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TUSD NEWS

Tracy Unified School District



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Superintendent's Office



Board Meeting:
March 26

ERMs: March 4, 18, 25

Minimum Day: March 8
Grades 6-12 only

No School: March 11-15
Spring Break

Job Fairs:
March 6 – 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Sacramento State University

March 16 @ 8:30-12:00
Teachers College of San Joaquin

LCAP Meeting:
March 21 @ 6:00 p.m.
District Office

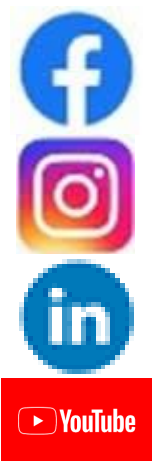
No School: March 29
Spring Recess Day

District Art Show:
February 28-April 8
District Office, 8:00-5:00

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In the Spotlight

Please take a moment to read through our school's learning activities and exciting events below! Follow this link:

[In the Spotlight page](#)



Dr. Rob Pecot, Superintendent

Earlier this month I had the honor of attending the West High School Air Force JROTC Military Ball. The West High JROTC is comprised of almost 200 students who strive to “develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serving their nation and community”. Under the leadership of Major Roundtree and Sgt. Morris, this group of students competes in drill competitions, volunteers for countless hours of community service, and supports community and school events by presenting our nations colors, national anthem, and various other acknowledgments. The Military Ball, in its 8th year, is a chance for the students to celebrate each other and honor all of their hard work throughout the school year. The Ball was catered by Texas Roadhouse and involved student speeches, ceremonies, acknowledgments, and dancing. It was an honor to spend the evening with these students, their parents, and teachers.

This week students and parents attended the District Art Show. The District Art Show is a yearly event where students can display their artwork to the community. The students and teachers should be extremely proud of their work because it is amazing. Please come by the district office in the next few weeks to see the drawings, paintings, and ceramics that were produced by our students.

As Black History Month comes to a close, we enjoyed all the fun learning activities that teachers and sites planned throughout the month. Tuesday night, Central School organized a wonderful evening celebration full of music, art and living historical figures. Central is lucky to have paraeducator, Ms. Faye Harris, who has portrayed African American historical figures and has taught our students their stories for over a decade. Ms. Faye was given the Superintendent's Above and Beyond Award, which, among other things, recognizes staff for their dedication of positive feedback, contribution through creative solutions and sustained excellence in overall job performance. Ms. Faye also was presented with the key to the City of Tracy. What a wonderful lady!

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

School Readiness Preschool Programs

Preschoolers have been busy with STEM in the classrooms! Villalovoz students have been studying life cycles of the butterfly along and characterizing living and non-living things. Over at South West Park's bilingual preschool classroom, students are becoming little engineers building structures using their own blueprints. They are discovering how measuring tools work, and which resources are best to use by comparing light and heavy materials.



Villalovoz Preschool Students



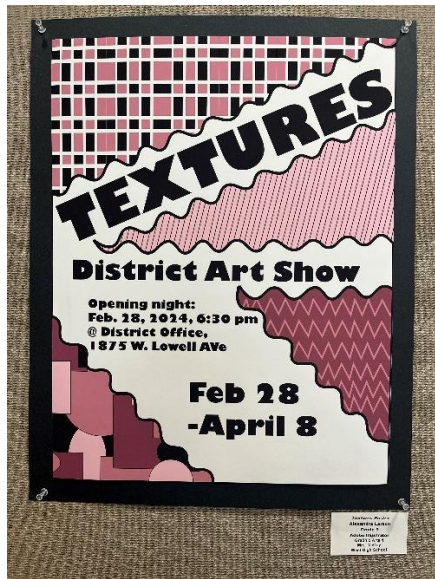
Southwest Park Student
Bilingual Preschool

Our preschool programs are getting ready to begin enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested families whose children have birthdays between September 2, 2019, and December 1, 2021, can pick up applications from our enrollment office located at South West Park School after March 19.

Our annual Kindergarten Bridge Program scheduled for June 10 through June 21, 2024, is being made available to both Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students starting school in August. The bridge program helps children transition from home to school and

DISTRICT ART SHOW

The District Art Show opened February 28 and will run through April 8th. Please stop by the district office, 1875 W. Lowell Avenue, Tracy, California, to view the beautiful work of our students. We are open from 8:00 - 5:00 weekdays.



HUMAN RESOURCES Recruitment Events

Tracy Unified will be participating in the following job fairs:

March 6 – 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Sacramento State University
6000 J. Street, Sacramento, CA

March 16 – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Teachers College of San Joaquin
2721 Transworld Drive
Stockton, CA

EMPLOYEES OF THE TERM CONGRATULATIONS !! Outstanding Employees of the Winter Term We appreciate you!!

CERTIFICATED: Jeanette Tober (9-12), Andrew Johnson (6-8) and Tina Brown (K-5)

CLASSIFIED: Alex Guerrero (9-12)
Anne Langley (6-8) Taylor Kessler (K-5)

MANAGEMENT: Dr. Debra Schneider, Director IMC

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES & CURRICULUM



TUSD is in the midst of the instructional materials adoption process, our annual initiative to ensure that our classrooms are equipped with the most effective and up-to-date resources. This spring, a total of 15 courses are working through this rigorous evaluation process, reflecting our commitment to providing excellent standards-based materials to our students and staff.

prepares them with school readiness skills.

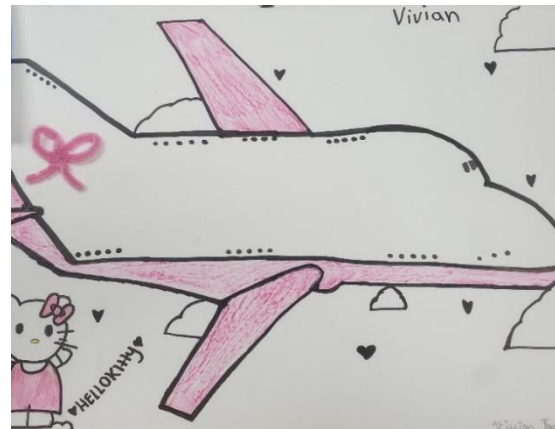
STEM

With STEM for all, TUSD students soar!

Across TUSD this fall, students have put their problem-solving skills to the test - programming robots, building structures, and creating simulations.

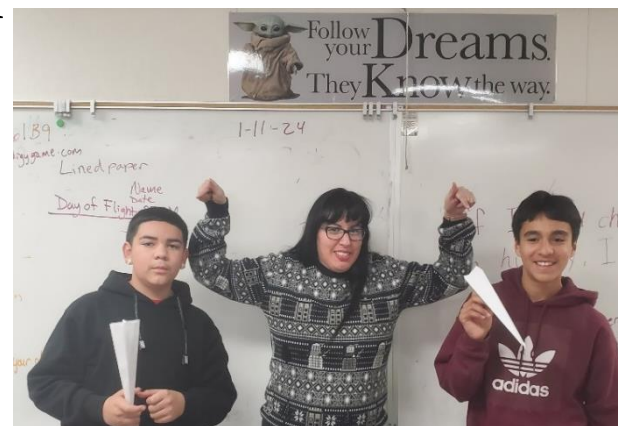
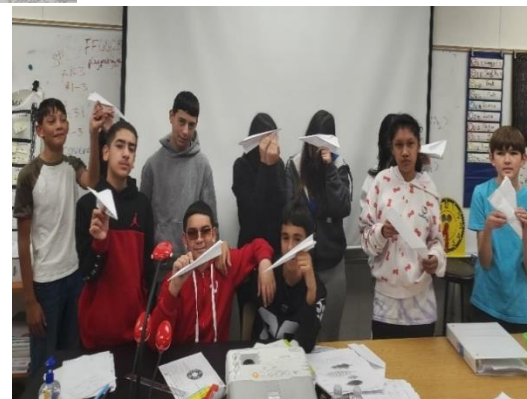
Learning about motion, mass, and forces, 7th and 8th grade students at Poet Christian designed, tested, and re-built airplanes in a competition to see which design would fly the farthest. 8th grader Manuel Flores, shared that, "it was fun making paper airplanes and learning how to make it fly farther. It was cool to see my airplane fly the farthest."

Ms. Perez remarked about the strong student engagement, sharing that "My students were exposed to multiple modalities of learning with multiple subjects at the same time. I noticed that students that usually struggle with engagement in lessons were the ones that excelled in this project. There were higher learning opportunities that were made equitable for all students to achieve."



DREAM: Envisioning their planes in creative way

DARE: Ms. Perez's students ready to test their design



DELIVER: Nathan and Manuel reached an impressive 47.8 feet and 41.8 feet!



Local Control and Accountability Plan

TUSD LCAP EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS OPPORTUNITY

Come and join us to learn about TUSD programs and services to support student success. All educational partners meetings will provide:

- TUSD Student Data
- Program Overview
- Opportunity for participants to provide input
- Opportunity for participants to ask questions about TUSD LCAP Programs and Services

Please attend the meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 6:00-7:30 pm**
Located at the District Education Center
1875 W. Lowell Avenue, Tracy, CA

These instructional materials, spanning various subjects and grade levels, will soon be on display in our Instructional Media Center for public review. Community involvement in this process fosters transparency and collaboration in our students' education; you are welcome to visit the IMC between 7:30am and 4:30pm to review the materials.

As part of the adoption process, recommended materials will be presented at upcoming board meetings throughout the spring semester. This provides an opportunity for board members to engage with the content, ask questions, and gain a comprehensive understanding of the proposed resources.

By involving the community and our board in the instructional materials adoption process, we aim to ensure that the selected materials align with our district's educational goals, standards, and values.

We encourage members of the TUSD community to visit the Instructional Media Center and attend board meetings to be part of this process. Together, we can provide an educational environment of excellence for every student in TUSD.

Calling All Alumni!



Did you know? We have an [ALUMNI PAGE](#) that can be found from the District's homepage in the upper right-hand corner. We need your help so that we can provide the latest information. If you know of a reunion or class event that your class is having, please [SEND INFO](#) and we will post it on this page.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & CURRICULUM



Professional Learning Department Vision: *We create and support exceptional professional development opportunities.*

The Professional Learning Department is here to support TUSD with instructional strategies, pedagogy, lesson studies, and PLCs. In addition, we offer various programs to support the continuous growth of our staff.

We continue to welcome new teachers to Tracy Unified through our Tracy Teacher Induction Program. This program offers new teachers to TUSD, regardless of credential status, the opportunity to meet district leaders and colleagues while engaging in professional learning. Our new teachers in this program are also able to observe experienced teachers throughout the district who are engaging students in learning while utilizing TUSD's key instructional practices. We then have the opportunity to collaborate and debrief the experience, and plan for implementation into their own classrooms. TUSD Curriculum Specialists facilitate this learning with our new hires and are available for follow-up support.

TUSD's Accredited Preliminary Credential Induction Program is off to a great start on the Spring ILP cycle. All candidates are engaged in the inquiry process of researching and implementing best instructional practices, collecting, and analyzing student data, and reflecting on their educator growth. Candidates are supported throughout this process with a mentor that they collaborate with. TUSD is proud to be able to offer this job-embedded program at no cost to support our Preliminary Credentialed teachers in clearing their credentials with California Commission on Teaching Credentialing.

The Professional Learning Department is continuing to support of our new teachers in our Peer Coaching program who are working towards their preliminary credentials, continuous coaching supports, professional learning workshops, and teacher assessment test-preparation workshops. Our professional learning workshops are grounded in the CSTPs to support teachers with resources around classroom management, lesson planning, student assessments and reflections, and so much more.



Informational Links

Keeping you in the Know

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The latest updates

Superintendent's Office

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Please also remember that each of our school sites have their own website and Facebook pages. From the District [HOME PAGE](#) you can use the drop-down list of schools in the upper right-hand corner to find your site!

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Current Job Openings

Human Resources

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