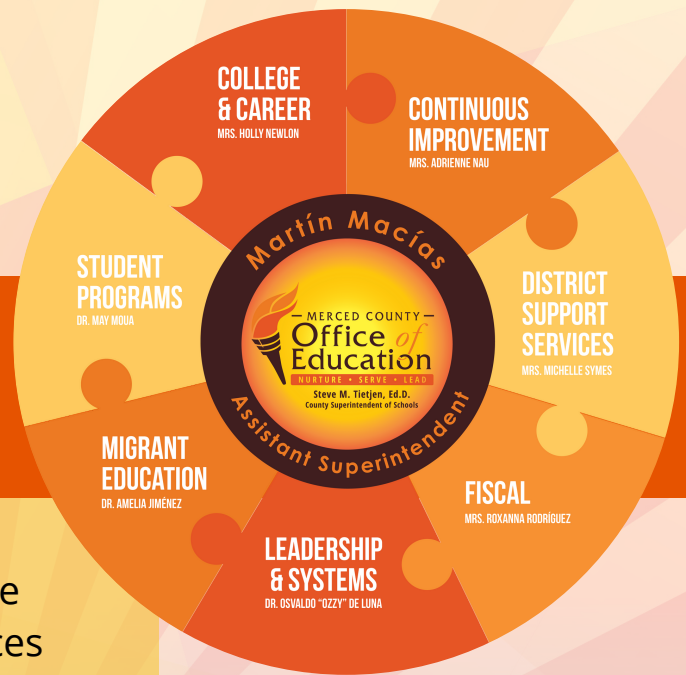


## Poetry Out Loud

Merced Scholars Charter School is so proud of our very own, Starr Schwartz, for earning first place in the poetry recitation competition on January 30, 2024. Congratulations Starr!

## New Grant Programs

Merced Scholars Charter and Valley Community Schools will be receiving new grants to train staff to support the use of evidence-based practices to promote youth social emotional health and to expand support services beginning in the 2024-25 school year.



## Novels and Arts Explorations

Students at the Hall have been engaged in novel studies. So far, students have read "The Great Gatsby" and "Outsiders." Students have been learning about the artwork of Picasso and created their own self-portraits.

