



CAMBRIAN CONNECTION

Fall 2024



ENGAGING, ROBUST LEARNING

by Cambrian Superintendent
KRISTI SCHWIEBERT

Dear Cambrian Community,

As we begin the new school year, I want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to each of you in our community. The start of the academic year is always an exciting time, filled with new opportunities for learning, growth, and connection. It is a chance for us to come together as a community, united in our shared commitment to the success of every student.

***This year, we are more passionate
than ever about fostering an
environment where every student
can thrive.***

Our dedicated teachers and staff are working tirelessly to create a dynamic, engaging, and inclusive learning experience. We have carefully refined and strengthened our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of all learners, challenging them academically while also supporting their emotional and social development. Our goal is to provide a robust, well-rounded education that prepares students for success in an ever-changing world. I am also deeply grateful for the support and involvement of our community. Your involvement, whether through

volunteering, participating in school events, or simply being an advocate for education, makes a profound difference in the lives of our students.

Let's continue working together to create a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student feels empowered to achieve their full potential. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a successful and inspiring year ahead.

Sincerely,

Kristi Schwiebert
Cambrian School District Superintendent

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT!

Special thanks to **EL CAMINO HOSPITAL** for its generous \$135,000 grant to fund Cambrian's School Nurse program. Thanks also to **AMD** for a \$6,000 grant to fund Price Middle School's Project Lead the Way program. We're grateful for our incredible neighbors who invest in our children.

Price Middle School Teacher Featured on NBC



Price Middle School teacher
Stacey Bibo.

Price Middle School has been recognized for its outstanding outreach, advocacy, and efforts to create awareness and education around mental health issues. We are so proud of **Stacey Bibo**, a talented Price teacher, for her unrelenting efforts to support students and spread mental health awareness. A hero to our Cambrian community and a steadfast advocate for our students, Ms. Bibo was featured on NBC Bay Area News in a segment called "Bay Area Proud."

"Destigmatizing mental health challenges is a priority at Price, and Stacey Bibo has been a tremendous asset, leading the charge," says **Price Principal Margaret Lavin**.

Farnham's Learning Expands to Outdoor Spaces

At Farnham Elementary, the learning environment isn't confined to traditional classrooms. This year, the school embraced the beauty of nature by expanding learning spaces to include outdoor quads and the recently beautified garden. These areas provide unique opportunities for students to engage in hands-on learning, collaboration, and reflection.

"Our spacious outdoor quads have become vibrant hubs for student interaction," says **Farnham Principal Amy O'Hehir**. "Whether working on group projects, participating in science experiments, or enjoying quiet reading time, these areas offer students a refreshing change from the traditional indoor setting."

Teachers incorporate outdoor lessons into their daily routines, allowing students to benefit from fresh air and the calming influence of nature while fostering creativity and collaboration. The school will continue to expand and enrich its outdoor learning spaces, due to the positive impact it has on students' overall development. Farnham believes that when students connect with nature, they not only learn—they thrive.



Boogie Bash Builds Fammatre Community Spirit



Fammatre Elementary School held its Monster Boogie Bash on Oct. 5th. This community event was full of spooks and laughter. The students and their families spent the evening playing games, trick or treating, watching movies, and gathering the courage to make their way through the new and improved Haunted House. One of our favorite things about this event is so many former students who are now Price students come to volunteer to help run the event. It's a labor of love for the tight-knit Fammatre Community.

"It says so much about our students that they threw their time and energy into this philanthropic project," said **Fammatre Principal Samantha Haley**. "I'm so proud of them for their outstanding efforts."

Steindorf Hosts International Fair with Flair

Steindorf STEAM School's International Fair, an ASB student-run event, is a vibrant celebration of culture, diversity, and community. The event is deeply rooted in the school's year-round focus on celebrating cultural diversity, monthly cultural celebrations, grade-level Project-Based Learning (PBL) focused on the school's many languages and cultures, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) work aimed at creating a community of all contributed to the fair's success.

"This year, the October event offered 36 food booths, with a representation from over 25 nations and cultures," said **Steindorf Principal Dr. Trisha Lee**. "We included 26 student booths and a new feature for 2024 was the inclusion of cultural dance performances, seven to be exact, which added an exciting element of live entertainment to the fair's lineup."

The event was incredibly successful financially, bringing in just under \$10,000—a significant increase from the previous year.



Sartorette's Test Scores Soar

Sartorette is celebrating. After last year's targeted effort to engage Hispanic families and reduce the achievement gap for Hispanic students, the school realized huge academic gains. **Sartorette Principal Debbie Stein** attributes the accomplishments to the holistic approach the staff and parent volunteers took to work toward the school's LCAP goals.

"We listened to what Hispanic families needed, extended empathy toward understanding their culture and attitudes about education, and followed through on our commitment to them," Stein said. "In turn, Hispanic families became more invested in the school community. This, combined with our prescriptive efforts to support academically struggling students while appreciating their individual identities, highlighting their strengths, and following through on their suggestions for school improvement, strengthened our relationship of trust and caring in enlightening ways."

Quick stats: Sartorette's English Language Arts CAASPP state testing results increased by 3.34% in one year (from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024) and increased Hispanic students scoring at/above grade level from 21.88% to 41.18% -- an 88.2084% increase. Great job, Sartorette!

Bagby's Annual Butterfly Parade Delights

Bagby Elementary hosted its Kindergarten Butterfly Parade on Sept. 27. Dressed in vibrant, handmade butterfly wings, the children fluttered through the school grounds, celebrating their study of the butterfly life cycle.

"It's one of our favorite events of the year," said **Bagby Principal Michael Kretsch**.

The parade has been an annual tradition for decades and celebrates the conclusion of a kindergarten unit on the monarch butterfly and their migration patterns throughout North America.





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We've been hard at work on campus improvements, and construction will continue throughout the school year. We're excited to unveil five new classrooms at Farnham, Fammatre, Sartorette, and Price, as well as enjoy behind-the-scenes upgrades like new HVAC systems. We're incredibly grateful for the community's support of Measure R, which has made these investments in our schools possible.

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